



## MINUTES

### City of Taft City Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 6:30 pm

Taft City Hall

230 Green Ave, Taft, TX 78390

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Elida Castillo called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

#### 2. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFY A QUORUM

A roll call was called by City Secretary Jessica Gonzalez, and a quorum was established. Council Members present were Mayor Pro Tem Castillo, and Aldermen Alonzo Molina, Isaiah Garza, and Chris Keeney. Mayor Leonard Vasquez was absent.

City Manager Ryan Smith was present. City Attorney Thomas Gwosdz joined via videoconference.

#### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND TEXAS PLEDGE

The Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge was led by the City Council.

#### 4. INVOCATION

Rev. Steve Boettcher gave the invocation.

#### 5. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND COUNCIL AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Water Infrastructure Assessment Presentation, Parker ISG  
Representatives from Parker ISG presented findings and recommendations from their infrastructure assessment. The presentation covered existing conditions, identified deficiencies, and outlined next steps for prioritization and funding of system improvements. Discussion included aging system and the potential for future grant opportunities through the Texas Water Development Board and loans.
- b. Emergency Management Town Hall Meeting- Maxine Bowen, Emergency Management Liaison  
Ms. Bowen discussed upcoming town hall activities and a presentation by the regional emergency management coordinator.
- c. City Council Announcements  
Discussion of a town hall on Hurricane and Water and other important items.
- d. City Staff Announcements  
Announce the Easter Egg Hunt.

#### 6. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Mr. Searcy discussed issues in his neighborhood and the police department.

#### 7. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes from September 3, 2024 Regular Meeting and December 11, 2024 Special Meeting

#### 8. STAFF REPORTS AND OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Monthly Department Reports

#### 9. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Authorize the City Manager to select an Interim Police Chief  
Request by Alderman Keeney to remove this item to executive session and seconded by Alderman Garza.

A vote was called and the following votes were tabulated. Alderman Molina, Garza, and Keeney voted aye and Mayor Pro Tem Castillo voted No.

Item was moved to Executive Session. Council entered executive session at 7:29pm.


Council returned to open session at 7:48pm. Alderman Keeney motioned to allow the city manager to select John Galvan as the interim police chief. Motion was seconded by Alderman Garza.


A vote was taken and all members present were in favor.

- b. Approve Ordinance 2025-1307 amending Chapter 10 of the City of Taft Code of Ordinances to repeal Article II (Substandard Buildings), Article VI (Minimum Housing Standards for Structures Intended for Human Occupancy), and Sections 10-335 through 10-343 of Article VII (Property Maintenance Code); and to add a new section regulating non-permanent hurricane fixtures. City Manager Smith explained the item to the council. Alderman Keeney motioned and Alderman Molina seconded the motion. All in favor.
- c. Approve Resolution 2025-1305 declaring unified commitment to the Development of Regional Water Supplies  
Mayor Pro Tem Castillo stated that this would be tabled.
- d. Award project for Generator Improvements to ABLE Petroleum Landman Services in the total base bid plus additive alternatives #1-3 in the amount of \$307,000.00  
Hector Castaneda with Ardurra discussed the bidding process and the results. Motioned by Alderman Garza and Seconded by Alderman Keeney. All in favor.

#### 10. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Garza Motioned for adjournment and the motion was seconded by Alderman Keeney with all members voting in favor.

  
Elida Castillo (Oct 24, 2025 14:48:39 CDT)  
Elida Castillo  
Mayor Pro Tem

  
Ryan Smith (Oct 21, 2025 08:41:06 CDT)  
Ryan Smith  
City Manager

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