MINUTES
City of Taft City Council Special Call Meeting
Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at 6:00 pm
Taft City Hall
230 Green Ave, Taft, Texas 78390

1. Call to order was at 6:00 pm
2. The roll was called and all members were present.
3. Pledge of allegiance and Texas Pledge
4. Action Items:

4.2 City Manager stated that the city has not completed their audit for a few years. In the past few months, he has been working Phil, one of the auditors. The audit is not complete at this time, so he has asked Phil to let the council know when they are expected to have the 2024 audit completed. Phil stated that the 2024 audit has some challenges. The city has hired ZacTax to do some clean up, as much as they can. They do have a draft report, but it still has some issues. The city currently is trying to resolve those issues. They have also started the process on the 2025 audit. Management has committed that they would like to get both audits done as soon as possible. They are working on a 60-day timeline to provide the city with both 2024 and 2025 audits. It's a little bit aggressive but, it is doable. They don't want 2024 to hold up 2025. City Manager stated that Doug has already reconciled all of 2025 and has started on 2026. The issue is finding the data that Phil is wanting to see. He will be spending a lot of time in the next few weeks, locating the information that Phil needs. The question was asked concerning the moving forward to 2025 without having completed 2024, would that not create a problem, and shouldn't 2024 be completed first before moving on to 2025. Phil stated that they must make sure that the total balances for 2024 are in a good place. While the City Manager is gathering the information that they need for 2024, they can be working on 2025. They are further along in stating that the ending balances for 2024 are accurate, then they are in stating that all the activities for 2024 are accurate. After some discussion there was no action taken at this time.

4.1 Daniel Gillespie, President/COO, of Allegiance Mobile Health, stated that the only concern was with the financial penalties for non-performances. Either party may terminate this contract at any time, with or without case, upon 30 days' written notice. He is in agreement with all the changes that the City Manager has made on the revised contract. City Manager stated that the Facility where they are staffed needs a lot of work. Would he be willing to consider a match. Mr. Gillespie stated that he would be willing to do a match on the repairs on the building, as that is what they are doing in Sinton and Mathis at this time. City Manager asked if there was a max dollar amount that he would consider. Mr. Gillespie stated that they would have to first figure out what is needed and see what could be done. It doesn't all have to be done at the same time. They need to do a walk through and make a list of what is needed and then set a priority as to what needs to be done first. After some discussion motion was made by Councilwoman Lopez and second by Councilman Molina to accept the Emergency Medical Services agreement with Lonestar

Ambulance Services d/b/a Allegiance Mobile Health with the revisions and amended parts that were discussed. Motion carried unanimously.
4.3 Patty Martinez, EDC treasurer, stated that she was there to give the mayor, councilmembers and staff a draft report. The EDC meets on the first Monday of every month. She stated that as of 09/29/2026 they have at the Prosperity Bank at total of $386,919.82. They have savings and certificates at Security Service Federal Credit Union in the amount of $142,097.31. That brings the total cash and near cash to a total of $529,017.13. They pay a local person for the landscaping to maintain their properties located at Toland Street and Abazola Street and that cost is $1,100.00 per month, they have the Green Avenue Street Project that they have allocated $50,000.00. They have 104 acres that they have purchased. They have a park committee that has been looking for some grants. The City of Taft entry sign, there are letters that they have been wanting to replace for beautification and the lighting. They are trying to help the Chamber of Commerce with their sign. Mr. Smith, consultant, stated that four of the EDC members were present. One of the projects that is ongoing is The Wall. Mr. Cass had presented it to the council in a council meeting. That project was going to be charged under advertisement/promotional. Unfortunately there is a rule for Taft EDC that no more than 10% of the annual sales tax revenue can be used for advertisement. After the advice from the EDC attorney this project needed to be revamped and considered as a project in excess of $10,000.00. Under the rules of the EDC any project in excess of $10,000.00 would require advertisement and public hearings and approval of the board, then have to come before city council for final approval. Mayor Castillo stated that she had talked to Mr. Cass about possibly trying to get a grocery store in town. The water park project, they did receive some grant money, but perhaps it could be looked at before next summer. The City Manager had mentioned to the EDC about the car wash, helping them pave the alley.

5. Adjournment:
Motion was made by Councilwoman Lopez and second by Councilman Molina that this meeting be adjourned. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: 6:54 pm

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Mayor, Elida Castillo

ATTEST:

Janie Martinez
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Interim City Secretary, Janie Martinez

Approved on: 10/27/26