

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 26th day of February, 2019, 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
Leonard Vasquez	Mayor Pro-tem
Felipe Rodriguez, III	
Donnie Riojas	
Lolo Hernandez	Absent

Others present: Denise Hitt, City Manager, Mary Alice, Finance Director, and Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Riojas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. Visitors.

There were no visitors.

#4. A progress report on delinquent tax collections by Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP.

Robert Cuevas, of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP, gave an overview of the report to the council.

#5. Discuss tax sale and resale properties.

Robert Cuevas stated that anything delinquent would be sent to Linebarger on April 1st.

#6. Consider, discuss and act to approve the purchase of two new police vehicles.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to table item #6. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

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

#7. Consider, discuss and act to adopt an interlocal agreement with the Taft EDC for equipment and man hours for mowing of EDC properties.

Denise informed the council that this would have to be a contract and not an interlocal agreement. There was no action on this item.

#8. Consider, discuss and act to approve Resolution No. 614, a resolution of the city council of the City of Taft, Texas authorizing the Taft Fireworks Extravaganza; authorizing the in-kind financial support and sponsorship of the event by the city; and establishing an effective date.

Denise explained the resolution to council.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve Resolution no. 614. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

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

#9. Consider, discuss and act to approve Ordinance No 1002, an ordinance of the city council of the Taft, Texas authorizing the erection of certain stop signs within the City of Taft, Texas to create four way stop intersections as recommended by the Chief of Police, directing the Chief of Police to erect such signs in accordance with existing ordinances and providing a fine for failure to obey such signs.

Denise explained this ordinance to the council.

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to approve Ordinance No 1002. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

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

#10. Discuss the purchasing policy.

Council discussed the purchasing policy and asked questions of the staff on how this is being implemented.

#11. Consider, discuss and act on water service line responsibility at the Taft Housing Authority properties.

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to table item #11. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

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

#12. Discuss overtime for those employees who are on call.

Denise informed the council on the information that she received from the city attorney.

#13. Discuss when are we going to implement the 2.5% raise to all employees.

Denise informed the council how much it will cost for a 2.5% raise to all the employees.

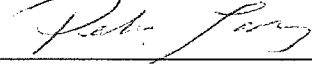
#14. Adjournment.

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

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

The motion carried.

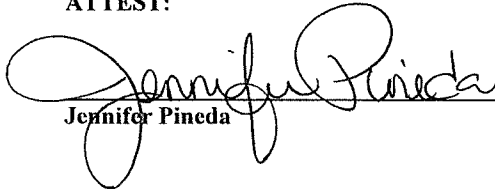
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Pedro Lopez **Mayor**



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda **City Secretary**