

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF SAN PATRICIO

Regular Meeting

On the 10th day of January, 2012 the City Council of Taft, Texas convened in a regular meeting at The Kiva Hut located at 402 Park Street in Taft Texas at 6:32 pm. The following members of the governing body were present:

Mayor Robert Vega
Mayor Pro Tem David Trevino
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido
Councilman Stegall

Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager; John Landreth, Chief of Police, Stephanie Floyd CFO, and Adrian Garcia, City Staff.

1. Mayor Vega Called the meeting to order and it was determined that there was a quorum.
2. The invocation was said by Mayor Vega and Councilman Trevino led the pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Discuss, consider and act on approval of the minutes for: December 13th – Regular meeting.**

Councilman Trevino moved to approve the minutes with two corrections, (1) the attorneys name and (2) the correction on Item 9 –“Mayor Vega” rather than Mayor Pro Tem Vega. Seconded by Councilman Segovia.

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido
Councilman Stegall

Motion carried 5-0

7. **Discuss, Consider and Act on Rate study proposal from – Jeff G. Snowden.**
City Manager Hubert introduced Mr. Jeff Snowden. Mr. Snowden with Capex Consulting was recommended by the City's Financial Advisor Robert Tijerina with Estrada and bond counsel Juan Aguilera to aid the City with their debt issues, rising water costs, cost of service and maintenance of the water and waste water facilities. Mr. Snowden addressed the City Council and spoke of ways they could structure their rates to offset their cost of service and minimize their current debt. Mr. Snowden stated he could conduct a study and return to the City Council within 60 days with his proposed rate schedules. The Cost would be \$16,000.
Mayor Vega concurred with the speaker that the City's debt was escalating. Mayor Pro-Tem Trevino asked the City Manager whether she had gone out for proposals to find Mr. Snowden. Hubert stated that, requests for proposals had not been sent out rather Mr. Snowden had come by way of the referral of the City's financial advisors. Councilman Stegall moved to direct the City Manager to advertise for proposals to conduct a rate study. Seconded by Councilman Segovia.

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 5-0

- 4 **Discuss, Consider and Act on the appointment of Alonzo Molina to the E. D. C. Board – Roger Powell Chairman of the E. D. C.**

Mr. Powell addressed the City Council and stated that due to Mr. Pete Lopez's employment he has been unable to attend the regularly scheduled meetings of the E. D. C. hence it is time to replace Mr. Lopez with an individual that is more readily available to attend the meetings. Mr. Powell, representing and speaking for the board recommended Alonzo Molina.

Councilman Stegall made a motion to appoint Alonzo Molina to the E. D. C. board replacing Mr. Pete Lopez. Seconded by Councilman Segovia.

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 5-0

5 Discuss Consider and Act – Hosting the Coastal Bend Water Utilities Association. – Public Works Director Fred Farias.

Mr. Farias addressed the City Council about hosting the Coastal Bend Water Utilities Association's dinner on January 18th at 7:00 p.m. It has been the tradition that the associations meeting be held the second Thursday in January at the City of Taft. Mr. Farias invited the Mayor and City Councilmember's to join the association for dinner and the program.

6 Discuss Consider and Act on Absolute Waste Contract – Bill Davis

Mr. Davis was out of the Country the week prior to the meeting therefore all accompanying materials were not submitted for Councils review. Councilman Segovia moved to table this item. Seconded by Councilman Salcido.

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 5-0

8. Mayor disannexation update.

Mayor Vega addressed the Council and audience and stated that all disannexation materials have been forwarded to the Department of Justice but, at this time the DOJ has not commented on same. The disannexation results are contingent on the Department of Justice's ruling.

9 Discuss, Consider and act on the need to contract special legal counsel that's discipline is in land use – K. Hubert, City Manager

City Manager Hubert stated that when the disannexation becomes sanctioned that a portion of the taxes paid will have to be returned to the disannexed residents. It is Hubert's' contention that an expert in the field is needed to ensure the process is done properly. Councilman Segovia made a motion to have the City Manager go out for proposals to seek an attorney that has expertise in annexation matters. Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Trevino.

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 5-0

10. Discuss, Consider and Act (s) on Ordinance 872 Designating the Taft Tribune as the City's official newspaper.

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino made a motion to designate the *Taft Tribune* as the official newspaper for the City of Taft. Seconded by Councilman Stegall.

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 5-0

11. **Discuss Consider and Act on Ordinance 873 amending Ordinance 858 that creates the office of City Manager for the City of Taft, Texas and prescribes the powers and duties; amending Section 6 to include subsection q. authorizing the City Manager to hold the City Secretary's position should said position become vacant. – K. Hubert**

Councilman Salcido moved that no action be taken as the item was not put on the agenda properly. Seconded by Councilman Trevino.

12. **Discuss Consider and Act on Inter-local Agreement with San Patricio County for infrastructure repair and/or maintenance.**

Councilman Segovia moved to approve the Inter-local agreement with San Patricio County for infrastructure repair and/or construction. Seconded by Councilman Stegall

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 5-0

13. **Discuss, Consider and Act on 2012 General Election**

- A **Conduct Election in May, 2012 and purchase or lease required equipment**
- B **Unstagger Terms of elected officials that will allow the continuation of May Uniform Election date but only on odd numbered years.**
- C. **Move to November Uniform Election date by adopting resolution including term adjustment provisions (e.g. for holdover or to cut terms short).**

City Manager Hubert spoke and handed out a bid submitted by Hart Intercivic for a new operational, programmed voting machine. The inclusive amount was quoted as nineteen thousand, two hundred and fourteen dollars (\$19,214.00). Hubert stated that the City Council had the option to approve any of the aforementioned options for the upcoming election. However, should the City Council choose to keep the general elections in May the Council would have to buy a voting machine and Taft I. S.D. was amenable to leasing the City a machine for approximately \$300.00. The voting machine qualifies as a sanctioned expenditure from the City's 2010 (\$1,000,000) million dollar bond.

Councilman Segovia moved to approve the May 12th election date for the City's general election, purchase a voting machine from Hart Intercivic for nineteen thousand, two hundred and fourteen dollars (\$19,214.00), to be taken out of 2010 bond monies series and lease a voting machine from Taft I. S. D. Seconded by Councilman Stegall

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 5-0

14. **VISITORS – "At this time, comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter that is not on the agenda. To address the Council, please sign the Opinion/Speaker Registration Form located on the table at the entrance of the meeting room and deliver to the City Secretary before the meeting begins. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not discuss or take action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda. 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"**

Delphinine Perez addressed the City Council in reference to road conditions and taxes levied regarding the annexed area. Ms Perez does not believe that there have been any improvements in her area that warrant the levied taxes.

Mr. Jose Hernandez addressed the City Council regarding the "disannexed area, taxes that were charged and asked to have the City Council resolve the issues surrounding the annexation/disannexation in a timely manner.

21. Adjournment.

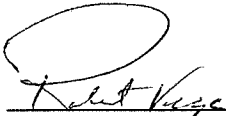
Councilman Segovia moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mayor ProTem Trevino.

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 5-0

The Meeting was adjourned

Passed and Approved this day of February, 2012



Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST:



Stephanie Floyd, Chief Financial Officer



STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF SAN PATRICIO

Regular Meeting

On the 14th day of February, 2012, the City Council of Taft, Texas convened in a regular meeting at The Kiva Hut located at 402 Park Street in Taft Texas at 6:30 pm. The following members of the governing body were present:

Mayor Robert Vega
Mayor Pro Tem David Trevino
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Salcido

Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager; John Landreth, Chief of Police, Johnny Carabajal, Stephanie Floyd CFO, Adrian Garcia, Mary Griffin and Ysidro Arismendez, City Attorney.

1. Mayor Vega Called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and it was determined that there was a quorum.
2. The invocation was said by Mayor Vega and Councilman Stegall led the pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Trevino asked City Manager Hubert why the items he had requested in December were not on the agenda..Hubert stated that she was not aware the items were still active however; she affirmed that the items would be placed on the next agenda.

3. **Discuss, Consider and Act on approval of the minutes for: January 10th, 2011 Regular meeting.**
Councilman Stegall moved to approve the minutes from the January 10th, 2012 regular council meeting. Seconded by Councilman Trevino.
For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido
Councilman Stegall
Motion carried 5-0

- 4 **Melanie Hickey with Friends of the Library gave a presentation regarding upcoming fund raisers and proposed expansion of the Taft Public Library.**
Councilman Segovia moved to approve expansion of the Library with the Friends of the Library. Seconded by Councilman Stegall.
FOR: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino

Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido
Councilman Stegall
Motion carried 5-0

PUBLIC HEARING

Conduct public hearing regarding City's submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a 2012 Texas Capital Fund real estate award.

Mayor Vega opened the public hearing at 6:43 p.m. The Hearing was regarding City's submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a 2012 Texas Capital Fund real estate award.

Martha Drake with Grant Works spoke to the City Council and audience about the aforementioned project. Terry Hlavinka of Hlavinka Equipment is seeking to borrow Three Hundred and fourteen thousand dollars (\$314,000.00) that will be interest free with a payout of 20 years. To be able to qualify for the project the City must submit the application, the City will hold the facility as collateral and they shall be the entity that contracts the projects improvement. There was no one to speak for or against the project.

6 Discuss, Consider and Act to adopt Resolution 520 that authorizes submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a 2012 Texas Capital Fund real estate award for renovation of the Hlavinka Equipment Company facility in Taft, Texas.

Councilman Segovia moved to approve Resolution 520. Seconded by Councilman Trevino.

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido
Councilman Stegall

Motion carried 5-0

7. Discuss, Consider and Act on adoption of a Citizen Participation Plan to be followed during implementation of Texas Community Development Block Grant Program projects.

Councilman Stegall moved to approve the Citizen Participation Plan to be followed during implementation of Texas Community Development Block Grant Program projects. Seconded by Councilman Trevino.

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino

Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido
Councilman Stegall

Motion carried 5-0

8. Discuss, Consider and Act on Lease Agreement with the Taft Little League – Bertha Nell Barth.

Mrs. Barth appeared before the City Council on behalf of the Taft Little League asking for a three year lease regarding the City's' baseball fields. Councilman Segovia moved to approve the lease with one change, currently the lease reads, "No improvements may be removed without prior written approval from the Taft Little league Board and the Taft City Manager,". The change would reflected as such "No improvements may be removed without prior written approval from the Taft Little league Board and the Taft City Council," Councilman Segovia moved to approve the proposed Taft Little Leagues lease with the aforementioned change. Seconded by Councilman Trevino.

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido
Councilman Stegall

Motion carried 5-0

9 Discuss, Consider and Act to adopt Resolution 521 supporting the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs project regarding Cottonwood Apartments. - Scott Poor.

After being assured that the City will be obligated for no cost, Councilman Trevino moved to approve Resolution 521. Seconded by Councilman Salcido.

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido
Councilman Stegall

Motion carried 5-0

18. Discuss, Consider and Act on resolution 519 awarding administration and project services for the TDHCA HOME program.

City Manager Hubert stated that the City only received one proposal to administer the TDHCA HOME program and that was the proposal from Grant Works, a firm that is currently working with the City. Councilman Segovia moved to approve Resolution 519 naming Grant Works as the firm to administer the TDHCA HOME program. Seconded by Councilman Stegall.

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Segovia

Councilman Salcido
Councilman Stegall

Motion carried 5-0

10. Discuss, Consider and Act:

- a. **Adopting a Tax Abatement Policy to encourage economic development in the City of Taft. – Roger Powell**
- b. **Partnering with the City and Entities to acquire property to encourage Economic Development. – Roger Powell**

Roger Powel, the Taft Economic Development Chairman, appeared before the City Council to address the need for a City tax abatement Policy. Accompanying Mr. Powell was Mr. Molina, a member of the board. Mr. Powell relinquished the floor to Mr. Molina after requesting the City Council to disregard agenda item 10 B, "Partnering with the City and Entities to acquire property to encourage Economic Development". Mr. Powell explained that the item was placed on the agenda prematurely hence the request to disregard it for the time being. Mr. Molina, a new member on the E.D.C. board is a seasoned member of the San Patricio County's Economic Development Corporation was introduced and spoke for the Taft E.D.C.. Mr. Molina stated that it was the Development Boards recommendation that the City Council entertain and adopt a Taft abatement policy to help the City promote growth and develop a job base. Mr. Molina stated that Taft to be competitive needs to offer a tax abatement to the businesses that the City would like to court. Mr. Molina passed out options for the City Council to review of different policies the City could adopt.

Councilman Segovia moved to formulate a resolution to adopt a tax abatement policy. The motion died for lack of a second. Mr. Molina recommended that the City Council review the documents submitted by the Economic Development Board prior to passing the proposed numbers. Councilman Stegall moved to table the tax abatement policy until the City Council had time to review the proposed equations. Seconded by Councilman Segovia.

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido
Councilman Stegall

Motion carried 5-0

11. Discus Consider and Act on Ordinance 873 amending Ordinance 858 that creates the office of City Manager for the City of Taft, Texas and prescribes the powers and duties; amending Section 6 to include subsection q. authorizing the City Manager to hold the City Secretary's position should said position become vacant.

Councilman Stegall moved to approve Ordinance 873 amending Ordinance 858 that creates the office of City Manager for the City of Taft, Texas and prescribes the powers and duties; amending Section 6 to include subsection q. authorizing the City Manager to hold the City Secretary's position should said position become vacant. Seconded by Councilman Salcido.

For: Mayor Vega

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido
Councilman Stegall

Motion carried 5-0

12 Discuss, Consider and Act on a Social Media/Social Networking Policy for the Taft Police Department.

Councilman Segovia moved to approve the Media/Social Networking Policy for the Taft Police Department. Seconded by Councilman Stegall.

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Stegall

Against: Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 4-1.

13. Discuss, Consider and Act on Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Taft Police Department and Taft I.S.D.

Councilman Trevino moved to approve the memorandum of Understanding between the City of Taft Police Department and Taft I.S.D. Seconded by Councilman Stegall.

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 5-0

14. Discuss, Consider and Act regarding authorized expenditures regarding attorney bills.

The Mayor requested this item be placed after agenda item 24 and Mr. Arismendez requested same to be placed in Executive Session.

15. Discuss, Consider and Act on outsourcing the EMS billing and collections - E. M. S. Director

Jorge Alvarez

Mr. Alvarez appeared before the City Council to request authorization to outsource the EMS billing and collections. Mr. Alvarez, the EMS Director stated that he has researched billing companies as a way to collect the statements owed and generated by providing services and he recommended AR Management to accomplish the tasks. The EMS had previously done their own billing and collections but, the personnel that had been responsible for said activities has left the City to be a stay at home parent and with Medicare changes and Insurance provisions it is more cost effective to hire an outside firm to insure timely submittals for payment. At this time there is \$581,000. Balance of uncollected charges owed.

Councilman Trevino moved to award a contract for EMS billing and collections to AR Management. Seconded by Councilman Segovia.

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 5-0

16. Discuss, Consider and Act on increasing fees ref: EMS fee schedule.

Mr. Alvarez, Director of EMS requested the City Council approve a "new" fee schedule for EMS services. Mr. Alvarez stated that the fees being charged were less than what Medicare/Medicaid and the private insurance companies have allotted. Therefore, as the EMS needs additional funds to operate in a fiscally responsible manner it is time to raise the fees charged. Councilman Segovia moved to approve the fees as presented. Seconded by Councilman Stegall.

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 5-0

17. Discuss, Consider and Act adoption of Resolution 518 designating signatures for the City of Taft's municipal accounts.

City Manager Hubert requested the City Council adopt Resolution 518 designating all of the City Council members as signatures' on the City's bank accounts.

Councilman Trevino moved to approve Resolution 518 designating all City Council members as authorized signers for the City's municipal accounts. Seconded by Councilman Stegall.

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 5-0

19. Discuss, Consider and Act on; Ordinance 874 Calling the May 12, 2012 General Election the notice of election and the Order of Election.

Councilman Segovia moved to table Ordinance 874 until the next meeting so the City Council members can submit names to choose an election judge and alternate judge. Seconded by Councilman Trevino

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Segovia

Councilman Stegall

Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 5-0

20. Discuss, Consider and Act on Eyewitness identification policy for police department as required by the State of Texas.

Chief Landreth submitted a copy of the eyewitness identification policy for the police department as mandated by the States House Bill 213 & Senate Bill 121.

Councilman Segovia moved to approve the eyewitness identification policy for the Taft police department. Seconded by Councilman Trevino.

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 5-0

21. Discuss, Consider and Act to select an attorney re: Taft's deannexation.

Councilman Segovia moved to table this item. Seconded by Councilman Trevino;

For: Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Segovia
Against: Mayor Vega
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Salcido

Motion failed 2-3

Councilman Stegall move to direct the City Manager to choose three finalists for the Attorney to represent the City re: Taft's deannexation.

For: Mayor Vega
Councilman Salcido
Councilman Stegall
Against:
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Segovia

Motion passed 3-2

22. Discuss, Consider and Act on selecting a firm to do the City's water and waste water rate study.

Councilman Segovia moved to award the City's water and waste water study to Capex Inc. Seconded by Councilman Salcido.

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Segovia

Councilman Stegall
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 5-0.

23. **Discuss Consider and Act(s) on scheduling a workshop regarding:**
- a. **Finances, Fees, Rates, etc**
 - b. **Expenditures**
 - c. **Road Repair – Capital Improvement Plan.**
 - d. **FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) options.**

Councilman David Trevino moved to have a workshop regarding; finances, fees, rates, etc; expenditures; road repair – capital improvement plan and FEMA on February 28th, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Kiva Hut. Seconded by Councilman Salcido.

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 5-0.

24. **VISITORS – “At this time, comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter that is not on the agenda. To address the Council, please sign the Opinion/Speaker Registration Form located on the table at the entrance of the meeting room and deliver to the City Secretary before the meeting begins. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not Discuss or take Act on any item which has not been posted on the agenda. 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.”**

The Mayor opened the floor to the visitors; Denise Hitt appeared before the City Council to advise them that the Pride of Taft will be conducting the City Clean-Up on March the 16th & 17th.

