

## MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 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 6:30 p.m.

### **#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.**

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

### **#3. Visitors.**

Bill Davis of Absolute Waste Inc. wanted to follow up on the bulky pick up and informed the council that there are changes to the procedures put in place.

### **#4. Discuss, consider and act to approve the purchase of a building for Animal Control for an office, bathroom, storage and a cattery. The money to be used will come from insurance proceeds from the former building.**

Denise stated that we have received a little less than \$20,000 in insurance proceeds for the building. The shed would be 16' by 24' and would house an office, bathroom, and the cat cages.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to accept the bid through Derksen in the amount of \$13,280.00 for the animal control office, bathroom, and cattery. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Mayor, Riojas

Nays: None

Absent: Hernandez

The motion carried.

### **#5. Discuss, consider and act to approve to go out to bid for the purchase of a backhoe for public works department.**

Denise stated that we have 3 bids for a backhoe. Staff recommendation is to approve the case backhoe through NPE.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve the 5 payments through Government Capital for the Case model number C14801. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Mayor, Riojas

Nays: None

Absent: Hernandez

The motion carried.

### **#6 Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the City of Taft will consult in Closed Session with its attorney and to receive legal advice regarding pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of**

**the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act to wit: Personnel Investigation Update.**

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


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

**#7. Adjournment.**

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

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

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Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:

  
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Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary