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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF TAFT CITY COUNCIL  
TAFT CITY HALL, 230 GREEN AVE., TAFT, TEXAS  
April 28, 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.*

**1. Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Disaster – Mayor Castillo**

**2. Recognition of Alex Martinez for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the Nations for Powerlifting – Mayor Castillo**

**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 FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 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. *Taylor & Associates Grant Management – Justin Meyer, Project Manager*

b. *City Manager Updates – Wendy Pullin*

c. *Financial Report – Sandra Garcia*

d. *Library Report – Jessi Dixon*

e. *Fire Department Report – Fire Chief Vasquez*

**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 regarding an update on the completion of the Taft Volunteer Fire Department building, including potential approval of final inspections or project close out documents – Councilman Molina*

**9.2.** *Discuss, consider and possible action to authorize Public Works department to begin the installation phase of the 2026 water meter replacement project using previously purchased inventory, and to establish a project timeline for completion – Councilman Molina*

**9.3.** *Discuss, consider and possible action to amend Personnel Policy Manual – Chapter 34 (Substance abuse and drug testing) Item E -1(a) regarding reapplying for employment from 12 months after the date of the test to 30 days. – Councilwoman Cruz-Molina*

**9.4.** *Discuss, consider and possible action on the purchase of a box truck for the Public Works Department – Mayor, Castillo*

- 9.5 Discuss, consider and action on extending the Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Disaster for another 30 days – Mayor Castillo
- 9.6 Discuss, consider and action on amending the Drought Contingency Plan and the enforcement of fines – Mayor Castillo
- 9.7 Discuss, consider and action on alternative water supply projects and emergency funding – Mayor Castillo
- 9.8 Discuss, consider and action on the creation of a community garden space and placement of a small Storage shed on city property to be led by Mr. Glen Searcy – Mayor Castillo
- 9.9 Discuss the current ordinance for permits to contractors regarding to water meter tampering – Councilwoman Cruz-Molina

**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](mailto: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 April 22, 2026, by 5:00 p.m.