



MINUTES

City of Taft City Council Special Meeting

Tuesday, August 4, 2026, at 6:00 pm

Taft City Hall

230 Green Ave, Taft, TX 78390

1. Call to order was at 6:00 p.m.
2. The roll was called and all members were present. Mayor Pro-Tem Cruz was via telephone
3. Pledge of allegiance and Texas pledge
4. Action Items:
 - 4.1 Mayor Castillo stated that the reason for this special call meeting was for the council to decide if they wanted to have early voting in the City of Taft or to have voting only on election day, November 3, 2026. The San Patricio County Elections office has given the City of Taft two options to decide from. Option 1 in the amount of \$3,620.83, this amount is for one day only, election day. Option 2 in the amount of \$17,478.33, this amount is for 11 days of early voting. It was stated that the number of voters that actually come out and vote during early voting is very low. It was also stated that the cost for early voting could be saved and used somewhere else where it is much needed. People get busy and others work and they won't make it on election day. The question was asked whether it was possible not to have the full 11 days, perhaps only 5 days. The contract is for the whole 11 days. After some discussion motion was made by Councilman Molina and second by Councilwoman Moreno to approve the one day only, November 3, 2026, election day at the cost of \$3,620.83. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Adjournment:

Motion was made by Councilman Molina and second by Mayor Castillo that this meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment was at 6:34 pm

Elida Castillo

Mayor

City of Taft

ATTEST:

Janie Martinez

Interim City Secretary

City of Taft

Approved on: 9/8/2026