

## MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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, John Cornish, Police Chief, 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.**

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

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

There were no visitors comments.

### **#4. Consideration and approval of offer to purchase tax sale property with legal description of Lot 22, Block 2, Second Hidalgo Addition, an addition to the Town of Taft, San Patricio county, Texas.**

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approval of offer to purchase tax sale property with legal description of Lot 22, Block 2, Second Hidalgo Addition, an addition to the Town of Taft, San Patricio county, Texas. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

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

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve a request for qualifications for engineering services for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Project to be LNV. 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 1033, an ordinance adopting a new city nuisance abatement ordinance to protect the public's health, safety and welfare; defining public nuisances; establishing a compliance process as provided by the Texas Health and Safety Code; providing for assessment of expenses and liens; defining prohibited acts; providing enforcement, penalties and remedies; adopting the authorized citizens collection station policies and fees and providing administrative provisions, providing for a severability clause and an effective date.**

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1033 as is. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

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

**#7. Consider, discuss and take action to amend the terms of payment and amount due to WatchGuard for body cameras.**

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to amend the terms of payment and amount due to WatchGuard for body cameras. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

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

**#8. Consider, discuss and take action to approve advertising to receive bids for surplus equipment and vehicles.**

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve advertising to receive bids for surplus equipment and vehicles. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

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

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

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to add Fred Hernandez and Johnny Carvajal. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

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

**#10. Discussion and possible action to replace all yield signs with stop signs in the city limits.**

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

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

**#11. Discussion of Taft Municipal Court collections.**

Mayor stated that he just put this item on the agenda to see if the council had any questions of the reports they had received.

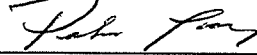
**#12. Adjournment.**

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

The following votes were polled:

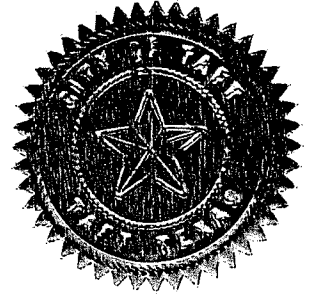
Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez  
Nays: None  
The motion carried.

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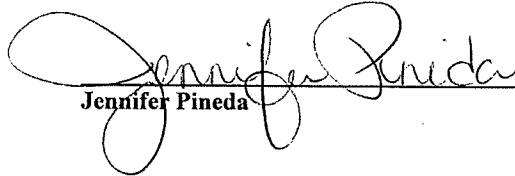


**Pedro Lopez**

**Mayor**



**ATTEST:**



**Jennifer Pineda**

**City Secretary**