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AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF TAFT CITY COUNCIL
TAFT CITY HALL, 230 GREEN AVE., TAFT, TEXAS
August 11, 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.

- 8.1 City Manager – Scott Albert*
- 8.2 Police Department – Chief Massey*
- 8.3 Public Works Department – Dave Furner*
- 8.4 Library Report – Jessi Dixon*
- 8.5 Allegiance EMS – Stephanie Newsom*

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 July 22, 2026, and the Regular Meeting minutes of July 28, 2026
- 9.2 Discuss, consider and possible action to award the City of Taft's GLO CDBG-MIT MOD (24-065-121-E963) Water Line Improvements Construction Contract to Tejano Utilities, LLC for a total base bid in the amount of \$1,438,170.00 and execute the contract – Ardurra
- 9.3 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
- 9.4 Discuss, consider and possible action to approve the award of a contract for renovations to the City of Taft Animal Shelter facility – Chief Massey
- 9.5 Discuss, consider and possible action to approve the "Notice of Election" to be held on November 3, 2026, for the City of Tat, Taft, Texas, in San Patricio County

- 9.6 Discuss, consider and possible action to approve Resolution No. 2026-013 ordering an election to be held in the City of Taft on November 3, 2026, for the election of: Alderman Ward 1 and Alderman Ward 2, authorizing an election services contract with San Patricio County Elections Administrator for the conduct of the election
- 9.7 Discuss, consider and possible action to approve Ordinance No. 2026-1401 of the City of Taft, Texas ordering a Special Election on the adopting of a local sales and use tax in the City of Taft, Texas at the rate of one and one-quarter percent (1.25%); making provision for the conduct of the election
- 9.8 Discuss, consider and possible action regarding a status report and municipal traffic safety update from Police Chief Massey concerning the placement, implementation and feedback of street/speed bumps within the city – 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.

10.1 Executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 and Texas Disciplinary rules of professional conduct rule to consult with city attorney concerning legal issues related to:

- 1. Building permits*

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 August 5, 2026, by 5:00 p.m.