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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF TAFT CITY COUNCIL
TAFT CITY HALL, 230 GREEN AVE., TAFT, TEXAS
SEPTEMBER 16, 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

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. PUBLIC HEARING

- a. **City of Taft Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026**
- b. **City of Taft Proposed Property Tax Rate of \$0.898434 per \$100 valuation for the 2025 Tax year Consisting of \$0.490157 for Maintenance and Operating (M&O) and \$0.408277 for Interest and Sinking (I&S).**

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 an ordinance making appropriations for the support of the City of Taft, Texas for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2025 and Ending September 30, 2026; Adopting the Annual Budget of the City of Taft, Texas for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year; Funding Municipal Purposes; Authorizing Expenditures; Providing for a Repealing Clause; a Severability Clause; and Providing for an Effective Date. (City Manager Smith)
- b. Ratify the property tax increase reflected in the budget as required by section 102.007 of the Texas Local Government Code.
- c. Approve an ordinance Levying Property Taxes for the use and support of the Municipal Government of the City of Taft, Texas for the 2025-2026 Fiscal year; Providing for a repealing clause; severability clause; and providing an effective date.
- d. Establish a date and time for the Annual Halloween on Green event and approve road closure for the same from Kirkpatrick St to Hoover St.
- e. Approve road closure for National Night Out event October 7th Green Ave from Park st to Hoover st.
- f. Approve of the FY 2025-2026 Holiday Schedule
- g. Approve ordinance amending chapter 2, article I, section 2-4 of the code of ordinances to conform agenda-posting requirements to Texas government code § 551.043 (open meetings act) as amended; updating agenda preparation deadlines; providing for conflicts, severability, and an effective date

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 of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

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: September 10, 2025

Time: 5:45 p.m.

Jessica Gonzalez

Jessica Gonzalez, Interim 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.