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AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF TAFT CITY COUNCIL
TAFT CITY HALL, 230 GREEN AVE., TAFT, TEXAS
October 13, 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.

7.1 Discussion and possible action to approve the Regular Meeting minutes held on September 8, 2026, Regular Meeting minutes held on September 22, 2026, and Special Call Meeting minutes held on September 29, 2026

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 – Police Chief Massey
- 8.3 Public Works Department Report – Jozua Garcia
- 8.4 Library Report – Jessi Dixon
- 8.5 Allegiance EMS – Stephanie Newsom
- 8.6 Municipal Court Report – Rikki Medina

9. ACTION ITEMS

- 9.1 Discussion and possible action regarding improvements to the Taft Volunteer Fire Department facility.
- 9.2 Discussion and possible action regarding a food preparation facility.
- 9.3 Discussion and possible action regarding improvements to the library facility in relation to the November 2025

hailstorm.

9.3 Discussion and possible action regarding a community event Esperanza de Tejas October 21.

9.4 Discussion and possible action regarding a community Town Hall meeting.

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 Section 551.071, consultation with the City's attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, and/or a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act. Reference Settlement Agreement in Ryan Smith v. Elida Castillo et. AL., No. S-26-5213-CV-C in the 13th District Court of Appeals from 343rd Judicial District, San Patricio County.

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 item: Ryan Smith

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 October 7, 2026, by 5:00 p.m.

Scott L. Allen