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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF TAFT CITY COUNCIL
KIVA HUT, 402 PARK STREET, TAFT, TEXAS
MAY 20, 2025 – 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. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND COUNCIL AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- a. Insituform Technologies presentation
- b. City Council Announcements
- c. City Staff Announcements

6. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

The public is invited to address the City Council on any matter of City business. Please note that all comments should be made at this time. Unless an agenda item is listed as a "public hearing," comments will not be taken elsewhere. Also, Council members cannot respond to comments if the topic is not on this agenda. Each speaker will be allowed three minutes. If you wish to speak, please sign up with the City Secretary before the meeting begins. 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.

7. 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. Monthly Department Reports (Provided in Written Form)
 - i. Library
 - ii. Public Works
 - iii. Municipal Court
 - iv. Animal Control
 - v. Code Enforcement
 - vi. Police Department
 - vii. Finance
- b. Community Time Capsule (Claudia Castillo)
- c. City Hall Building Issues (Mayor Pro Tem Castillo)
- d. Update on TX GLO grant (Mayor Pro Tem Castillo)
- e. Community Town Hall (Mayor Pro Tem Castillo)
- f. Update on TCEQ visit (Mayor Pro Tem Castillo)
- g. Water Loss and Usage Report (Mayor Pro Tem Castillo)
- h. City of Taft Bulk and Brush Schedule (Mayor Pro Tem Castillo)
- i. Council Members attending meetings remotely (Councilman Keeney)

8. 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. Approve Ordinance 2025-1308 amending the Code of Ordinances to prohibit the issuance of city permits for properties subject to outstanding city liens.

- b. Approve Ordinance 2025-1309 establishing procedures for Councilmember-initiated agenda items, including a requirement that all items requested by a councilmember be supported by at least two (2) councilmembers and authorizing the city manager to place items on the agenda
- c. Approve Ordinance 2025-1310 amending Chapter 54 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Taft, Texas, to establish unit-based water utility billing; providing definitions, clarifying application of base rates and authorizing account verification procedures
- d. Approve the License Agreement with Taft Little League to enter upon and use all ball fields and related facilities at the Little League Complex located at the Taft Recreational Park
- e. Approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with San Patricio County for reconditioning and maintenance of street base work within the City of Taft.
- f. Authorize the City Manager to open two bank accounts with Prosperity Bank for Contingency fund and Grants fund
- g. Award a bid to Brooke Paving & Construction LLC for water valve & manhole adjustments and paving a portion of Packing House Road.
- h. Award grant administration services for the Economic Development Administration for the Fiscal Years (FY) 2023 and 2024 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (PWEAA) program application and authorize the Mayor to execute the contract.
- i. Award professional engineering services for the Economic Development Administration for the Fiscal Years (FY) 2023 and 2024 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance (PWEAA) program application and authorize the Mayor to Execute the Contract.
- j. Approve the Amended Drought Contingency Plan for the City of Taft.
- k. Accept the resignation of TQIC Secretary Brooke Banda.
- l. Authorize the closure of City Hall from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm on Thursday May 22, 2025 for city staff training with Bureau Veritas
- m. Authorize the closure of City Hall from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm on Wednesday May 28, 2025 for Incode software update

9. 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 551.071, Consultation with attorney on 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 clearly conflicts with the Open Meetings Act, including:
 - i. Marcus E. Adams v. City of Taft et al. CA No. S-25-5246CV-C in the 343rd District Court, San Patricio County.
- b. 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, including but not limited to:
 - i. City Manager Ryan Smith
 - ii. City Attorney Thomas Gwosdz

10. 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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11. 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: May 17th

Time: 12:00pm


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.

A quorum of the city council will be present at 230 Green Ave., Taft, Texas ("City Council Chambers"), and the city intends to have a quorum present at that location. The Presiding officer of the meeting will be present at City Council chambers, and that location will be open to the public. Other city council members may participate in this meeting by video conference, so long as their face is visible, and their voice audible to members of the public in attendance at City Council Chambers while that member is speaking.

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.