14. The City Attorney exercised his right to have the City Council go into EXECUTIVE SESSION Pursuant to the Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 consultation with the City Attorney and Section 551.074 Personell matters.

Discuss, Consider and Act regarding authorized expenditures regarding attorney bills.
The City Council reconvened after Executive Session. There was no action taken.

25. **Adjournment.**

Councilman Stegall made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Segovia.

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 5-0.

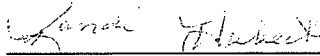
The Meeting was adjourned

Passed and Approved this day of March, 2012



Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST:



Kandi Hubert, City Secretary



STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF SAN PATRICIO

Special/Called Meeting

On the 28^h day of February, 2012, the City Council of Taft, Texas convened in a special/called meeting at The Kiva Hut located at 402 Park Street in Taft Texas at 6:30 pm. The following members of the governing body were present:

Mayor Robert Vega

Councilman Stegall

Councilman Salcido

Absent:

Councilman Trevino

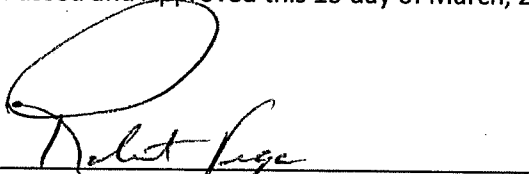
Councilman Segovia

Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager; John Landreth, Chief of Police, Johnny Carabajal, Stephanie Floyd CFO, Adrian Garcia, Jorge Alvarez, EMS Director and Fred Farias Public Works Director.

1. Mayor Vega Called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. and it was determined that there was not a quorum.

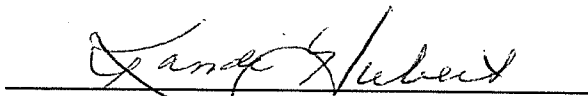
The Meeting was adjourned

Passed and Approved this 13 day of March, 2012



Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST:



Kandi Hubert, City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF SAN PATRICIO

Special/Called Meeting

On the 5th day of March, 2012, the City Council of Taft, Texas convened in a special/called meeting at The Kiva Hut located at 402 Park Street in Taft Texas at 6:30 pm. The following members of the governing body were present:

Mayor Robert Vega

Councilman Stegall

Councilman Salcido

Absent:

Councilman Trevino

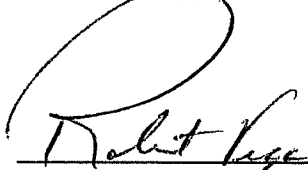
Councilman Segovia

Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager and, Adrian Garcia

1. Mayor Vega Called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. and it was determined that there was not a quorum.

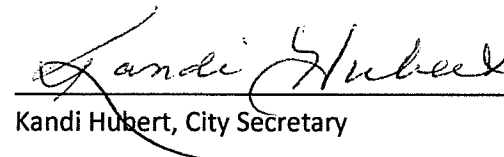
The Meeting was adjourned

Passed and Approved this 13 day of March, 2012



Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST:



Kandi Hubert, City Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF SAN PATRICIO

Regular Meeting

On the 13th day of March, 2012 the City Council of Taft, Texas convened in a regular meeting at The Kiva Hut located at 402 Park Street in Taft Texas at 6:31 pm. The following members of the governing body were present:

Mayor Robert Vega
Mayor Pro Tem David Trevino
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido
Councilman Stegall

Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager; and Adrian Garcia, City Staff.

1. Mayor Vega Called the meeting to order and it was determined that there was a quorum.
2. The invocation was said by Mayor Vega and Mayor Pro Tem Trevino led the pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Discuss, consider and act on approval of the minutes for: February 14th regular meeting, the Special called meeting February 28th and the Special called meeting on March 5th, 2012.**
Councilman Stegall moved to approve the minutes for February 14th, 2012, February 28, 2012 and the Special Meeting held on March 5th, 2012. Seconded by Councilman Salcido.

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido
Councilman Stegall

Motion carried 5-0

4. **Discuss, Consider and Act on Ordinance 874 calling the May 12th General Election; the notice of election and the Order of Election.**
Councilman Stegall moved to Approve; Ordinance 874 and name C. S. Marsh as the election Judge as well as Lisa Esparza as alternate Judge; the notice of election and the order of election. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Trevino.

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 5-0

11. Discuss, Consider and Act regarding Resolution 523 authorizing the resale bid of \$2500 for the property located at 509 Industrial – Robert Cuevas with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson

Mr. Cuevas with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson addressed the City Council and stated that the bid for 509 Industrial was submitted by Dolores Castillo and the amount bid was \$1500.00. Hubert, City Manager recommended approval of the resale to enable the taxing entities to put the property back on the tax rolls.

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino made the motion to approve Mrs. Castillo's bid for \$1500 to purchase the property located at 509 Industrial. Seconded by Councilman Segovia.

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 5-0

12. Discuss, Consider and Act regarding Resolution 522 authoring the resale bid of \$400 for the property located at 426 Davis Rd. – Robert Cuevas with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson

Mr. Cuevas with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson addressed the City Council and stated that the bid for 426 Davis Rd. was submitted by Dolores Castillo and the amount bid was \$400.00. Hubert, City Manager recommended approval of the resale to enable the taxing entities to put the property back on the tax rolls.

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino made the motion to approve Mrs. Castillo's bid for \$400.00 to purchase the property located at 426 Davis Rd. Seconded by Councilman Segovia.

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 5-0

10 Discuss Consider and Act on the City co-sponsoring the Pride of Taft's Community Clean up Day.

Denise Hitt appeared before the City Council about co-sponsoring the Pride of Taft's clean up. The Committee would appreciate access and aid from the City's staff with and without equipment to insure the maximum collection in a timely manner. Councilman Stegall moved to approve the Pride of Taft's request and have the City of Taft co-sponsor the clean up event. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Trevino.

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino

Councilman Stegall
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 5-0

5 Discuss Consider and Act on the development of policy and procedures regarding the processing of Open Records requests – David Trevino

Councilman Segovia moved to table item 5. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Trevino.

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 5-0

6 Discuss Consider and Act on the need to fill the vacancy of the City Secretary as soon as possible (Should the Council proceed to fill the vacancy)- David Trevino

7 EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to the Texas Government Code Section 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS – David Trevino Discuss and consider the appointment/selection of a City Secretary

8 Act on Executive Session – David Trevino

Councilman Segovia moved to table agenda items 6, 7 and 8. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Trevino.

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 5-0

9 Mayor disannexation update.

Mayor Vega addressed the Council and audience and stating that the City has received verbal confirmation that the disannexation has been pre-cleared by the Department of Justice and we are now awaiting written confirmation.

13. Discuss, Consider and act on awarding the bids for aerators for the waste water treatment plant - LVN

City Engineer Hector Castaneda addressed the Council stating that two bids have been received regarding the aerators for the waste water treatment plant and the most cost effective bid was from Hubert Construction for \$131,159. Mr. Castaneda stated that LNV had worked with these contractors and they recommend the City Council award the contract to Hubert Construction Inc.

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino moved to award the contract for new aerators to Hubert Construction Inc. Seconded by Councilman Stegall.

For :

Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 5-0

14. **Discuss, Consider and Necessary Action (s) regarding residential debris, construction material and disposal there of...-Fred Farias, Public Works Director and Chief of Police Landreth.**

Mr. Farias and Chief Landreth addressed the City Council with the need for a central collection plan for the excess debris that is prevalent in town. The Chief and Mr. Farias the Public Works Director stated they were researching how they could accommodate the resident's needs to dispose of debris while keeping them compliant with local, state and federal laws. Councilman Segovia praised their efforts and moved that they continue their research to aid the residents. Seconded by Councilman Stegall.

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 5-0

15. **Discuss Consider and Act on 2012 Absolute Waste Contract modifications – William Davis**

Mr. Davis was not present hence; Councilman Stegall made a motion to table item 15. Seconded by Councilman Segovia.

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 5-0

16. **Discuss Consider and Act on Proposed changes to the EMS contract for outsourcing billing with A. R. Management Solutions– Jorge Alvarez, E. M. S. Director**

Councilman Segovia moved to approve the changes to the A. R. Management Solutions contract, i.e. the contract term from 4 (four) years to 1 (one year) and to add in language that showed the City would not pay a collection fee for any bills generated prior to March 1st 2012. For the exception of any medicare bills that A. R. Management Solutions re-coops from March 2011 through February 2012. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Trevino

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 5-0

17. **Discuss, Consider and Act on selling used, broken and unnecessary equipment and supplies.**
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino moved to authorize the City Manager to sell the City's unnecessary equipment and supplies. Seconded by Councilman Stegall.

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 5-0

18. **Discuss, Consider and Act on the need to lease purchase**
- A. **A pickup for the Fire Department – Dan Gibson, Fire Marshall, Fire Chief**
 - B. **Two Police Units and one pickup truck for animal control – Chief Landreth**
 - C. **Two units for the Public Works Department – Public Works Director Fred Farias**

Councilman Segovia moved to table item 18. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Trevino.

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 5-0

19. **VISITORS – “At this time, comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter that is not on the agenda. To address the Council, please sign the Opinion/Speaker Registration Form located on the table at the entrance of the meeting room and deliver to the City Secretary before the meeting begins. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not discuss or take action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda. 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**

No one spoke at the “Visitors” agenda item

20. **Discuss, Consider and Act on setting a work session regarding the City's finances.**
Councilman Segovia moved to schedule a work session regarding the City's finances, the date being April 5th, 2012. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Trevino.

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino

Councilman Stegall
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido
Motion carried 5-0

21. **Adjournment.**

Councilman Stegall moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Segovia.

For: Mayor Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Trevino
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 5-0

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Passed and Approved this 10th day of April, 2012



Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST:



K. M. Hubert City Manager/Secretary



STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF SAN PATRICIO

Regular Meeting

On the 10th day of April, 2012 the City Council of Taft, Texas convened in a regular meeting at The Kiva Hut located at 402 Park Street in Taft Texas at 6:31 pm. The following members of the governing body were present:

Mayor Robert Vega
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido
Councilman Stegall
Absent Mayor Pro-Tem Trevino

Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager; and Adrian Garcia, City Staff.

1. Mayor Vega Called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and it was determined that there was a quorum.
2. The invocation was said by Mayor Vega and Councilman Stegall led the pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Discuss, consider and act on approval of the minutes for: March 13thth regular meeting.** Councilman Stegall moved to approve the minutes for March 13th, 2012. Seconded by Councilman Salcido.

For: Mayor Vega
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido
Councilman Stegall

Motion carried 4-0

4. **Discuss, Consider and Act on reinstating "outside city limits" rates for water, sewer and solid waste to the residences that have been disannexed.**
After the City Council had a general discussion it was determined that the rates were already addressed and the election served to have the rates reflect the charges that had previously been adopted. Councilman Stegall made a motion to table any action. Seconded by Councilman Salcido.

For: Mayor Vega
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 4-0

5. **Discuss, Consider and Act regarding on the rate increase requested by Absolute Waste.**

Mr. Davis with Absolute Waste approached the City Council with the contract in place and stated that the current CPI has increased 4.38 percent and in accordance with the contract the billing for 2012's services will reflect same. The Mayor instructed the City Manager to note the revision.

Councilman Segovia moved to approve the contracted amount. Seconded by Councilman Salcido..

For: Mayor Vega
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 4-0

6. Discuss, Consider and Act on approving group employee medical benefits for the period May 2012 – April 2013.

Mr. Will Heavin, with Heavin and associates, appeared before City Council and stated that he had gone out for competitive bids for health insurance and found that Humana remains the most cost effective carrier for medical insurance and, that , the City would have better dental and vision coverage with Ameritas, and he recommended Unum Basic Life for life insurance. The City Council concurred with Mr. Heavin's recommendations and Councilman Stegall moved to accept the proposals as submitted. Seconded by Councilman Segovia.

For: Mayor Vega
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 4-0

7 Discuss Consider and Act on the Tax abatement policy for the City of Taft.

Judge Powell and Alonzo Molina of the Taft E.D.C. recommended the City Council adopt the Tax Abatement Policy that the Economic Development Commission set forth.

Councilman Stegall moved to adopt the City's tax abatement policy. Seconded by Councilman Salcido.

For: Mayor Vega
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 4-0

8. Discuss Consider and Act on waiving the Housing Authority's ad valorem taxes in lieu of their support of the Boys and Girls Club of Taft.

Donnie Riojas, Taft Housing Director, appeared before the City Council to request a waiver of the facilities ad valorem taxes. Rather than pay the taxes to the City Mrs. Riojas stated the money would be pledged to the boys and girls club for Taft's youth. The Boys and Girls Club is just starting out and the money, that would be used for a public purpose would enable the organization to begin being funded.

Councilman Stegall made a motion to waive the ad valorem taxes owed by Taft's Housing Authority to enable the monies to be pledged to the Taft Boys and Girls Club. Seconded by Councilman Segovia.

For: Mayor Vega
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 4-0

9 Discuss, Consider and Act on Rate Study conducted by Jeff Snowden. The Council heard the preliminary figures the water and sewer rates would have to be raised to satisfy the demands of the water and waste water system as presented by Jeff Snowden, consultant. The figures, though preliminary were modest and the City Council directed Mr. Snowden to put together an Ordinance for their review. Councilman Stegall moved to request Mr. Snowden to prepare an Ordinance that will reflect the new rates. Seconded by Councilman Segovia

For: Mayor Vega
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 4-0

10 Discuss Consider and Act and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Coastal Bend Community Foundation and the Taft Endowment Fund regarding a grant for the Taft Police Department and a building dedicated for departments exclusive use.

Chief John Landreth addressed the City Council and presented a memorandum of understanding that was given to the City by the Coastal Bend Community Foundation and the Taft Endowment Fund that states that they (both organizations) will donate the money to purchase the property located at 331 Green Avenue for the designated use of the Taft Police Department. The Organizations are also ready to donate monies up to twenty thousand dollars to renovate the structure. The major provision sited was that the building be dedicated to the PD for a minimum of eight (8) years.

Councilman Segovia moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding. Councilman Stegall seconded the motion.

For: Mayor Vega
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 4-0

11 Discuss, Consider and Act on Ordinance 875, adopting the Property, Environmental and Safety Ordinance.

Chief John Landreth addressed the City Council regarding Ordinance 875 the Property, Environmental and Safety Ordinance. This Ordinance will aid in protecting the residents health, safety and welfare, it will also aid in code compliance.

Councilman Segovia moved to adopt Ordinance 875. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stegall.

For: Mayor Vega
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 4-0

12 Discuss, Consider and Act on adopting Resolution 524 supporting "operation criminal justice support"

Councilman Segovia moved to approve Resolution 524. Seconded by Councilman Stegall.

For: Mayor Vega
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 4-0

13. Discuss, Consider and Act on adopting Resolution 525 Participating in the State Grant Program that allows for reimbursement of overtime for Law Enforcement Operations.

Councilman Segovia moved to approve Resolution 525 Seconded by Councilman Stegall

For : Mayor Vega
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 4-0

14. Discuss, Consider and Act on the purchase of a 2011 Chevrolet Pickup Truck for the volunteer fire department paid for by donations from the community and 2011 subsidy awarded by San Patricio County.

Councilman Segovia moved to approve the purchase of a 2011 Chevrolet pickup for the Fire Department. Seconded by Councilman Stegall.

For: Mayor Vega
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 4-0

15. Discuss Consider and Act on casting the City's ballot for the Rincon Water Boards Board of Directors.

After a Council discussion Councilman Stegall moved to have the City's ballot cast for Alan Miller re: Rincon Water Boards election for Board of Directors. Seconded by Councilman Segovia.

For: Mayor Vega
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 4-0

16. Discuss Consider and Act on sponsoring a table for Habitat for Humanity.

After discussing habitat for Humanity's purpose and the fact that their actions serve the public purpose Councilman Stegall moved to approve sponsoring a table for 8 (price \$400.00) for Habitat for Humanity. Seconded by Councilman Segovia.

For: Mayor Vega
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Segovia

Against: Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 3-1

17. Discuss, Consider and Act on selecting an attorney firm to focus on disannexation matters.

Councilman Stegall moved to hire the firm of Akers and Boulware-Wells as attorneys to represent the City regarding the disannexation. Seconded by Mayor Vega.

For: Mayor Vega
Councilman Stegall

Against:

Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido

Motion failed 2-2

Councilman Salcido moved to appoint the firm of Messer, Campbell and Brady as the attorneys to represent the City regarding the disannexation. Seconded by Councilman Stegall.

For: Mayor Vega
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Salcido

Against: Councilman Segovia

Motion carried 3-1

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19. Adjournment.

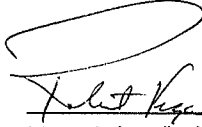
Councilman Stegall moved to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Segovia.

For: Mayor Vega

Councilman Stegall
Councilman Segovia
Councilman Salcido
Motion carried 4-0

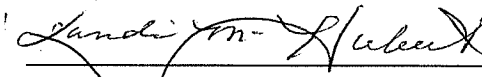
The Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Passed and Approved this 8th day of May, 2012



Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST:



K. M. Hubert City Manager/Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF SAN PATRICIO

Regular Meeting

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Mayor Robert Vega
Councilman Salcido
Councilman Stegall
Absent Mayor Pro-Tem Trevino
Councilman Segovia

Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager; and Adrian Garcia, City Staff.

1. Mayor Vega Called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and it was determined that there was a quorum.
2. The invocation was said by Mayor Vega and Councilman Salcido led the pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Discuss, consider and act on approval of the minutes for: March 13thth regular meeting.**

Councilman Stegall moved to approve the minutes with corrections for March 13th, 2012. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido.

For: Mayor Vega
Councilman Salcido
Councilman Stegall

Motion carried 3-0

5. **Discuss, Consider and Act on going out for bids for the City depository.**

City Manager Hubert addressed the City Council and requested permission to go out for bids for a depository.

Councilman Stegall moved allow the City Manager to go out for bids for a depository. Seconded by Councilman Salcido.

For: Mayor Vega
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 3-0

6. **Discuss, Consider and Action(s) on appointing the election judge and clerks as the absentee ballot board.**

Councilman Salcido moved to appoint Judge Marsh as the absentee ballot boards judge and Ruth Robertson, Gloria Zapata, Deana Gonzalez and Lisa Esparza as absentee ballot board clerks. Seconded by Councilman Stegall.

For: Mayor Vega
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 3-0

7 Discuss Consider and Act on setting the Date for the 2012 General Election Canvass.

Councilman Salcido moved to set May 15th, 2012 as the date the City would hold the canvass.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Stegall.

For: Mayor Vega
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 3-0

8. Discuss Consider and Act on ORDINANCE 879 SECTION X, Amending the game room Ordinance 870.

Councilman Stegall made a motion to table any action until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido.

For: Mayor Vega
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 3-0

9 Discuss, Consider and Act on Ordinance 871 setting new water and waste water rates.

Councilman Stegall moved to take no action until the June 12th, 2012 City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido.

For: Mayor Vega
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Salcido

Motion carried 3-0

10 Discussion of ideas for re-purposing of Police Department Building.

No action was taken.

11 EXECUTIVE SESSION, Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code the City Council will convene into executive session for Consultation with the City's attorney regarding legal matters:

Disannexation

The Council went into Executive Session at 6:47 p.m.

12 Discussion, Consider and Act on matters discussed regarding disannexation.

The City Council reconvened into regular session at 8:20 p.m. There was no action taken.

13 VISITORS_ – *“At this time, comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter that is not on the agenda. To address the Council, please sign the Opinion/Speaker Registration Form located on the table at the entrance of the meeting room and deliver to the City Secretary before the meeting begins. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not Discuss or take Act on any item which has not been posted on the agenda. 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.”*

Mr. J. Hernandez spoke and requested information on the status of his refund regarding his water bill when he was billed County rates improperly.

Rubin Lopez appeared before the City Council to voice his concern regarding the disposal of materials and bulk debris. Mr. Lopez stated he was aware that some City employees and their families receive enhanced services and though he was told those services enhanced the drainage for the community he voiced his disdain.

14 Adjournment

Councilman Stegall moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Councilman Stegall

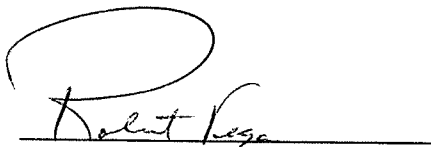
Councilman Salcido

Mayor Vega.

Motion carried 3-0

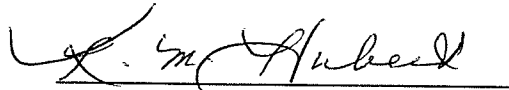
The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Passed and Approved this 12th day of June, 2012



Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST:



K. M. Hubert City Manager/Secretary

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF SAN PATRICIO

Special/Called Meeting

On the 15th day of May, 2012, the City Council of Taft, Texas convened in a special/called meeting at The Kiva Hut located at 402 Park Street in Taft Texas at 6:30 pm. The following members of the governing body were present:

Mayor Robert Vega
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Salcido
Councilman Trevino
Absent:

Councilman Segovia

Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager, Stephanie Floyd CFO, and, Adrian Garcia, City Staff.

1. Mayor Vega Called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and it was determined that there was a quorum.
2. Mayor Vega said the Invocation & Councilman Trevino led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Discuss, Consider, and Act on canvassing the 2012 General Election and official certification of the May 12th, 2012 General election.**

City Manager Hubert read the tally supplied from election administrator Pam Hill.

MAY 12, 2012 General Election Results

	Ward I		
	Early	Election Day	Total
Leonard Vasquez	24	57	81
Roland "Ronnie" Rodriguez	13	30	43

	WARD II		
	Early	Election Day	Total
Denise L. Hitt	83	94	177
Moises Espinoza	32	62	94
Aaron J. Putnam	9	17	26

Councilman Stegall moved to accept the canvass thereby certifying the 2012 General Election. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: 4-0

The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Administer statement of elected officer – administer oath of office.**
K. Hubert administered the Oath of office for City Councilmember Ward I to Leonard Vasquez and to Denise Hitt for Ward II.

5. Adjournment

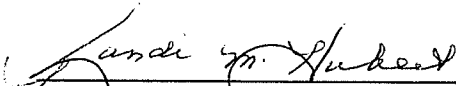
Councilman Stegall moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous Motion carried 4-0

Passed and approved this 12th day of June, 2012



Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST:



Kandi Hubert, City Secretary



STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF SAN PATRICIO

Special/Called Meeting

On the 6th day of June, 2012, the City Council of Taft, Texas convened in a special/called meeting at The Kiva Hut located at 402 Park Street in Taft Texas at 6:30 pm. The following members of the governing body were present:

Mayor Robert Vega
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Salcido
Councilman Vasquez
Councilwoman Hitt

Also present: Ben Wyse (Mess Campbell & Brady LLP) annexation/disannexation attorney, Juan Aguilera, Bond Attorney, Jeff Snowden, Rate Consultant, George Alvarez, EMT-IT; Kandi Hubert, City Manager, Stephanie Floyd CFO, and, Adrian Garcia, City Staff.

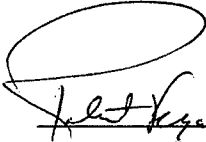
1. Mayor Vega Called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and it was determined that there was a quorum.
2. Mayor Vega said the Invocation & Councilman Vasquez led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. The City Council convened into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 6:37 p.m., pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas *Government Code* the City Council will convene into executive session for Consultation with the City's attorney regarding legal matters:
Water, Waste Water and Solid Waste Rates
Disannexation
Budget
4. Reconvene into Open Session at 8:42p.m. to discuss, consider and act on matters discussed in Executive Session.
Water, Waste Water and Solid Waste Rates
Disannexation
Budget
Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve a formal presentation, by the City's annexation/disannexation attorneys for the June 12th, 2012 Regular Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilman Vasquez moved to approve High Touch's scope of work to include constructing a program that would calculate water/waste water/solid waste and sales tax over billing. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Adjournment

Mayor Vega moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0

Passed and approved this 10th day of July, 2012



Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST:



Kandi Hubert, City Secretary



STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF SAN PATRICIO

On the 12th day of June, 2012, the City Council of Taft, Texas convened in a special/called meeting at The Kiva Hut located at 402 Park Street in Taft Texas at 6:30 pm. The following members of the governing body were present:

Mayor Robert Vega
Councilman Stegall
Councilman Salcido
Councilman Vasquez
Councilwoman Hitt

Also present: Ben Wyse and Andy Messer (Messer, Campbell & Brady LLP) annexation/disannexation attorneys, Juan Aguilera, Bond Attorney, Jeff Snowden, Rate Consultant, Jorge Alvarez, EMT-IT; Kandi Hubert, City Manager, Stephanie Floyd CFO, and, Adrian Garcia, City Staff.

