

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 26th day of November, 2019, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez Mayor
Leonard Vasquez Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez
JoAdrian Vara
Lolo Hernandez

Others present: Denise Hitt, City Manager.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

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

#3. Visitors.

Marcus Adams, 614 San Patricio, had complaints on how the city is ran.

#4. The City Council will convene in closed session pursuant to Section 551.071 and 551.074 to consult with legal counsel on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Act, and on a personnel matter involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint against an officer or employee; to wit: City Manager Denise Hitt. The consultation with attorney shall be in closed session, however, the City Manager has the option to request the personnel portion specific to the performance and or discipline of the City Manager be held in open session.

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to go into closed session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vara.

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

The Council entered into close session at 7:08 p.m.

#5. The City Council may consider, discuss, and take action on a resolution to do one of the following: to extend the employment agreement of the City Manager; to dismiss the City Manager for a lack of confidence; or to dismiss the City Manager for incompetency, corruption, misconduct, or malfeasance in office after providing an opportunity to be heard.

The council reconvened into open session at 8:10 p.m.

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to offer to extend the employment agreement to March 31st with the Mayor's and attorney's advice. There was no second. The motion died.

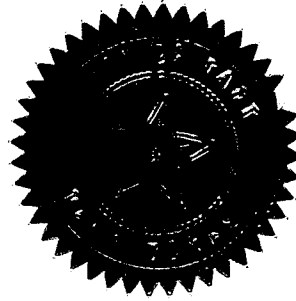
Councilman Rodriguez made a motion that the City of Taft remove Denise Hitt from office city manager for a lack of confidence in her ability to perform the duties of the office providing a respective date of December 1, 2019. Councilman Hernandez made an amendment to the motion to change the date to January 1, 2020. Councilman Rodriguez accepted the amendment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vara.

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

#6. Adjournment.

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

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



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Pedro Lopez

Mayor

ATTEST:

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Pineda", written over a horizontal line.

Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary