

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 23rd 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	Absent
Lolo Hernandez	

Others present: Denise Hitt, City Manager, Mary Alice Sandoval, 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.

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

#3. Visitors.

There were no visitors.

#4. Public Hearing: Application for a setback variance request which, if approved, would allow the rebuild of a carport in the same location as previous carport on the driveway at 421 McIntyre, Taft, Tx, with legal description Lts 27 & 28 Blk 12 Taft.

David Hernandez, 421 McIntyre, is asking for the variance for the carport side yard 6 foot setback. Stated that he was just going to replace the structure that has been there for many years.

Pete Rodriguez, 419 McIntyre, opposes the set back variance and stated that water will drain onto his property and ruin the foundation.

#5. Discuss and take action on whether to approve a setback variance request which, if approved, would allow the rebuild of a carport in the same location as previous carport on the driveway at 421 McIntyre, Taft, Tx, with legal description Lts 27 & 28 Blk 12 Taft.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to table until both parties agree. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Mayor, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Riojas

The motion carried.

#6. Discussion on street repair funding.

Denise let the council know that she is looking into the process to obtain a loan to be able to finish all repairs on the streets.

#7. Discuss Ordinance No. 741, an ordinance controlling noise nuisances within the corporate limits of the City of Taft, Texas.

Council would like to see wording for fee waivers for 501c3 corporations included in this ordinance.

#8. Discuss Ordinance No 854, an ordinance setting electricity rates at city parks and rental regulations.

Council would like the deposit fee be waived and just charge the electricity fee for 501c3 corporations.

#9. Consider, discuss and act to approve the use of Municipal Court Building Security fee for courtroom security not to exceed \$5,000.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to **approve the use of Municipal Court Building Security fee for courtroom security not to exceed \$5,000.** The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

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

#10. Discuss monthly reports for animal control, code enforcement, and public works.

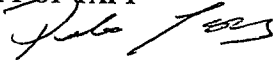
Discussion took place on the reports provided to council.

#11. Adjournment.

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

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

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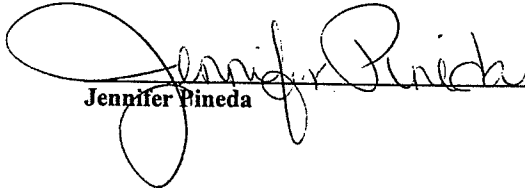


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary