

## MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2019, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 501 Green Ave, at the City Hall, 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, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, and Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary.

**#1.** There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.**

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

**#3. Visitors.**

Mr. Lupe Garcia read a letter out loud from the Taft Community Association indicating that he would be putting in an open records request.

**#4. Consider, discuss and take action on water bill for Mr. Jesus Trevino at 738 McIntyre.**

There was no action on Item #4.

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

There was no action on Item #5 and will be placed on the next agenda.

**#6. Consider, discuss and take action to approve an agreement with the Taft Volunteer Fire Department.**

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve an agreement with the Taft Volunteer Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Riojas

Nays: None

Absent, Mayor, Hernandez

The motion carried.

**#7. Consider, discuss and take action to approve paying the Taft Volunteer Fire Department volunteers for each call attended.**

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve paying the Taft Volunteer Fire Department volunteers \$6.00 for each call attended. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Riojas

Nays: None

Absent, Mayor, Hernandez

The motion carried.

**#8. Consider, discuss and act to approve Ordinance No. 1046, 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 Rodriguez made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1046. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

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

**#9. Consider, discuss and take action to approve an emergency purchase for a booster pump due to the lack of water pressure to the customers on the line and a possible health and safety issue.**

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve emergency purchase for a booster pump. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

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

**#10. Consider, discuss and take action to approve an ordinance imposing a lien against property for delinquent bills for municipal utility service and authorizing city officials to file necessary documents to perfect the lien**

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to ordinance imposing a lien against property for delinquent bills Ordinance No 1047. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

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

**#11. Consider, discuss and act to have the city attorney present or on Skype at meetings. (Councilman Vasquez)**

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve to have the city attorney on Skype at meetings. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

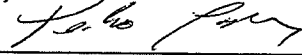
The following votes were polled:  
Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Riojas  
Nays: None  
Absent, Mayor, Hernandez  
The motion carried.

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

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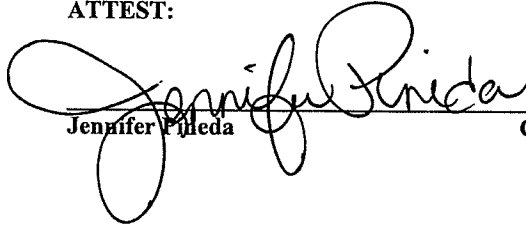


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary