

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 12th day of January, 2021, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 402 Park St., at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez Mayor
Lolo Hernandez Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez
JoAdrian Vara
Leonard Vasquez

Others present: Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director and Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. Visitors.

There were no visitor comments.

#4. Hear and discuss a presentation by Abdi Yassin with Municap, Inc. related to a proposed housing development and a request for the creation of a Public Improvement District. (Mayor Lopez)

Mr. Abdi Yassin gave the presentation on the Public Improvement District and will be setting up a workshop in the future.

#5. Consider, discuss, and take action, if necessary, on updated water study presentation from Jeff Snowden with Capex Consulting Group. (Mayor Lopez)

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to take table this item. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vara, Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#6. Consider and discuss update regarding the city's financial condition as it relates to bonded debt, past dues, recurring payments, revenues and expenditures.

Mary Alice updated the council on the financial condition of the city.

#7. Public Hearing: Application for a rezoning request which, if approved, would add Manufactured Home District to the residential zoned property on Toland Rd with legal description being PT SEC I Paul S/D CFP CO WILLIAMS ADDN 6.847 ACRES in Taft, Texas (applicant - Jody Gonzalez).

Mr. Gonzalez spoke on the project and introduced the developer to the council. The developer explained to the council the plans that he has for the property as an RV Park.

#8. Discuss and take action on whether to approve a rezoning request which, if approved, would add Manufactured Home District to the residential zoned property on Toland Rd with legal description being PT SEC I Paul S/D CFP CO WILLIAMS ADDN 6.847 ACRES in Taft, Texas (applicant - Jody Gonzalez).

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve a rezoning request which, if approved, would

add Manufactured Home District to the residential zoned property on Toland Rd with legal description being PT SEC I Paul S/D CFP CO WILLIAMS ADDN 6.847 ACRES in Taft, Texas. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: Vara

The motion carried.

#9. Update on providing copies of all financial records pertaining to the Pride of Taft.

Mary Alice updated the council and stated that all financial records have been submitted to the Chair of the Pride of Taft.

#10. Consider, discuss and take action to approve the renewal of a contract with Prosperity Bank for an additional two years for depository services.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve the renewal of a contract with Prosperity Bank for an additional two years for depository services. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vara, Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#11. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the City of Taft organizational chart.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve the City of Taft organizational chart on a temporary basis. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vara.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vara, Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#12. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the City of Taft job descriptions.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve the City of Taft job descriptions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vara, Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#13. Consider and discuss establishing a certificate pay system for city employees.

Council discussed this item and directed staff to add this to the next agenda for action.

#14. Discussion on the recent crime spike. (Councilman Vara)

Councilman Vara addressed this item and asked to make sure things are getting addressed.

#15. Update status on the trailer next to Mi Ranchito. (Councilman Vara)

Roxann updated the council on the status of the trailer and where it is in the process with

municipal court.

#16. Update on the swimming pool. (Councilman Rodriguez)

Mayor Lopez updated the council and explained what has transpired so far. The school is still in charge of the pool.

#17. Discuss with a citizen of Taft Felipe Rodriguez with complaints and concerns within the City of Taft. (Councilman Vasquez)

Councilman Vasquez addressed this item with the council and stated to not place this on the agenda anymore.

#18. Discuss, consider, and act on the use of Taft Little League Park for the Fireworks Extravaganza event on June 26, 2021 from noon to midnight. (Councilman Vasquez)

Councilman Vara made a motion to act on the use of Taft Little League Park for the Fireworks Extravaganza event on June 26, 2021 from noon to midnight. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vara, Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#19. Discuss, consider, and act for permission to sell beer and wine through a contracted vendor on June 26th, 2021 Firework Extravaganza event. (Councilman Vasquez)

Councilman Vara made a motion to act for permission to sell beer and wine through a contracted vendor on June 26th, 2021 Firework Extravaganza event. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vara, Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#20. Discuss, consider, and act to start advertising and accept applications for city attorney. (Councilman Vasquez)

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to start advertising and accept applications for city attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vara.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vara, Vasquez

Nays: Rodriguez, Mayor, Hernandez

The motion failed.

#21. For discussion only a follow up on sidewalk project, First, Second and Third Street grant project, and also a report on where we are at with the firetruck. (Councilman Vasquez)

Roxann updated the council on the status of the fire truck. Council directed staff to have SMMP email them the status update on the sidewalk project and the First, Second, Third Street project.

#22. Update on the status of the interviews for the city manager position.

Mayor stated that 5 candidates would begin interviews next week.

#23. Discuss monthly reports for police department, animal control, code enforcement, and public works.

Chief Trevino updated the council on the police department, animal control and code enforcement reports. Joe Sandoval updated the council on the public works report.

#24. Discuss, consider and act on the operational and logistical measures related to the City's preparedness and response to the federal, state, and city's local state of emergency declarations due to a public health emergency known as Covid-19 pandemic.

Council discussed putting an update on Facebook and the city website.

#25. City Council Requests and Announcements.

Councilman Hernandez would like an update on any covid vaccines on the next agenda.

#26. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

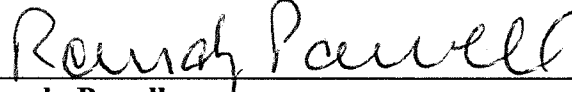
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Ayes: Vara, Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

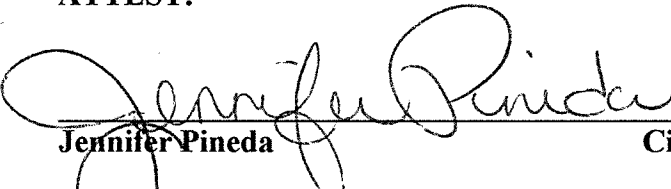
The motion carried.

CITY OF TAFT



Randy Powell Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda City Secretary

