

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 25th day of June, 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 Sandoval, Finance Director, and Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

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

#3. Visitors.

Yvonne Chambers, of Ingleside, states that there is illegal dumping on Industrial.

Pastor Scott Patton, First United Methodist Church, would like the council to keep the cost down for electricity rental and loud speaker permits for non-profit organizations.

#4. Consider, discuss and take action to select a plan and carrier for the City of Taft's annual windstorm insurance coverage.

Belinda Wallace informed the council of the 2 different options on the insurance coverage.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to selection option 1 for Taft's annual windstorm insurance coverage. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Mayor, Riojas

Nays: None

Absent: Hernandez

The motion carried.

#5. Consider, discuss and take action to approve a request for qualifications for grant administration services for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Project.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve Santos McBain for grant administration services for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Project. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Hernandez

The motion carried.

#6. Consider, discuss and act to approve the purchase of two vehicles for the public works department.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve the purchase of two vehicles for the public works department in the amount of \$55,450.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

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

#7. Consider, discuss and take action to approve or reject bids received for surplus equipment and vehicles.

Paulino Garza - \$11,000 for back hoe and \$750 for Dodge Duly
Jesus Gonzales - \$12,200 for back hoe
Emergency Marketing - \$689.88 for Dodge Charger and \$489.88 for Crown Victoria

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to decline the bid for the Crown Victoria in the amount of \$489.88. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

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

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to decline the bid in the amount of \$689.88 for the Dodge Charger. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

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

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to accept the bid in the amount of \$750 from Paulino Garza for the Dodge Dully. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

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

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to accept the bid in the amount of \$12,200 from Jesus Gonzales for the backhoe. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

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

#8. Consider, discuss and take action to approve a bid for roof repairs at the Hidalgo building.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve a bid for the Hidalgo Center using Leal Roofing and Construction in the amount of \$7,800. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Mayor, Riojas

Nays: None
Absent: Hernandez
The motion carried.

#9. Consider, discuss and take action to approve to advertise for bids for roof repairs at the Taft Volunteer Fire Department building.

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to approve to advertise for bids for roof repairs at the Taft Volunteer Fire Department building. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

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

#10. Consider, discuss and take action to approve the purchase of two 5ton ac units at the Kiva Hut building not to exceed \$14,000.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve the purchase of two 5ton ac units at the Kiva Hut building not to exceed \$14,000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

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

#11. Discuss road repairs.

This item will be discussed at the next meeting.

#12. Discuss current truck route ordinance.

Mayor stated he placed this item on the agenda to discuss the truck traffic going up and down Hwy 181.

#13. Adjournment.

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

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

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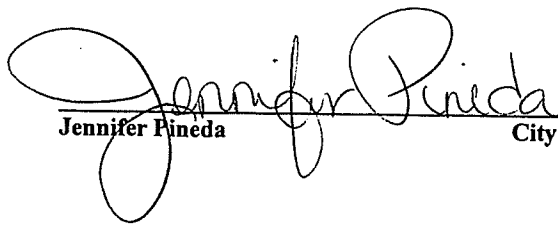


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:


Jennifer Pineda City Secretary