



## MINUTES

City of Taft City Council Special Meeting  
Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 6:30 pm  
Taft City Hall  
230 Green Ave, Taft, TX 78390

1. Call to order was at 6:34
2. The roll was called and all Council members were present and we have certified quorum.
3. Pledge of allegiance and Texas pledge was done.
4. Invocation was given by Pastor Steve
5. Proclamations, presentations and council and staff announcements
  - a. City Council Announcements  
Councilwoman Moreno reminded everyone of the Libraries Bunco April 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Councilman Molina asked for the paperwork be given to the council before the meeting.  
Mayor Castillo would like to have a Town Hall meeting about our water issues.  
National Fitness Day is coming up.
6. Citizen communication -none
7. Consent Agenda -none
8. Staff reports and other discussion items

### **City Manager updates.**

1. Interlocal Agreement with San Patricio County.
2. Little League begins March 28<sup>th</sup>
3. She received 2 bids from Auditors.
4. The IT Company are working well with the staff.
5. The staff have team meetings every Friday morning.
6. The staff are not allowed to give out personal information about citizens' water bills.
7. CM is contacting Texas Municipal League to post the opening for the City Secretary job.
8. Some checks were found around office. The staff deposited them.
9. Public Works has requested additional staff to help with installation of water meters.

**Finance Director-** discussed accounts and broke down the information on the summary sheet. Discussion was made about the audit that needs to be done and reconciling all bank accounts being finished except for the general fund account. Councilman Molina asked about an employee that received a substantial raise. City Manager explained the reason for the increase.

**Chief of Police –** Went over the stats for the month and the traffic study his office did around the school. He discussed the Animal Control/Code Officer needing a vehicle and work that needs to be done at the animal control shelter.

**Grants-** Robert Viera with Ardurra introduced Doug Vinard and he did a presentation on his company using Taft as a trial city on using a chlorine additive (Sodium Hypo Chloride) to our water system for free, that would flush out our system. They would then take the results to San Patricio Municipal Water District. The council tabled making a ruling asking for time to do their research on the product. The Robert Viera discussed several grants that are available to Taft and where they are in the process of applying for them.

**Street Sign/ Water Meters**, the City Manager will be getting bids for street signs and will help organize public works by getting the new water meters installed.

## **9. Action items**

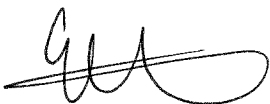
### **9.1**

City Attorney Yssassi discussed the recommendation from Selection Review Committee on the 4 companies that bid on the Block Grant project. Councilman Molina was on that committee, and he discussed the process of scoring those companies. The council agreed to hire Ardurra.

- 9.2** County Commissioner Zagorski discussed the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Taft and San Patricio County. This agreement will have the City of Taft providing the materials while San Patricio County will provide the manpower and equipment. Councilman Molina made the motion with Councilwoman Moreno seconding the motion. Approved by all.
- 9.3** Council discussed repealing ordinance 2025-1310. City Attorney Ysassi explained that Senate bill 1268 made it illegal for any city entity to charge RV parks for individual meters by charging an administration fee. The charge must be for a master meter to RV Park, and the park divides the cost to the individual customers. Council decided to table it until next meeting. The item was tabled by Councilwoman Lopez making the motion and Councilwoman Moreno seconding it. Approval by all with the except to Councilwoman Cruz who had to leave the meeting.
- 9.4** Council approved authorizing City Manager Pullin as a signatory on all city bank accounts, investment accounts, depository accounts and financial instruments and authorizing notice to financial institutions. Councilman Molina made the motion and Councilwoman Lopez seconded. Approval by all with the except to Councilwoman Cruz who had to leave the meeting.
- 9.5** Council approved authorizing City Manager Pullin, Chief of Police Kurt Massey and Public Works Director Joshua Garcia to receive a city credit card. Mayor Castillo made the motion and Councilwoman Moreno seconded. Approval by all with the except to Councilwoman Cruz who had to leave the meeting.
- 9.6** Council reviewed the spending limits put on credit cards. The issue was tabled until they did research on what is normal. Councilwoman Lopez made the motion and Councilwoman Moreno seconded. It was approved by all except for Councilwoman Cruz who had to leave the meeting.
- 9.7** Hiring a City Secretary was discussed, and the item was moved to the Executive Session. The council went into Executive session at 10:09 and returned at 11:04 where they announced that they had hired Janie Martinez as City Secretary. The motion was made by Councilwoman Lopez and seconded by Councilman Molina. It was approved by all except for Councilwoman Cruz who had to leave the meeting.

- 9.8 Council approved waving the fees for the Chamber of Commerce for Easter Festival on April 4, 2026. Councilwoman Lopez made the motion, and Councilman Molina seconded the motion. It was approved by all except for Councilwoman Cruz who had to leave the meeting.
- 9.9 The council discussed collaboration with the Taft Chamber of Commerce to establish fee structures for the monthly Farmers Market. The item was table for further research. Councilwoman Lopez made the motion and Councilwoman Moreno seconded it. It was approved by all except for Councilwoman Cruz who had to leave the meeting.
- 9.10 The creation of a Records/Ordinance Committee was discussed composed of city staff, 2 community members and members of the city council. The committee will be responsible for updating codes and ordinances. Councilwoman Lopez made the motion, and Councilman Molina seconded it. It was approved by all except for Councilwoman Cruz who had to leave the meeting.
- 9.11 Discussion of possible action regarding water rates, payment plans and holiday disconnects was tabled. Councilwoman Moreno made the motion and Councilwoman Lopez seconded it. It was approved by all except for Councilwoman Cruz who had to leave the meeting.
- 9.12 The City Manager will set a date for a Strategic Planning Workshop for the next couple of months. Councilman Molina made the motion and Councilwoman Moreno seconded it. It was approved by all except for Councilwoman Cruz who had to leave the meeting.
- 9.13 Action to approve Resolution 26-009 authorizing the official name change of a portion of South Field Road to Field Road providing the address range adjustment to reflect numbers below a 100, directing San Patricio County, The United States Postal Service, 911 Emergency Service, and other affected entities. Councilwoman Lopez made the motion, and Councilman Molina seconded it. It was approved by all except for Councilwoman Cruz who had to leave the meeting.
- 9.14 Council approved the purchase of a vehicle for the Animal Control/Code Enforcement Officer including the necessary side equipment, not to exceed the amount of \$25,000.00. Councilwoman Lopez made the motion, and Councilman Molina seconded it. It was approved by all except for Councilwoman Cruz who had to leave the meeting.

Adjournment was at 11:04



Elida Castillo  
Mayor



City Secretary

Approved on: 4/14/2026