

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 9th day of July, 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

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 6:33 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

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

#3. Visitors.

Ms. Maria R. Garcia, 219 W. Escobedo, stated that the burnt house down the street has not been picked up after it was demolished.

#4. 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. She stated that the TQIC account was at \$60,081.94 and the streets account was at \$153,351.81. The collection of taxes for the city was at 90.49% for the deannexed area was at 78.35%.

#5. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Ordinance No 1035, an ordinance repealing and replacing Ordinance No. 976; prescribing rules, regulations, rates and fees and application process for water, sewer and garbage service; providing penalties for non-payment of utility bills; providing for disconnection of service for non-payment and related fees; establishing fees for unauthorized use of water; establishing penalties for tampering with or damage to city equipment; identifying rates and fees for water and sewer services, taps, permits and inspections; providing additional rules and regulations, severance, repeal of conflicting ordinances, and an effective date.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1035. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#6. Consider, discuss and act to approve Ordinance No 1036, 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.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1036. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#7. Consider, discuss and act to approve Ordinance No 1037, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Taft, Texas authorizing the placement of temporary housing units by the Taft Housing Authority and Providing an effective date and expiration date.

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1037. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Mayor, Hernandez

Nays: None

Abstain: Riojas

The motion carried.

#8. Consider, discuss and act to approve Resolution No. 623, a resolution of the city council of the City of Taft, Texas approving an interlocal agreement between the City of Taft and the Taft Housing Authority and providing an effective date and expiration date.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution No. 623. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Mayor, Hernandez

Nays: None

Abstain: Riojas

The motion carried.

#9. Discuss road repairs.

Joe Sandoval and Denise updated the council on their plan to repair roads.

#10. Projects: Sidewalks, Library, Community Center and any other active projects.

Denise updated the council on the status of each of these projects.

#11. Fireworks Extravaganza formal Profit/Loss for Pride of Taft/Fireworks Extravaganza.

Councilman Vasquez stated that the committee will have their final meeting on July 15th at 6:30 p.m.

#12. First responders district (discussion and action) to give CM authority to proceed with legal counsel.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to give CM authority to proceed with legal counsel. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Mayor, Hernandez

Nays: None

Abstain: Riojas

The motion carried.

#13. Discussion on status of fire truck.

Denise stated that she had a bid packet ready to be advertised.

#14. Discussion on construction status on roads.

This item was covered under Item #9.

#15. Discussion on Financial Break down on \$5, \$5, & \$1 actual collected from utility bills.

Denise discussed this item with the council.

#16. Discussion on CM projected balance budget for end of the year cycle.

Denise stated that the city is on target for the budget.

#17. Adjournment.

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

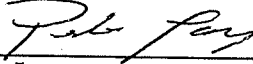
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Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

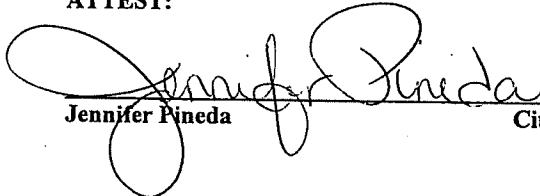
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Pedro Lopez Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda City Secretary