

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 12th day of November, 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 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. Consider and take action to approve Ordinance No. 1047, an ordinance of the City of Taft, Texas to canvass the returns and declare the results of the General Election held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 for the purpose of electing one Mayor at Large, one Alderman for Ward One and one Alderman for Ward Two for a term of two years.

Mayor Lopez read Ordinance 1047 out loud.

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1047. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

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

#4. Swearing In and Oath of Office of newly elected officials.

Judge Elvia Hernandez swore in Rolando Rodriguez, JoAdrian Vara, and Pedro Lopez.

#5. Presentation of plaques for service.

Mayor gave a speech and presented plaques to Donnie Riojas and Felipe Rodriguez, III.

#6. VISITORS.

Jesus Trevino, 738 McIntyre, was inquiring about the garbage rates and sewer rates.

#7. 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 went over the revenue and expense report.

#8. Discuss, consider and act to approve the preliminary drawings for the Mesquital Subdivision.

Mr. Tracy Long gave a background to the subdivision and reviewed the plans.

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to approve the preliminary drawings for the Mesquital Subdivision with conditions to follow the ordinances. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vara, Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#9. Consider, discuss and take action on water bills for Elsa Cantu and Alonzo Arce at 529 Green Ave.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to replace the meter and bring the issue back again at the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vara.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vara, Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#10. Discussion on stop sign at the intersection of Fetick and Gregory.

Council directed the city manager to do a study and come back to council with the results.

#11. Consider, discuss and take action to approve upon request from the Taft Chamber of Commerce for the use of city property and approval of parade in support of the 2019 Taft Christmas Festival to be held on Saturday, December 7, 2019.

Councilman Vara made a motion to approve request from the Taft Chamber of Commerce for the use of city property and approval of parade in support of the 2019 Taft Christmas Festival to be held on Saturday, December 7, 2019 finding that such use serves a public purpose that will benefit the community by promoting tourism of the area, contributing to the businesses of City, and fostering a sense of community. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vara, Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#12. Consider, discuss and take action to approve a request for proposal for the replacement of the Taft Volunteer Fire Department building roof.

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

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vara, Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#13. Consider, discuss and act to approve an interlocal agreement with San Patricio County to provide health related services.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve an interlocal agreement with San Patricio County to provide health related services. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vara, Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#14. Consider, discuss and act to approve Ordinance No. 1048, an ordinance amending

Ordinance 977, and establishing revised rates for certain building permit and inspection fees and charges.

Councilman Vara made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1048. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

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

#15. Consider, discuss and act to approve Ordinance No. 1049, an ordinance amending the official FY 2018-2019 budget for the City of Taft, Texas.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1049, an ordinance amending the official FY 2018-2019 budget for the City of Taft, Texas. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

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

#16. Consider, discuss and act to approve Ordinance No. 1050, an ordinance of the City of Taft, Texas establishing a revised rate schedule for water and wastewater services in the City of Taft, Texas.

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

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

#17. Consider, discuss and act to approve Ordinance No 1051, 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 1051. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

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

#18. Discuss Cable One franchise fees. (Councilman Hernandez)

Council discussed this item.

#19. Consider, discuss and act to approve the change of two new police vehicles from 2019 to 2020 year models.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve the change of two new police vehicles from 2019 to 2020 year models. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Vara, Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None
The motion carried.

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

Chief Cornish explained the animal control and the code enforcement reports. Joe Sandoval explained the public works report.

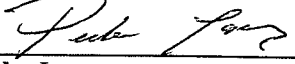
#21. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Vasquez.

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

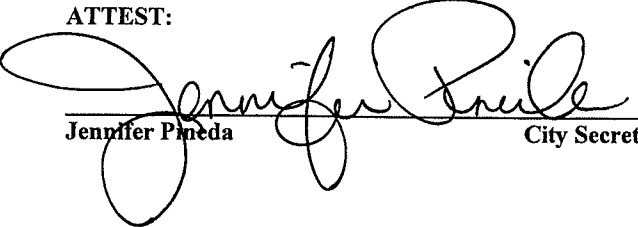


CITY OF TAFT



Pedro Lopez Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda City Secretary