

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 24th day of March, 2020, 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 6:34 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.
At this time council went to Item 8.

#8. Consider, discuss, and take action to terminate professional legal services of Denton, Navarro, Rocha, Bernal, & Zech as city attorney effective immediately. (Mayor Lopez)

Mayor Lopez read a letter of resignation.
No action was needed.

9. Consider, discuss, and take action on approving an agreement for professional legal services with Roxann Pais Cotroneo to provide interim city attorney services. (Mayor Lopez)

Councilman Vara made a motion to take action on approving an agreement for professional legal services with Roxann Pais Cotroneo to provide interim city attorney services. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

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

#4. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve the September 10, 2019 regular meeting minutes, September 24, 2019 regular meeting minutes, October 8, 2019 regular meeting minutes, October 22, 2019 regular meeting minutes, November 12, 2019 regular meeting minutes, November 26, 2019 special meeting minutes, December 10, 2019 regular meeting minutes, January 14, 2020 regular meeting minutes, January 28, 2020 regular meeting minutes, February 11, 2020 regular meeting minutes, and February 25, 2020 regular meeting minutes.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve November 26, 2019 special meeting minutes, December 10, 2019 regular meeting minutes, January 14, 2020 regular meeting minutes, January 28, 2020 regular meeting minutes, February 11, 2020 regular meeting minutes, and February 25, 2020 regular meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vara.

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

Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

#5. 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 city's financial condition. The balance for the TQIC fund is \$74,813.27 and the Street fund is \$133,713.33. The city tax collection was 80.07% and the deannexed was 61.71%.

#6. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve a resolution for the submission of the grant application for the Local Border Security Program to the Office of the Governor.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve a resolution for the submission of the grant application for the Local Border Security Program to the Office of the Governor. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vara.

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

#7. Discussion on assesment received for the Taft Volunteer Fire Department building.

Council discussed the total cost of repairs.

#10. City Council Requests and Announcements.

Councilman Vara would like a status update on mold on Taft Volunteer Fire Dept. building. Mayor would like an update on corona virus expenditures, continue to have Covid-19 updates on the agenda, the naming of the Hidalgo center.

#11. Adjournment.

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

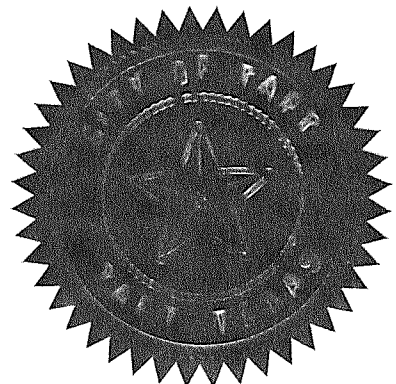
The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Vara, Rodriguez, Mayor, Hernandez
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

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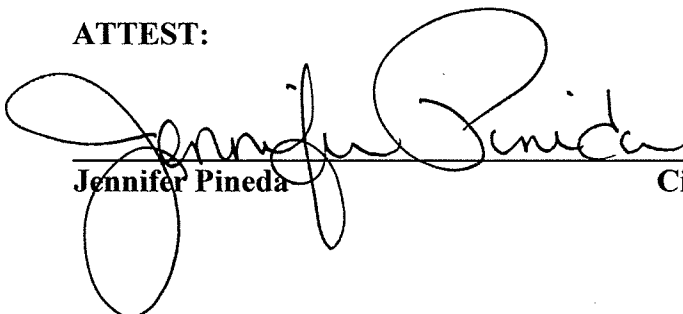


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary