

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 25th day of August, 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	Absent
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 6:32 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. Consider, discuss and take action to select an insurance carrier for employee medical, life, dental, vision, and supplemental insurance.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to accept the increase where the city will pay for the package of \$561.87 in order to sway the cost to the employee and provide total coverage for the employees. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Vara, Vasquez

The motion carried.

#5. Presentation and discussion by Capex Consulting Group on water and wastewater utility rate analysis.

Jeff Snowden gave a preliminary analysis and stated that it was an ongoing project to find the water loss.

#6. Consider, discuss, and take action on Ordinance No. 1060, an ordinance of the City of Taft, Texas adopting an ordinance that requires city-created boards, committees, or organizations to provide written notice to the public that a quorum of the city council may attend and participate in their open meetings. (Councilman Rodriguez)

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The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Vara, Vasquez

The motion carried.

#7. Consider, discuss and take action to provide 30-day written notice to terminate without cause a standard professional services agreement with Bureau Veritas North America for

building, electrical, and plumbing inspections.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to provide 30-day written notice to terminate without cause a standard professional services agreement with Bureau Veritas North America for building, electrical, and plumbing inspections. The motion was seconded by Mayor Lopez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Vara, Vasquez

The motion carried.

#8. Consider, discuss and take action to enter into a contract with BC Smith Inspection Services, LLC for professional services for building official, inspections, plan reviews, platting reviews and permits.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to take action to enter into a contract with BC Smith Inspection Services, LLC for professional services for building official, inspections, plan reviews, platting reviews and permits. The motion was seconded by Mayor Lopez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Vara, Vasquez

The motion carried.

#9. Consider, discuss, and take action to purchase a dump trailer for the Public Works Department.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to purchase a dump trailer for the Public Works Department from Taggart Motors. The motion was seconded by Mayor Lopez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Vara, Vasquez

The motion carried.

#10. Consider, discuss and take action to enter into interlocal agreement between the City of Taft and Taft Volunteer Fire Department for the use of the City's shooting range for training purposes. (Councilman Vasquez)

This item was tabled for the next meeting.

#11. Consider, discuss and take action to amend Resolution 636 by approving Resolution 637, a resolution of the city council of the City of Taft, Texas authorizing the Taft Fireworks Extravaganza; authorizing the in-kind and financial support and sponsorship of the event by the city; and establishing an effective date. (Councilman Vasquez)

This item was tabled for the next meeting.

#12. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve a one-day waiver on Ordinance No. 779, Section V, to allow the sale of alcohol by an approved Pride of Taft vendor provided that said vendor obtains a valid city permit to sell alcohol at the Fireworks Extravaganza. (Councilman Vasquez)

This item was tabled for the next meeting.

#13. Update on Taft Cemetery situation. (Councilman Hernandez, Mayor Lopez)

Mayor Lopez informed the council that he spoke to Mr. Lamas and he will formally submit something in writing about selling it to the city.

#14. Consider, discuss, and take action on delinquent water account due to Covid-19 waivers. (Councilman Vasquez)

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

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

#15. Discussion and action on the usage of the Kiva Hut.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve the Kiva Hut to be used by VFW on August 29, 2020. The motion was seconded by Mayor Lopez.

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

#16. Discuss, consider and act on the operational and logistical measure 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.

Mayor Lopez updated the council on the case numbers going down.

#17. City Council Requests and Announcements.

Councilman Rodriguez wants discussion on the analysis of wage increases and possible recognition of three individuals on the next meeting.

#18. Adjournment.

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

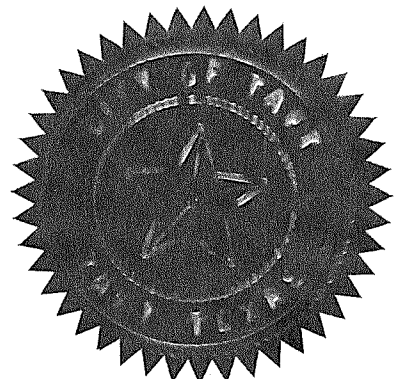
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Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Hernandez
Nays: None
Absent: Vara, Vasquez
The motion carried.

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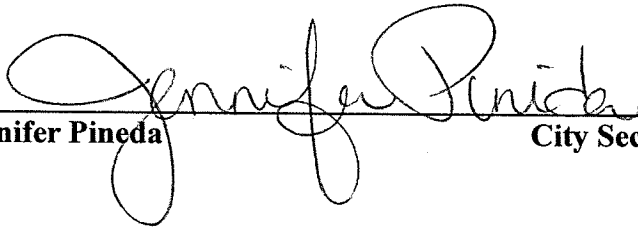


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda **City Secretary**