

MINUTES OF SPECIAL EMERGENCY COUNCIL MEETING

On the 18th day of February, 2021, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special emergency session at 402 Park St., at the Kiva Hut, at 10:00 a.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 10:06 a.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

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

#3. Consider, discuss and act on operational and logistical measures related to the City's preparedness and response to the State and City's local state of emergency declaration due to public health and safety emergency known as severe winter weather.

Council directed staff to waive fees for having the water turned off at the meter during the winter storm. They also directed staff to follow the ordinance for water leaks on the customer side for future water bills in regards to the winter storm.

Council also discussed using the Chamber Sign to push out information to the public to keep them informed on any updates related to the winter storm.

#4. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Ordinance No. 1069, an emergency ordinance of the City of Taft, Texas extending a local state of disaster declaration due to a public health and safety emergency known as severe winter weather.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1069, an emergency ordinance of the City of Taft, Texas extending a local state of disaster declaration for 14 days due to a public health and safety emergency known as severe winter weather. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vara, Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#5. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Ordinance No. 1070 removing the operation of competitive bidding requirements of the applicable competitive bidding procedures of the City during the declared state of emergency; making various findings and provisions related to the subject and providing an effective date.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1070 removing the operation of competitive bidding requirements of the applicable competitive bidding procedures of the City during the declared state of emergency; making various findings and provisions related to the subject and providing an effective date to be for 21 days. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: Vara

The motion carried.

#6. Adjournment.

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


The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vara, Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

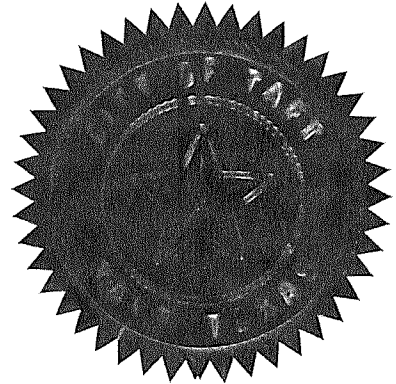
Nays: None

The motion carried.

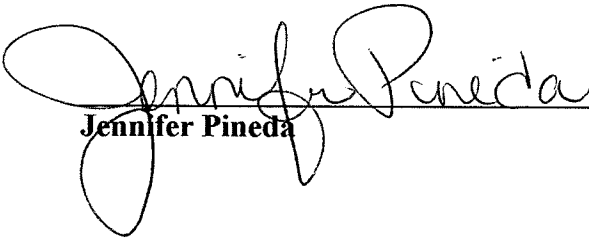
CITY OF TAFT



Randy Powell Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda City Secretary