

**VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE**  
**CITY OF TAFT**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**AGENDA**  
**MAY 25, 2021**  
**KIVA HUT – 402 PARK STREET**  
**6:30 P.M.**

In accordance with Section 551.041 of the Government Code, notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Taft will be held on the **25<sup>th</sup> day May 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at the Kiva Hut, 402 Park St, Taft, Texas 78390.**

**You may join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.**

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*The public will be permitted to offer public comments via telephone as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting.*

*A recording of the telephone conference will be made, and will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request.*

1. Call to order and quorum check.
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.
3. VISITORS - At this time, comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter. To address the Council, please sign the Opinion/Speaker Registration Form located on the table at the entrance of the meeting room and deliver to the City Secretary before the meeting begins. Should there be more than five (5) people who wish to speak on a particular issue they need to select one (1) representative to speak for them. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not discuss or take action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda. Citizens are to refrain from any personal attacks on the council or any member of the staff. Failure to abide by these policies could result in a charge of disorderly conduct.
4. Public Hearing: Application for a rezoning request which, if approved, would zone land/property as "Business District" as defined by the Taft Code of Ordinances at 301 Kirkpatrick with the legal description of Lots 1 & 2 Block 49 Taft.
5. Discuss and take action on whether to approve a rezoning request which, if approved, would zone land/property as "Business District" as defined by the Taft Code of Ordinances at 301 Kirkpatrick with the legal description of Lots 1 & 2 Block 49 Taft.
6. Discuss, consider, and act to approve Resolution No. 646, a resolution of the City of Taft, Texas finding that AEP Texas Inc.'s application to amend its distribution cost recovery factors to increase distribution rates within the city should be denied.

7. Discuss, consider, and act to approve the purchase of a 82x20 foot trailer to be used by the public works department.
8. Discuss, consider, and act on Gexa Energy Ancillary Services costs increase due to the severe winter storm.
9. Discuss, consider and act to approve the lease or purchase of a security camera system for the Taft Animal Control Shelter and Taft Volunteer Fire Department through Kyocera.
10. Discuss, consider, and act to approve an expenditure in the amount of \$19,414.49 for repairs to the Taft Volunteer Fire Department 2006 Ford F550.
11. Discussion on the Taft Volunteer Fire Department building roof. *(Mayor Lopez)*
12. Discussion with Chief Dan Gibson on the fire truck. *(Mayor Lopez)*
13. Discuss, consider, and act on the advertisement of the Taft Firework Extravaganza. *(Mayor Lopez)*
14. Discuss, consider, and act on charging penalty fees on utility bills. *(Councilman Vasquez)*
15. Consider, discuss, and take action on approving an agreement for professional legal services with David Aken to provide city attorney and prosecutor services.
16. City Council Requests and Announcements:
  - Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on future City Council agenda
  - Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers
17. Executive Session: Convene into executive session pursuant to Section 551.074 Personnel matters involving the appointment and employment of the City Manager
18. Reconvene into Regular Session and consider, discuss, or take action, if necessary, on any item(s) discussed in Executive Session
19. Adjournment.

A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:

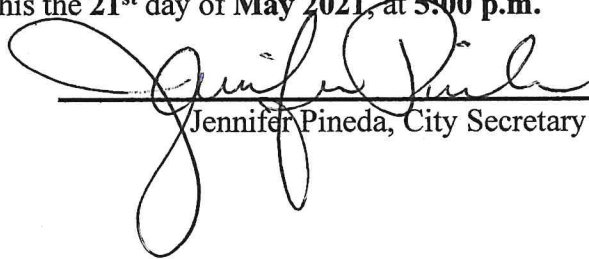
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| 1. | Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.071 | Contemplated or pending litigation or matters where <b>legal advice</b> is requested of the City Attorney.  |
| 2. | Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.072 | The <b>purchase, exchange, lease or value or real property</b> , if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person.          |
| 3. | Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.073 | A <b>contract for a prospective gift or donation</b> to the City, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person.         |
| 4. | Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.074 | <b>Personnel matters</b> involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint against an officer or employee. |

5. Texas Open Meetings Act - The deployment or specific occasion for the implementation of Section 551.076 ***security personnel or devices.***
6. Texas Open Meetings Act - Deliberations regarding ***economic development negotiations.***  
Section 551.087

**NOTICE**

Persons with disabilities planning to attend this meeting who may need auxiliary aids or services are asked to contact the City offices at (361) 528-3512 by Monday noon.

**DATED and POSTED** this the **21<sup>st</sup>** day of **May 2021**, at **5:00 p.m.**



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Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary