

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 22nd day of June, 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	Absent

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

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

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

#3. Visitors.

Randy Powell, 544 Field Ave, stated that there is an interest from several people who would like to volunteer to help keep restoring the Hidalgo Center.

#4. Consider, discuss, and act to select a plan and carrier for the City of Taft's annual windstorm insurance coverage from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Councilman Vara made a motion to approve and select plan option #2 and carrier for the City of Taft's annual windstorm insurance coverage from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vara, Rodriguez, Mayor, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried.

#5. Consider, discuss, and act to approve a request for proposal for the replacement of the Taft Volunteer Fire Department building roof.

There were no proposals received so no action was taken on this item.

Mayor moved to Item #10.

#10. Update on the Taft Volunteer Fire Department building. (Councilman Vara)

Mayor and council discussed this item and would like to see if LNV has a scope of work for the fire department building.

#6. Consider, discuss, and act on an amended contract with BC Smith Inspection Services, LLC for inspection services.

Councilman Vara made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vara, Rodriguez, Mayor, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried.

#7. Discussion on the impound lot. (Mayor Lopez).

Chief Trevino updated the council on this item and let them know that the agreement was still being worked out.

#8. Discussion on the Hidalgo Community Center. (Mayor Lopez).

Mayor addressed the council on this item and stated that it still needs a lot of work.

#9. Status update on the hurricane plan. (Councilman Vara)

Councilman Vara addressed the council on this item and asked to see if there is a hurricane plan in place.

#11. City Council Requests and Announcements.

Councilman Rodriguez would like staff to check with SMMP on a hurricane plan.
Councilman Hernandez would like a legal opinion on elderlies without air condition and would like to see on the next agenda discussion on grass growing on the streets.
Councilman Vara would like a revision of ordinance for inspection fees.
Mayor would like to have the T-Mobile 5g tower on the next agenda.

#12. Adjournment.

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

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Vara, Rodriguez, Mayor, Hernandez
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

CITY OF TAFT

Randy Powell
Randy Powell Mayor



ATTEST:

Jennifer Pineda
Jennifer Pineda City Secretary