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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF TAFT CITY COUNCIL
TAFT CITY HALL, 230 GREEN AVE., TAFT, TEXAS
Tuesday, December 2, 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.

- 5.1.** Swearing-In and Oath of Office for Incoming Chief of Police Kirk Massey
- 5.2.** Presentation by TDEM Representative Josh Ramirez

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. 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.

8. 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.

- 8.1.** Review the City Manager's role and responsibilities
- 8.2.** Review the City's Personnel Policies to determine possible revisions
 - 8.2.1.** City Approved Holidays
- 8.3.** Evaluate all City-related boards, commissions, and organizational appointments, including membership. TQIC, TEDC, BSC, P&Z
- 8.4.** Discuss the City's recent disaster response efforts and next procedural steps should state-level assistance or resources become available.
- 8.5.** Review the City's insurance coverages and the status of pending claims
- 8.6.** Discuss establishing a Council-approved process regarding communication with legal counsel, including the requirement for Council approval for new legal engagements or advisory requests.
- 8.7.** Discuss stopping demolition activities for substandard structures.

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

At this time, the Mayor will invite members of the public to address each item listed in this section. Please limit your comments to the topic of that public hearing. If more than one public hearing is being held, you will be allowed to speak during each topic.

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.

- 10.1.** Discuss, Consider, and Act on Ordinance No. 2025-1319 Calling a Special Election to be held on May 2nd, 2026, to reauthorize the Street Maintenance Sales Tax and to fill the unexpired term for the Ward 1 seat.
- 10.2.** Discuss, Consider, and Act on Moving the City of Taft's General Municipal Election Date from November Back to the May Uniform Election Date
- 10.3.** Discuss, Consider, and Act on Resolution No. 2025-1311 Reauthorizing the Levy and Collection of Interest and Sinking Fund (I&S) Taxes on the Deannexed Area of Taft to Satisfy the Outstanding 2010 Certificates of Obligation
- 10.4.** Discuss, Consider and Act on proposal for prosecutorial services for municipal court.

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

- 11.1.** *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. Including but not limited to John Landreth v. City of Taft, Cause No. S-24-5444CV-C, in the 343rd Judicial District, San Patricio County.*
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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

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 Secretary@tafttx.gov for further information. Braille is not available.