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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF TAFT CITY COUNCIL
TAFT CITY HALL, 230 GREEN AVE., TAFT, TEXAS
NOVEMBER 19, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFY A QUORUM

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND TEXAS PLEDGE

4. INVOCATION

5. SPECIAL CONSIDERATION ITEMS

- a. Consider and act on ordinance canvassing the returns and declare the results of the General Election held on November 5, 2024 for the purpose of electing an Alderman Ward 1 and Alderman Ward 2.
- b. Conduct swearing in of newly-elected Council Members.
- c. Consider and act on selection of President Pro Tempore (Mayor Pro Tem) for the ensuing year

6. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND COUNCIL & STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

This item will also include any announcements of community interest and/or upcoming events.

- a. Frontier Waste Solutions Quarterly Update- Zach Simmons
- b. Changes to City Council Agenda format- City Attorney, Thomas Gwosdz
- c. Presentation on Called Meetings- City Attorney, Thomas Gwosdz
- d. City Staff Announcements
- e. City Council Announcements

7. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

At this time, the public is invited to address the City Council and speak on any matter not specifically listed for public hearing elsewhere in this agenda. Please note that the City Council members may not respond to comments or deliberate on topics if they are not included on this agenda. To address the Council, please sign the Opinion/Speaker Registration Form located on the table at the entrance of the meeting room and deliver to the City Secretary before the meeting begins. Should there be more than five (5) people who wish to speak on a particular issue it is requested that they select one (1) representative to speak for them. Citizens are to refrain from any personal attacks on the council or any member of the staff. Failure to abide by these policies could result in a charge of disorderly conduct.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

No discussion is anticipated on any of the items in this section because they are routine business, were included in the budget adoption process, or have been previously discussed as a staff report or discussion item. These items will be considered collectively by a single vote, unless a council member requests an item be removed from the consent agenda.

- a. Approval of September 30, 2024 Special Meeting minutes, and October 15, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes.

9. STAFF REPORTS AND OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

Items in this section are not expected to require action by City council and are generally for information only. However, all items in this section may become action items on request of any Council Member, and City Council may take action on any item listed in this section without further notice.

- a. City's Social Media Policy
- b. Planning & Zoning Board
- c. Alvarado Senior Center
- d. Creating a Building and Standards Commission.
- e. Monthly Finance Report
- f. Bank Contract Renewal
- g. Certificate of Deposit
- h. Financial Forensic Audit for all City Departments
- i. Update on applications for the Finance Director position
- j. Newly-Purchased Police Vehicles

10. ACTION ITEMS

City council will discuss, consider, and take any action deemed necessary on items listed in this section, including the adoption of a minute order, a resolution or an ordinance.

- a. Authorize access to Positive Pay to City Secretary, Jessica Gonzalez.
- b. Resolution to authorize the submittal of a 2025/2026 TX CDBG application to the Texas Department of Agriculture and committing matching funds.
- c. Resolution appointing the City Secretary to fulfill the duties of the City Manager in the absence or unavailability of the City Manager and declaring an effective date.
- d. Resolution to adopt and implement Covered Applications and Prohibited Technology Policy and declaring an effective date.
- e. Ratify the rental agreement with Roland Meza through October 30, 2024 and authorize payment on unpaid bills from rental.
- f. Authorize the purchase of supplies for the Time Capsule Project.
- g. Authorize the reimbursement of the General Fund from Street Maintenance activities.
- h. Authorize payment of \$6,000 to Talon Investigations
- i. Authorize the City of Taft Fire Department to transfer the antique fire truck to the Blackland Museum
- j. Authorize the City to waive the fees for park rental and vendors permits in relation to the annual Taft Chamber of Commerce Christmas Festival, on Saturday, December 7th, 2024.
- k. Authorize the temporary street closure of Green Ave., from College St. to Kirkpatrick St., from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. as well as the streets surrounding the Taft City Park, from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. in relation to the annual Taft Chamber of Commerce Christmas Festival, on Saturday, December 7th, 2024.
- l. Appoint Jerry Perkins and Sylvia Marquez to the Taft Parks Committee.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

All items listed in this section will be deliberated in a closed session. Members of the public are not generally permitted to attend a closed session. Executive session items may be considered as an action item at the discretion of the Mayor: however, City Council will not take any action in closed session

- a. Section 551.074, Personnel Matters 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:

- i. Mayor Leonard Vasquez
 - ii. City Manager
- b. Section 551.071, Consultation with attorney on a matter involving pending or contemplated litigation or other 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 Texas Open Meetings Act.
 - i. To discuss potential amendments to Human Resources records

12. ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Council will reconvene in open session and may take action on any item listed in the Executive Session action of this agenda.

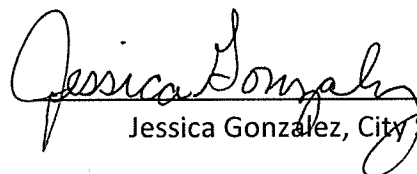
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13. ADJOURNMENT

Certification

I, Jessica Gonzalez, certify that the above notice of this Regular Meeting of the City Council was posted on the City Hall bulletin board, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and to the City’s website, www.tafttx.gov, in compliance with Chapter 551, Texas Government.

Posted on:
 Date: 11/15/24
 Time: 3:15 pm



 Jessica Gonzalez, City Secretary

The City Council of the City of Taft reserves the right to convene in Executive Session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code: Section 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney), Section 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters), Section 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), or Section 551.087 (Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations) on any of the above items.

Special Accommodations

This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary’s office at (361) 528-3512 or FAX (361) 528-3515 or email jgonzalez@tafttx.gov for further information. Braille is not available.