



MINUTES

City of Taft City Council Special Meeting

Monday, March 10, 2026, at 6:30 pm

Taft City Hall

230 Green Ave, Taft, TX 78390

1. Call order at 6:43
2. Roll call was done and all Council Members were present except Councilwoman Cruz was absent. A certified quorum is present.
3. Pledge of allegiance and Texas pledge was done.
4. Invocation was done by Pastor Steve
5. Proclamations, presentations and council and staff announcements

- a. **City Council Announcements**

Councilwoman Lopez welcomed new City Manager Pullin

Mayor Castillo would like to do a formal meeting and greet for the City Manager Pullin, and she was approached by the Outreach Community Foundation for an opportunity to improve our outdoor spaces, improving our outdoor spaces with some funding available. This will be discussed at a later meeting and on Facebook.

- b. **City Staff Announcements**

City Manager Pullin introduced herself and talked about her plan

6. **Citizen communication**

Andrew Kane from Gregory RV Park came to discuss City Ordinance 1310 which does not follow Senate Bill 1268. He explained that the RV Offices were getting charge per site, even when the site was empty without a tenant. Senate Bill 1268 prohibits City Municipalities from charging per site; they must be charged as one master meter. Texas RV owner discussed having the same issue.

City Attorney Yssassi will meet with him on March 11, 2026 to discuss with Mr. Kane and research this issue. Requesting that this issue be put on the next council meeting agenda.

County Commissioner Zagorski asked to be put on the next city council meeting to discuss having an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between City of Taft and San Patricio County. Where work will be done on Taft city streets, where Taft will supply materials and San Patricio County will provide manpower and machines.

7. **Consent Agenda** – none

8. **Staff reports and other discussion items**

- a. **City Manager-** reported that payroll taxes were paid. Councilman Molina asked about the new meters being installed, City Manager stated that Joshua was going to give her a tour of what has been done. However, he needs an additional employee to help finish the project.
- b. **EDC- Councilman** Molina read a report from EDC President Shaun Cass discussing what the EDC is allowed to do and what they own. He discussed upcoming plans to beautify the city.
- c. **Chamber of Commerce- Beverly Hildebreath** discussed the Easter Festival coming up April 4th from 12 til 5, with Market Days. She discussed getting the Visitor Center at the old library ready by using grants. They are requesting the city repair the outside and the Chamber will repurpose the inside. Reporting that the boll weevil festival is being discussed to bring back as a event.

- d. **Grants – Mayor Castillo** discussed the grants that are being applied for. The sidewalk grant along 181 was not approved. The Downtown Revitalization Project is being processed, and the wastewater project is being looked at, along with several others.
- e. **Financial Report-** will be done at the next meeting.
- f. **Department Updates - City Manager** wants to investigate charging businesses for containers. **Police Chief Massey** went over the monthly reports and introduced Brooke, our new Animal Control/Code Enforcement Officer.
- g. **TQIC** – no personal at the meeting.
- h. **Discussion only –**
 1. Toland Road St lights- AEP will be contacted to replace the lights. Get them the pole number.
 2. 631 Murray – has a very dark area. The City Manager will give a work order to Josh to check out, Contact AEP and check with the Apartment Complex to check their lighting.
 3. Water issues- The Council needs to investigate by doing a plan of action on the water issues. The Aransas Pass Chamber of Commerce are doing a town hall meeting on the water issue concerning San Patricio County if anyone would like to attend.
 4. Identify street signs that need to be replaced and research the cost. City Manager is going to check for funds to replace damaged signs. 5. Status on water meters- City Manager has met with Josh and learned that he is in need for additional staff to help with the meter installation.

9. Action items

- 9.1. Council approved the proposed sale 1.277 acres out of a 103.103.98-acre of land owned by City of Taft Economic Development to the San Patricio County for the consideration of \$14,875.38 in connection with the Channel Outfall Drainage Improvement Project funded thru the Texas General Land Office Block Grant-Mitigation (GLO CDBG-MIT) Program. Councilman Molina made the motion and Councilwoman Moreno seconded it. All Approved- passed.
- 9.2. Discussed action to approve Resolution 26-009 authorizing the official name change of a portion of South Field Road to Field Road. Council tabled the Resolution to the next meeting asking the Owners to get letters from other businesses/residents on the portion of the road, giving permission for the name change. Councilwoman Moreno made the motion and Councilwoman Lopez seconded the motion. Approve by all- passed.
- 9.3. Discussion on the renewal of the IT maintenance agreement with VCS. City Manager stated that they proposed the same yearly amount with the same service. She, however, would like them to add Sharepoint program to her desk for convenience. Councilwoman Lopez made a motion to table the decision until the next meeting with Councilman Molina seconding the motion. Approved by all- passed.
- 9.4. The Council discussed the purchase of a vehicle for the Animal Control/ Code Enforcement Officer. This item will be tabled until the next meeting while gathering additional information.
- 9.5. Discussed retaining the services of an Auditor to prepare the audit for the 2024-2025 city audits. Mayor Castillo made the motion to table the motion until 3 bids are received. Councilwoman Moreno seconded the motion. City Manager will reach out for bids. Approved by all – passed.

9.6. Consider possible action to appoint an Interim City Secretary for the City of Taft. No Action was taking at this time.

9.7. City Manager was already hired at this time.

10. Executive Session - none

Adjournment – 9:21

Elida Castillo
Mayor

City Secretary

Approved on: 4/14/2026