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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF TAFT CITY COUNCIL
TAFT CITY HALL, 230 GREEN AVE., TAFT, TEXAS
JULY 15, 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. City Council Announcements
- b. City Staff Announcements

6. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- 7.** *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.*

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 3, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, December 11, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, February 18, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, April 15, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, and May 20, 2025 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. 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. City of Taft Financial Condition (Council Member Molina)
 - i. Bonded Debt
 - ii. Past Due Accounts
 - iii. Recurring Payments
 - iv. Revenue and Expenditures
- c. Date in August for a Farmer's Market (City Manager Ryan Smith)

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. Approve the position of Code & Animal Control Officer and an effective date (City Manager Ryan Smith)
- b. Approve the removal of Taft Quality Improvement Corporation President Manuel Espinoza from the TQIC board (Mayor Pro Tem Castillo)

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 551.087, Discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the City has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the City and with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations.
- b. 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 of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act
- c. 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. Police Chief
 - ii. Finance Director

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

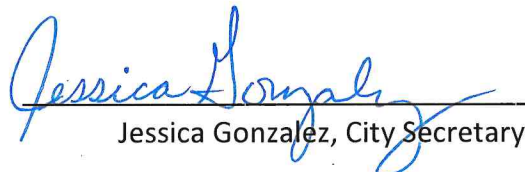
I, Jessica Gonzalez, certify that the above notice of this Regular Meeting of the City Council was posted on the City Hall bulletin board, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and to the City's website, www.tafttx.gov, in compliance with Chapter 551, Texas Government.

Posted on:

Date:

Time:

July 11, 2025
3:36 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.

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.