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AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF TAFT CITY COUNCIL
TAFT CITY HALL, 230 GREEN AVE., TAFT, TEXAS
September 22, 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.

- 5.1 Presentation from San Patricio County Election Administration – Mathew Garza
- 5.2 Proclamation for "October Breast Cancer Awareness Month"

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

The Consent Agenda will be considered for approval through a single motion and includes routine items that are typically non-controversial in nature. Any item on the Consent Agenda may be removed for separate discussion at the request of the Mayor, Alderperson, or City Manager.

7.1 Discussion and possible action regarding a resolution declaring two QuickServe service windows surplus property; authorizing their donation and transfer to San Patricio County for the use and benefit of the Precinct 1 Barn (Commissioner William "Ski" Zagorski); and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to effectuate the transfer.

7.2 Discussion and possible action regarding a resolution supporting legislation during the 90th Texas Legislature to ensure fair and equitable representation for San Patricio County on the Port of Corpus Christi Authority Commission and urging the San Patricio County Judge and Commissioners Court to take primary leadership and responsibility for advancing such legislation.

7.3 Discussion and possible action regarding an engagement letter with Armstrong, Vaughan & Associates, P.C., to conduct the City's financial audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and, if required, a Single Audit, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the engagement letter.

7.4 Discussion and possible action regarding a resolution establishing the date and time for the City Council's monthly regular meeting.

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 Projects – Ardurra

9. ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Public Hearing & Action – Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget

Conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of an Ordinance, approving the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027; and providing budgetary appropriations for the various operations of the Town; authorizing the mayor to make adjustments as necessary; establishing an effective date; and taking a record vote. – Scott Albert

9.2 Resolution Ratifying Property Tax Revenue Increase

Consider approving a Resolution ratifying, the property tax revenue increase reflected in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget, as mandated by Texas Local government Code Section 102.007; and take a record vote. – Scott Albert

9.3 Public Hearing & Action – Tax Levy Ordinance

Conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of an Ordinance, levying as valorem taxes for the use and support of the City of Taft municipal government for fiscal year 2026-2027; apportioning the levy for specific purposes; establishing an effective date; and take a record vote. – Scott Albert

9.4 Discussion and possible action regarding a resolution identifying priority City streets and alleys for pothole repairs and other surface treatments to be performed in coordination with San Patricio County Precinct 1. – Scott Albert

9.5 Discussion and possible action regarding electrical repairs at the Scout Hut, Old City Hall, and Kiva Hut, including consideration of related proposals and authorization of the necessary expenditures. – Scott Albert

9.6 Discussion and possible action regarding the expenditure of insurance proceeds for the repair or replacement of the library sign, including consideration of related proposals. – Jessie Dixon

9.7 Discussion and possible action regarding approval of an Interlocal Agreement with the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool for cyber liability and data-breach coverage. – Scott Albert

9.8 Discussion and possible action regarding the City's participation in and preparations for National Night Out, scheduled for October 6, 2026. – Mayor-Pro Tem Mimi Cruz

9.9 Discussion and possible action regarding the installation or repair of fencing at the City's collection station, including consideration of related proposals and authorization of the necessary expenditures. – Mayor Pro-Tem Cruz

9.10 Discussion and possible action regarding obtaining prices from Chief Massey on the speed bumps on the roads surrounding the schools – Mayor Castillo

9.11 Discussion and possible action regarding an emergency medical services agreement with Lonestar Ambulance Service d/b/a Allegiance Mobile Health. – Scott Albert

9.12 Discussion and possible action regarding the preparation, approval, and official public posting of the backlog of City Council meeting minutes.- Councilman Molina

9.13 Discussion and possible action regarding conducting a comprehensive assessment of the City's underground water-distribution infrastructure, prioritizing areas with frequent leaks, and evaluating state and federal grant opportunities to fund waterline replacement projects. — Councilmember Molina

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA

As authorized by Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Texas Government Code, the Regular meeting will be convened into Closed Executive Session under the following exceptions:

10.1 The City Council will convene into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, consultation with the City Attorney to seek and receive confidential legal advice from the City Attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation involving the City, including discussion of the status, legal issues, strategy, potential settlement, and other matters in which the duty of the City Attorney to the city under the Texas Disciplinary rules of Professional Conduct conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

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10.2 Texas Gov't Code Sec. 551.074 Discuss or deliberate Personnel Matters:

(1) Legal Counsel re Director of Public Works

(2) Special Counsel

11. ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Council will reconvene in open session and may consider and take appropriate action, if an, regarding matters discussed in Executive Session concerning the pending litigation.

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 September 16, 2026, by 5:00 p.m.