

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 26th day of May, 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 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 6:31 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

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

#3. Visitors.

There were no visitor comments.

#4. Introduction of Animal Control Officer Desiree Ortiz.

Desiree Ortiz introduced herself to the council.

#5. Briefing from the Taft EDC. (Councilman Rodriguez).

Councilman Rodriguez tabled this item to the next meeting in June.

#6. Discuss, consider and act to approve the final plat drawings for Taft Acres with the legal description of ABST 268 George Clark Survey, Packing House Ave & Industrial, Taft, Texas 78390.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: Rodriguez

Absent: Vara

The motion carried.

#7. Consider, discuss and take action to authorize an inter-local agreement with San Patricio County Pct. 2 regarding services for road rehabilitation.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to authorize an inter-local agreement with San Patricio County Pct. 2 regarding services for road rehabilitation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Vara

The motion carried.

#8. Discussion of the possibility of hosting the Boll Weevil Festival in the future. (Councilman Vara).

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

#9. Brief summary of existing projects with FEMA and future projects. (Mayor Lopez).

Mayor just gave an update on the status of the projects.

#10. Discussion on grant received from Phillip 66 in the amount of \$33,000.00 for the Taft Volunteer Fire Department equipment.

Mary Alice updated the council on this item.

#11. Discuss, consider and act on the operational and logistical measures related to the City's preparedness and response to the federal, state, and city's local state of emergency declarations due to a public health emergency known as Covid-19 pandemic.

There was no action on this item.

#12. City Council Requests and Announcements.

Councilman Rodriguez wanted a briefing from EDC and the makeup of the board.

Councilman Vasquez wanted to discuss the use of the shooting range by the fire department.

#13. Executive Session: Convene into executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act to meet with its Attorney to seek legal advice on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding Taft Volunteer Fire Department building roof replacement.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Vara

The motion carried.

#14. Reconvene into Regular Session and consider action, if necessary, on any item(s) discussed in Executive Session.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to ask the city engineers to prepare and review engineering plans to replace the roof at the Taft Volunteer Fire Department which is owned by the City of Taft and city staff prepare request for proposals based on the review and readvertise. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Vara

The motion carried.

#15. Adjournment.

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

The following votes were polled:

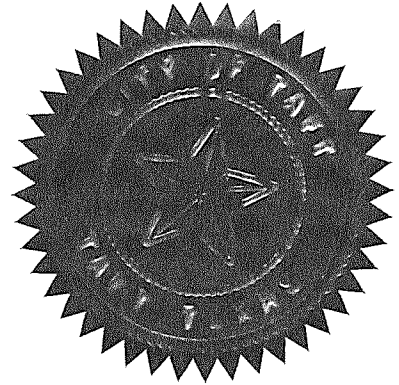
Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None
Absent: Vara
The motion carried.

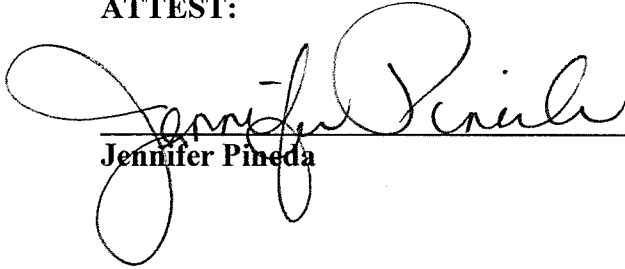
CITY OF TAFT 

Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary