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AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF TAFT CITY COUNCIL
TAFT CITY HALL, 230 GREEN AVE., TAFT, TEXAS
July 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.

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 Reports/Updates
- b. City of Taft Projects - Ardurra

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 location and style of the 30 light poles on Green Avenue for the TDA Contract No. 24-0095 – Downtown Revitalization Project – Ardurra
- 9.2 Discuss, consider and possible action to approve the location and cost of early voting to include the City of Taft in the November 3, 2026, elections – Mayor Castillo
- 9.3 Discuss, consider and possible action to approve Ordinance #2026-1402 amending the City of Taft personnel policy manual, amending Chapter 34, Section E-1(a), regarding eligibility to reapply for employment, adding a new provision requiring random drug testing of employees holding safety-sensitive positions
- 9.4 Discuss, consider and possible action to purchase street signs – Councilwoman Moreno
- 9.5 Discussion concerning Bureau Veritas Service Agreement and fees – Mayor Castillo
- 9.6 Discuss, consider and possible action on reinstating the water bills late fees and disconnections – Mayor Castillo
- 9.7 Discussion on city building permit fees - Mayor Castillo
- 9.8 Discuss, consider and possible action to set dates for workshop for budget – Mayor Castillo
- 9.9 Discuss, consider and possible action on a citywide garage sale in August – Mayor Castillo
- 9.10 Discuss, consider and possible action on the usage of the city landfill and brush disposal – Mayor Castillo

- 9.11 Discuss, consider and possible action regarding the purchase of a commercial ice machine for the Public Works Department – City Manager
- 9.12 Discuss, consider and possible action regarding contracting with a third-party accounting and financial service provider – City manager
- 9.13 Discuss, consider and possible action regarding contracting with a third-party payroll service provider – City Manager

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 voices 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 citysecretary@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 22, 2026, by 5:00 p.m.