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AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF TAFT CITY COUNCIL
TAFT CITY HALL, 230 GREEN AVE., TAFT, TEXAS
November 10, 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 Special Call Meeting minutes held on October 8, 2026, Regular Meeting minutes held on October 13, 2026, and Special Call Meeting minutes held on October 27, 2026

7.2 Discussion and possible action regarding a resolution authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Application to the Texas Department of Agricultural for the Community Development Fund.

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 – Chief Massey
8.3 Animal Control Officer – Lily Spivey
8.4. Code Enforcement Officer – Joseph Hernandez
8.5. Public Works Department – Jozua Garcia
8.6. Library – Jessi Dixon
8.7 EMS – Stephanie Newsom

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 Discussion on code enforcement regulations with boarded up windows and the process to get these buildings in compliance with a timeline – Felipe Rodriguez

9.2 Discuss and possible action to allow the Taft VFW to use the Alvarado Center, located at 110 Allende Street, November 11, 2026 – Mayor Castillo

9.3 Discuss and possible action regarding authorizing the City Manager to seek competitive bids for evaluating and receiving estimates on structural repairs to the Taft EMS building, located at 419 Park Street. Cost not to exceed the amount received by the city from the Texas Municipal League insurance – Councilman Molina

9.4 Discuss and possible action regarding the resignation of Taft Quality Improvement Corporation (TQIC) board members, Phillip Martinez and Glen Searcy, effective immediately – Councilman Molina

9.5 Discuss, and possible action in regard to the City of Taft's involvement with the Christmas Parade on December 5, 2026 – Councilwoman Moreno

9.6 Discussion regarding the current ordinance/stipulations on extensions for water accounts – Councilwoman Moreno

9.7 Discussion on all donations made to the City of Taft for the benefit of the Julia Alvarado Senior Center and Senior Circle – Councilwoman Moreno

9.8 Discussion and possible action regarding acceptance of the 2024 Annual Financial (Audit) Report. – Phil Vaughan and Scott Albert.

9.9 Discussion and possible action regarding acceptance of the 2025 Annual Financial (Audit) Report. – Phil Vaughan and Scott Albert.

9.10 Discussion and possible action regarding an agreement for water and wastewater tap fees at 305 Industrial. – Scott Albert

9.11 Discussion and possible action regarding a pay increase for personnel who have not received a salary adjustment in approximately two years. – Scott Albert

9.12 Discussion and possible action regarding October 2026 financial report.

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 meeting Act. Reference update regarding pending litigation and contemplated settlement in Ryan Smith v. City of Taft, Texas, Civil Action No. 2:26cv00141 in the Southern District of Texas, Corpus Christi Division

10.2 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 meeting Act. Reference update regarding pending litigation and settlement in Kandi Hubert v. City of Taft and John Landreth, Individually, Civil Action No. 2:26cv294 in the Southern District of Texas, Corpus Christi Division

10.3 Personnel Matters Section 551.074 To Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

(a) Interim Director of Public Works.

(b) Accounts Payable Clerk.

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.

11.1 Possible action on the executive session item: Ryan Smith v. City of Taft, Texas Civil Action No. 2:26cv00141 in the Southern District of Texas, corpus Christi Division

11.2 Possible action on the executive session item: Kandi Hubert v. City of Taft and John Landreth, Individually, Civil Action No. 2:26cv294 in the Southern District of Texas, Corpus Christi Division

11.3 Possible action on the executive session item Personnel, Interim Director of Public Works and Accounts Payable Clerk.

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 November 4, 2026, by 5:00 p.m.