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AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF TAFT CITY COUNCIL
TAFT CITY HALL, 230 GREEN AVE., TAFT, TEXAS
August 25, 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 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 thirty light poles on Green Avenue for the TDA Contract No. 24-0095 – Downtown Revitalization Project - Ardurra

9.2 Discuss, consider and possible action to re-appoint Glen Searcy to the Taft Quality Improvement Corporation (TQIC) effective immediately – Councilman Molina

9.3 Discussion on moving council meetings to one per month beginning in October 2026 – Mayor Castillo

9.4 Discuss, consider and possible action on the lighting for Davis Road, Avenue C, and areas around the schools inside city limits – Mayor Castillo

9.5 Discuss, consider and possible action on conducting background checks on all candidates, council members, staff, board members, consultants, and volunteers in accordance with what is allowable under the state law – Mayor Castillo

- 9.6 Discuss, consider and possible action on information on the accident involving the police unit – Mayor Castillo
- 9.7 Discuss, consider and possible action to create a policy that prohibits all departments the use of city vehicles when not being used for city business – Mayor Castillo
- 9.8 Discuss, consider and possible action to have a Swap Meet Event in the month of September – Mayor Castillo
- 9.9 Discuss, consider and possible action regarding a lighting plan for downtown streetlights – City Manager
- 9.10 Discuss, consider and possible action regarding a proposal from Ron Perrin Water Technologies for the cleaning of the City's potable water storage facilities – City Manager
- 9.11 Discuss and consider a resolution declaring a used Quickserv service window to be surplus property and authorizing the donation and transfer of the window to San Patricio County for the use and benefit of the Justice of the Peace, Precinct 8 Office in Taft and authorizing the City Manager to execute documents necessary to effectuate the transfer – City Manager
- 9.12 Discuss and consider a resolution amending the scope of services and fee schedule for Bureau Vertais and authorizing the recovery of one hundred percent (100%) of the actual costs incurred by the city for services provided by Bureau Vertais or other third-party professional service providers and establishing a ten percent (10%) City administrative fee to recover the city's costs associated with administering such services and upholding the City Manager's execution of the necessary documents on August 13, 2026, for the amended scope of services with Bureau Vertais – City Manager
- 9.13 Discuss and consider a resolution accepting a proposed property tax rate and establishing the date, time, and location for a public hearing and the date for consideration and adoption of the property tax rate for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 – City Manager
- 9.14 Discuss and consider a resolution establishing the date, time, and location for a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2026-2027 budget and establishing the date for consideration and adoption of the fiscal year 2026-2027 budget – City Manager
- 9.15 Discuss and consider authorizing the mayor to close the existing police donation account and open a new police donation account at Prosperity Bank – 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.

10.1 Executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, consultation with attorney pending litigation and Section 551.074, personnel matters, and Texas Disciplinary rules of professional conduct rule to consult with city attorney concerning legal issues related to:

1. *Personnel – Police Chief*
2. *Litigation – Liza Aguilar Wood*
McKibben, Martinez & Wood LLP

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.

11.1 Possible action on the executive session items

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 accommodation or interpretive services must be done 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 19, 2026, by 5:30 p.m.