

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 25th day of February, 2020, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 501 Green Ave, at the City Hall, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Lolo Hernandez	Mayor Pro-tem Absent
Rolando Rodriguez	
JoAdrian Vara	Absent
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 6:36 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

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

#3. Visitors.

There were no visitor comments.

#4. Consider, discuss and act on the water bills for Elsa Cantu and Alonzo Arce at 529 Green Ave.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to table this item to the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

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

#5. Consider, discuss and act to approve the waiver of fees to use of the Kiva Hut by the U.S. Small Business Administration to host a class on the basics of how to start a business as it serves a public purpose.

Councilwoman Rodriguez made a motion to approve the waiver of fees to use of the Kiva Hut by the U.S. Small Business Administration to host a class on the basics of how to start a business as it serves a public purpose. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

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

#6. Consider, discuss and act to approve the waiver of fees to use of the Kiva Hut by the San Patricio County to host a CERT class as it serves a public purpose.

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to approve the waiver of fees to use of the Kiva Hut by the San Patricio County to host a CERT class as it serves a public purpose. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

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

The motion carried.

#7. Consider, discuss and act on renaming the Hidalgo Community Center to the Julia Alvarado Center. (Councilman Vasquez)

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to table this item to the next meeting until we have an answer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez

Nays: None

Absent: Vara, Hernandez

The motion carried.

#8. Consider, discuss and act on a proposal submitted by Capex Consulting Group to provide water and wastewater utility rate analysis services to the City of Taft, Texas.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion authorizing the City Attorney to prepare a professional services agreement with Capex Consulting Group to be brought before the Council for approval at the next City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez

Nays: None

Absent: Vara, Hernandez

The motion carried.

#9. Consider, discuss and act on a proposal submitted by Capex Consulting Group to provide professional services related to Local Sales Tax Optimization utilizing separated material and labor agreements.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to table this item to the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez

Nays: None

Absent: Vara, Hernandez

The motion carried.

#10. Conduct a public hearing related to daytime and nighttime curfew hours for juveniles.

Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Jennifer gave a background on the effects this ordinance has had on citations for juvenile curfew.

Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.

#11. Consider, discuss and take action to approve an ordinance Readopting Ordinance No. 966 Establishing Juvenile Nighttime and Daytime Curfew Hours within the City of Taft; Providing Definitions, Establishing Parental Responsibility, Defenses to Prosecution, Enforcement Procedures, and Penalties for Violation; Providing a Severability Clause, Effective Date and Expiration Date to Comply with.

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to approve an ordinance Readopting Ordinance No. 966 Establishing Juvenile Nighttime and Daytime Curfew Hours within the City of Taft. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez

Nays: None
Absent: Vara, Hernandez
The motion carried.

#12. Consider, discuss and act on approving an ordinance providing hours of operation at city parks.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion on approving an ordinance providing hours of operation at city parks.. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

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

#13. Consider, discuss and take action to approve a license agreement with Taft Little League for the use of the Taft Little League Park.

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to approve a license agreement with Taft Little League for the use of the Taft Little League Park. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

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

#14. Consider, discuss and take action to approve a proposal for the purchase of an ac unit at the EMS building.

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to approve a proposal from Ken-Air Indoor for the purchase of an ac unit at the EMS building. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

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

#15. Discuss having a mud pit event and a burnout event. (Councilman Vasquez)

Councilman Vasquez informed the council what these events were about.

#16. Discuss renaming Industrial St. to Willie J. Laws St. (Councilman Vasquez)

Staff is to find out with legal what the process would be.

#17. Discussion on street conditions. (Councilman Vara)

Joe stated that the public works crew were about 50% to 60% done with patching.

#18. Discussion on the 20% penalty charge on water payments. (Councilman Rodriguez)

Council instructed staff to place this item on the next agenda for action.

#19. Consider, discuss and take action on moving forward to get the Hidalgo Community Center completed. (Councilman Vara)

No action was taken on this item.

#20. Update on the search of a city manager. (Councilman Vara)

Councilman Rodriguez would get with staff on his availability to have a special meeting.

#21. City Council Requests and Announcements.

Councilman Rodriguez stated that there is a developer that would like to do a presentation to the council at the next meeting.

#27. Adjournment.

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

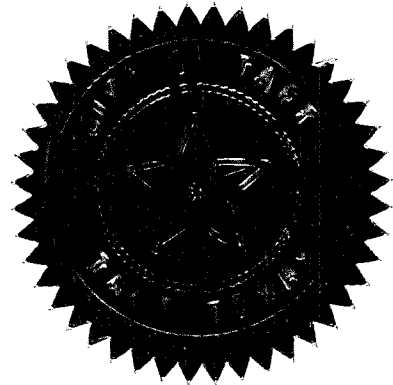
The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez

Nays: None

Absent: Vara, Hernandez

The motion carried.



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Pedro Lopez

Mayor

ATTEST:

A large, stylized handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jennifer Pineda", written over a horizontal line.

Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary