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AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF TAFT CITY COUNCIL
TAFT CITY HALL, 230 GREEN AVE., TAFT, TEXAS
July 14, 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. Swearing in of Officer Balderas – swearing in will be done by Judge Gonzalez

2. Introduction of Code Enforcement Officer Joseph Hernandez – Chief Massey

3. Introduction of City Manager, Scott Albert - Mayor

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 MONTHLY 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 Police Department Report – Chief Massey

8.2 Public Works Department Report – David Furzer

8.3 Library Report – Jessi Dixon

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 to approve the Special Call Meeting minutes of June 18, 2026, Special Call Meeting minutes of June 22, 2026 and Regular Meeting minutes of June 23, 2026

9.2 Discuss, consider and possible action to allow the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) to spend \$75,000.00 which includes the mural, film production and episode distribution in the 30 minutes PBS episode – President EDC, Shawn Cass

9.3 Discuss, consider and possible action to approve the recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission to grant Miguel and Claudia Ramirez, at 344 Packing House Road a variance of 8 feet on the lot size from the required 60 feet to 52 feet front footage to place a doublewide mobile home of 28 feet wide. The lot size meets all the other required setbacks.

9.4 Discuss, consider and possible action to approve the recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission to grant John Whiting to combine lots 8,9,10, and 11, Block 16, Town of Taft, a zone change from B-2(Business District) to R-1 (1st Residence District)

- 9.5 Discussion for Frontier to address the resent issues on getting the garbage picked up – Councilwoman Lopez
- 9.6 Discuss, consider and possible action to remove Interim City Manager, Wendy Pullin from all city bank accounts, investment accounts, depository accounts and financial instruments and authorizing notice to all financial institutions and adding City Manager, Scott Albert, to all city bank accounts, investment accounts, depository accounts, and financial instruments and authorizing notice to all financial institutions - Mayor
- 9.7 Discuss, consider and possible action to remove the authorization of Interim City Manager, Wendy Pullin and Public Works Director, Jozua Garcia from the credit card - Mayor
- 9.8 Discuss, consider and possible action to approve the set amounts on the credit card (P-Card) for City Manager, Scott Albert, in the amount of \$5,000.00 per month and for Public Work Director, David Furzer, in the amount of \$2,500.00 per month with the excess limit to be determined by the City Council – Mayor
- 9.9 Discuss, consider and possible action to amend the 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 – Mayor Pro-Tem Cruz
- 9.10 Discuss, consider, and possible action regarding the agreement for emergency and non-emergency ambulance and medical services – Councilman 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. ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Council will reconvene in open session and may take action on any item listed in the Executive Session section of this agenda.

12. 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 July 8, 2026, by 5:00 p.m.