

## MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

On the 9th day of April 2024, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened for a regular meeting at 230 Green Avenue, Taft, Texas, Taft City Hall at 6:30 P.M.

### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

There being a quorum, Mayor Pro-Tem Keeney called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

### 2. CALL ROLL AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM IS PRESENT

Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Garza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Pro-tem Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Vasquez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> present	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

Others Present: Andrea Gomez, Kandi Hubert, others present listed on sign in sheet

### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilman Garza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 4. PRAYER

Rev. Steve Boettcher led the prayer.

### 5. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were none.

### 6. CONSENT AGENDA

#### A. CITY SECRETARY REPORT

Approval of Minutes for 3/26/2024 Regular council meeting.

Approval of Minutes for 3/27/2024 Special council meeting.

Councilman Keeney motioned to approve minutes for 03/26/2024 and 03/27/2024, the motion was seconded.

The following Votes were polled:

Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Garza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Pro-tem Keeney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Mayor Vasquez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

**The motion carried.**

#### B. PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Public Works Director David Furzer was not available to deliver the report.

#### C. CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Jerry Martin (Code Enforcement Officer) appeared in person to give a detailed report to the Council. Items included in the report were "Operation Curb Appeal", Pot Hole Corrections, and discussion of alleyways.

D. ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT

Desiree Ortiz (Animal Control Officer) appeared in person to give a detailed report to the Council. Items included in this report-included information of wildlife siting, kennel repairs and alleyway clearance.

E. EDC FINANCIAL REPORT

David Smith discussed the difference between the Type A and Type B EDC's, and presented information regarding the Downtown Revitalization Program.

F. TQIC FINANCIAL REPORT

Robbin McCarty discussed financial information regarding the Taft Quality Improvement Corporation.

G. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Kandi Hubert informed the Council that an EDC consultant will host a training for both Type A and Type B EDC's in May. Ms. Hubert also stated that maps that show the water and sewer lines and shut off valves are now available.

**7. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION TO PURCHASE THE "PERMITTING" SOFTWARE THROUGH TYLER TECHNOLOGIES.**

Ryan Smith informed the Council with this software it allows the staff to electronically track all transactions and permits through Incode.

Councilman Keeney motioned to table this item to a later date, the motion was seconded.

The following Votes were polled:

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Mayor Vasquez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

**The motion carried. Item is tabled.**

**8. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION TO PURCHASE THE "PURCHASE ORDER" SOFTWARE THROUGH TYLER TECHNOLOGIES.**

Ryan Smith informed the Council with this software it allows the staff to electronically track all transactions and purchase orders through Incode.

Councilman Keeney motioned to table this item to a later date, the motion was seconded.

The following Votes were polled:

Councilman Molina	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent
Councilman Garza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> for	<input type="checkbox"/> against	<input type="checkbox"/> abstain	<input type="checkbox"/> absent

Mayor Pro-tem Keeney             for    against    abstain    absent

Mayor Vasquez                     for    against    abstain    absent

**The motion carried. Item is tabled.**

**9. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF THREE (3) TQIC BOARD MEMBERS; GLEN SEARCY, JERRY PERKINS, MANUEL ESPINOZA.**

Councilman Garza motioned to accept the resignation of the TQIC board members; Glen Searcy, Jerry Perkins and Manuel Espinoza, the motion was seconded.

The following Votes were polled:

Councilman Molina                 for    against    abstain    absent

Councilman Garza                  for    against    abstain    absent

Mayor Pro-tem Keeney             for    against    abstain    absent

Mayor Vasquez                     for    against    abstain    absent

**The motion carried.**

**10. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION ON TQIC TURNING OVER THE TYPE A EDC CHECKBOOK, FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND RECORDS TO THE CITY OF TAFT.**

Kandi Hubert stated that due to an upcoming audit and future audits it would be beneficial for the checkbook to be kept in the treasurer's office of City Hall.

Councilman Keeney motioned to approve item number 10, the motion was seconded.

The following Votes were polled:

Councilman Molina                 for    against    abstain    absent

Councilman Garza                  for    against    abstain    absent

Mayor Pro-tem Keeney             for    against    abstain    absent

Mayor Vasquez                     for    against    abstain    absent

**The motion carried.**

**11. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION TO APPROVE A \$50,000 EXPENDITURE BY THE (EDC) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR THE REQUIRED MATCH REGARDING THE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION GRANT.**

David Smith stated that the Resolution before the Council is in reference to the Grant for the Downtown Revitalization Area that was previously approved on March 27, 2024. The EDC would like to assist in obtaining this grant by providing the \$50,000 stipulation needed.

Councilman Garza motioned to approve the \$50,000 expenditure by the EDC, the motion was seconded.

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Councilman Garza                  for    against    abstain    absent

Mayor Pro-tem Keeney             for    against    abstain    absent

Mayor Vasquez                     for    against    abstain    absent

**The motion carried.**

**12. DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND NECESSARY ACTION TO CREATE A MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING (M.O.U) WITH SAN PATRICIO COUNTY FOR 911 ADDRESSING.**

Kandi Hubert stated this M.O.U was in effect in the past. Passing the M.O.U with the county will ensure the County will be able to continue to assist with the 911 addressing.

Councilman Keeney motion to approve the Memo of Understanding with San Patricio County for 911 addressing, the motion was seconded.

The following Votes were polled:

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- Councilman Garza             for    against    abstain    absent
- Mayor Pro-tem Keeney         for    against    abstain    absent
- Mayor Vasquez                 for    against    abstain    absent

**The motion carried.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**13. CLOSED SESSION:** City Council will meet in closed session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:

- *Section 551.074 (a)(1)(2) (Personnel Matters):*
  - i. Personnel Matters
    - Review of appointed Department Heads

Councilman Keeney motioned to move into executive session, the motion was seconded.

The following Votes were polled:

- Councilman Molina             for    against    abstain    absent
- Councilman Garza             for    against    abstain    absent
- Mayor Pro-tem Keeney         for    against    abstain    absent
- Mayor Vasquez                 for    against    abstain    absent

**The motion carried.**

**The Council moved into Executive Session at 8:05 pm.**

**22. OPEN SESSION:** City Council will reconvene in open session at which time action on the matter(s) discussed in Closed Session may be considered.

**The Council Reconvened Session at 8: 46 pm.**

- *Section 551.074 (a)(1)(2) (Personnel Matters):*
  - Review of appointed Department Heads

**No action taken.**

**15. COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMENTS: COMMENTS MAYBE MADE BY STAFF OR COUNCIL BUT NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN**

Councilman Garza inquired on the progress of the repairs and clean up of a park. Ryan updated Councilman Garza with the work that has been completed and that still needs to be done.

Councilman Molina stated the first responders did an awesome job responding to a fire that took place on Tutt Ave.

**16. ITEMS TO CONSIDER FOR PLACEMENT ON FUTURE AGENDAS**

Councilman Keeney – Recycling Center, would like to see how much it would cost for materials to dump and smooth the roadway to the area.

**17. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST AND/OR UPCOMING EVENTS**

Councilman Molina reminded the public and council of the Library event being held at 11am at Northshore in Portland.

Councilman Keeney invited the public to the Budget Workshop being held 04/10/2024.

**18. ADJOURN – TIME 8:56 P.M.**

Councilman Keeney motioned to Adjourn, the motion was seconded.

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**The motion carried.**

Passed and Approved this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2024.

CITY OF TAFT

  
 Leonard Vasquez, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
 Andrea Gomez, City Secretary