

## MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 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	Absent
Leonard Vasquez	Mayor Pro-tem	
Felipe Rodriguez, III		
Donnie Riojas		
Lolo Hernandez	Absent	

Others present: Denise Hitt, City Manager, Chief John Cornish, 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.**

There were no visitors.

**#4. Consider and discuss update regarding the city's financial condition as it relates to bonded debt, past dues, recurring payments, revenues and expenditures.**

This item was tabled for the next meeting.

**#5. Meter presentation by Kamstrup to council.**

Tom Gill, of Kamstrup, gave a presentation to the council on the meters they carry and answered questions from the council.

**#6. Consider, discuss and take action to approve a contract for engineering services with LNV Engineering for the Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Project TXDot Project #0916-28-073.**

Denise and Jennifer explained the contract.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve a contract for engineering services with LNV Engineering for the Sidewalk Removal and Replacement Project TXDot Project #0916-28-073. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Riojas, Rodriguez, Vasquez

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor, Hernandez

The motion carried.

**#7. Consider, discuss and take action to approve the purchase of two new police vehicles.**

Greg Hernandez, of Defender Supply, did an over the phone presentation to the council since he was sick with the flu.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve the purchase of two new police vehicles with the term of a 5 year payment plan in the amount of \$22, 808.57 for each year. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Riojas, Rodriguez, Vasquez  
Nays: None  
Absent: Mayor, Hernandez  
The motion carried.

**#8. Consider, discuss and take action on naming a five (5) member advisory board for the Hidalgo Community Center operations.**

This item was tabled to the next meeting.

**#9. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Resolution 615, a resolution of the city council of the City of Taft, Texas in support of legislation proposed by the San Patricio Municipal Water District.**

Brian Williams, of San Patricio County Water District, gave a brief history and explained what Resolution 615 entailed.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve Resolution 615. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

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

**#10. Consider, discuss and take action to authorize an inter-local agreement with San Patricio County Pct. 2 regarding services for road rehabilitation.**

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve and authorize an inter-local agreement with San Patricio County Pct. 2 regarding services for road rehabilitation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

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

**#11. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Resolution No. 616, a resolution of the city council of the City of Taft, Texas, authorizing amendments to the City of Taft Personnel Manual; and establishing an effective date.**

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve Resolution No. 616, a resolution of the city council of the City of Taft, Texas, authorizing amendments to the City of Taft Personnel Manual; and establishing an effective date. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

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

**#12. Consider, discuss and take action to rescind Ordinance No 975, an ordinance of the City of Taft repealing Ordinance No. 895, adopting a revised city personnel policy; abolishing previously adopted provisions in conflict therewith; providing for severability and an effective date.**

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to take action to rescind Ordinance No. 975. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

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

**#13. EXECUTIVE SESSION - The City Council will convene in closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee, to wit: City Manager Denise Hitt.**

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

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

**#14. Reconvene into Regular Session and consider action, if necessary, on any item(s) discussed in Executive Session.**

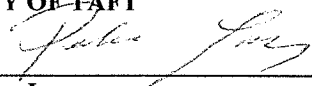
There was no action taken.

**#15. 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: Riojas, Rodriguez, Vasquez  
Nays: None  
Absent: Mayor, Hernandez  
The motion carried.

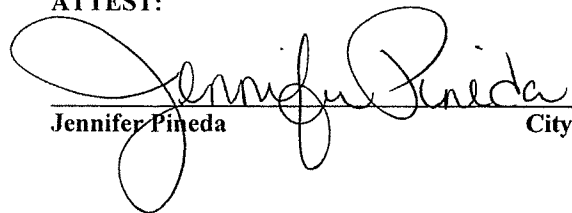
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Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:

  
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Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary