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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF TAFT CITY COUNCIL
TAFT CITY HALL, 230 GREEN AVE., TAFT, TEXAS
March 10, 2026 – 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. Presentation from RV park owners regarding Texas Senate Bill 1268.

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.

- a. City Manager Updates
- b. Update from EDC
- c. Update from Chamber of Commerce
- d. Update on status of City grants
- e. Financial Report
- f. Departmental Updates
- g. Discuss TQIC's meetings, current member status and financial status
- h. Discussion Only:
 - i. Street lights on Toland
 - ii. Street light needed at 631 Murray
 - iii. Water issue concerns and plan of action
 - iv. Identifying street signs that are not legible and costs of replacing them
 - v. Current status of stored water meters and the number that can be installed on a weekly basis

9. 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.

- 9.1.** Discuss, Consider, and possible Action approving the proposed sale and conveyance of approximately 1.277 acres out of a 103.98 acre tract owned by the City of Taft Economic Development Corporation to San Patricio County for consideration in the amount of \$14,875.38, in connection with the Channel Outfall Drainage Improvements Project funded through the Texas General Land Office Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (GLO CDBG-MIT) Program.

- 9.2. Discuss, Consider and possible Action to approve Resolution 26-009 authorizing the official name change of a portion of South Field Avenue (S. Field Ave.) to "Field Avenue", providing for address range adjustment to reflect numbers below 100, directing notification to San Patricio County, the United States Postal Service, 9-1-1 Emergency Services, and other affected entities, providing for implementation, and providing an effective date.
- 9.3. Discuss, Consider and possible Action to approve the renewal IT maintenance agreement, with effective date of April 1, 2026, and ending on March 31st, 2027.
- 9.4. Discuss, Consider and possible Action authorizing the purchase of an animal control/code enforcement vehicle that includes slide in unit for animal control purposes at costs of \$36,200.00.
- 9.5. Discuss, Consider and possible Action retaining the services of an auditor to prepare the 2024-2025 city audits.
- 9.6. Discuss, Consider and possible Action to appoint an Interim City Secretary for the City of Taft, Texas; establish compensation and terms of service; and authorize the Mayor to execute an interim appointment agreement.
- 9.7. Discuss, Consider and possible Action regarding the hiring and appointment of a City Manager for the City of Taft, including approval of an employment agreement and authorization for the Mayor to execute all necessary documents.

10. 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. 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.

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 faces are 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 secretary@tafttx.gov for further information. Braille is not available.

Certification

The above notice was posted at the City of Taft City Hall located at 230 Green Avenue, Taft, Texas on March 4, 2026, by 6:30 p.m.