1. Mayor Vega Called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and it was determined that there was a quorum.
2. Mayor Vega said the Invocation & Councilman Vasquez led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Councilman Stegall moved to approve the minutes from the May 8th regular City Council Meeting and the May 15th Special called Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous Motion carried 5-0.
4. Council woman Hitt moved to approve the appointment of Councilman Stegall as Mayor Pro-Tem. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous Motion carried 5-0.
5. The City Council convened into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 6:37 p.m., pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas *Government Code* the City Council convened into executive session for Consultation with the City's attorney for the city (Law firm of Messer, Campbell and Brady) legal advice regarding annexation/disannexation and related matters.
6. The City Council Reconvene into Open Session at 6:48 p.m.
7. No action was taken due to Executive Session.
8. Andy Messer with the law firm of Messer, Campbell and Brady made a presentation to the residents of Taft of the finding the attorneys have made regarding the disannexation.
9. Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve Resolution 530, adopting the findings of the City attorneys that no refund of property taxes is owed to the landowners of Southwest Taft in conjunction with the disannexation of Southwest Taft from the City; that the landowners of Southwest Taft shall continue to owe debt obligations of the City that existed at the time of the disannexation of Southwest Taft and that the City shall continue to have levied a property tax each year on the property in southwest Taft at the same rate that is levied on other property in the City until the taxes collected from southwest Taft equal its pro rata share of the indebtedness; that certain southwest Taft utility account holders shall have

their utility accounts credited until such accounts have been fully credited for overcharges; the City Manager shall implement and oversee the process to credit such accounts. Seconded By Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0

10. Jeff Snowden with Capex Consulting appeared before the City Council regarding water and waste water rates. Mr. Snowden addressed the need for the City to increase their rates to enable the City to remain fiscally responsible
11. Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall moved to approve Ordinance 871 setting new rates for water and wastewater service. Seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0
12. Martha Drake with Grant Works appeared before the City Council regarding a Grant that will revitalize the downtown area. Resolution 526 was discussed establishing the boundaries of the historic commercial district for the purposes of applying for financial assistance from the department of Agriculture's Texas Capital Fund – Down town revitalization program. Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall moved to approve Resolution 526. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous, Motion carried 5-0.

The City Council took a break at 8:20 p.m. and reconvened at 8:35pm.

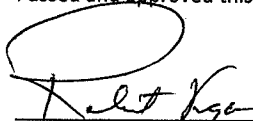
13. The City Council discussed Resolution 527, a resolution of the City of Taft, Texas finding that conditions exists within designated historical commercial district of the City which is declared to constitute a blighted area. This resolution, Martha Drake of Grant works stated is needed to pursue funding from the Department of Agriculture's Texas Capital Fund. Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall moved to approve Resolution 527. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
14. The City Council discussed Resolution 528 authorizing the submission of an application for funding through the Texas Department of Agriculture's Texas Capital Fund downtown revitalization program and authorizing the Mayor to act as the Chief Executive Officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation on the Texas Capital Fund Program. Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall moved to approve Resolution 527. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous, Motion carried 5-0.
15. The City Council discussed Resolution 529, a resolution adopting a public access plan for use during construction of public infrastructure projects funded through the Texas Capital Funds' downtown revitalization program. Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall moved to approve Resolution 529. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
16. The Council discussed Ordinance 881, an ordinance allowing certain employees of the city who have terminated previous memberships in the Texas Municipal retirement system, to deposit the sums so withdrawn, plus annual withdrawal charges and allowing and undertaking the cost of allowing any such employee credit in such system for all service to which such employee had been entitled at date of such withdrawal, with like effect as if all such service had been performed as an employee of this City. Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall

moved to approve Ordinance 881. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.

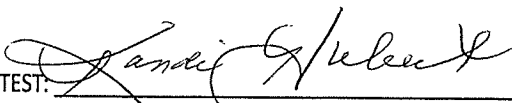
17. The City Council Discussed ordinance 882 an ordinance authorizing and allowing, under the act governing the Texas Municipal Retirement system, "Up dated service credits" in said system on an annual basis for service performed by qualifying members of such system who at the effective date of the allowance are members of the City of Taft; providing for increased prior and current service annuities for retirees and beneficiaries of deceased retirees of the city; providing for increased municipal contributions to the current service annuity reserve at retirement; and increasing the rate of deposits to the Texas Municipal Retirement system by the employees of the City of Taft; and establishing an effective date. Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve Ordinance 882. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
18. The City Council moved to appoint the Planning and Zoning board, Councilwoman Hitt motioned to appoint Tazh Fonville for a three (3) year term, Rubin Trevino for a three (3) year term, Rubin Martinez for a two (2) year term, Danny Guajardo for a two (2) year term and Herman Martinez for a one (1) year term. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
19. The City Council moved to fill the vacancy on the Economic Development Board by appointing David Smith of Picklesmiths. Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall moved to approve David Smith as a new member to the EDC Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0. Chairman Roger Powell asked the Council to direct him to rewrite the Ordinance regarding Economic Development Board to insure it reflects State Law. The Council collectively encouraged Mr. Powell to do so.
20. The Council discussed Ordinance 879, Section X that amended Ordinance 870 by designating distance parameters. Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall moved to approve Ordinance 879. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
21. Mayor Vega addressed the City Council and Residents by stating that Ysidro Arismendez had resigned as the City attorney for the City of Taft.
22. Mayor Vega stated he thought it would be in the City's best interest to seek proposals for the position of City Attorney. Seconded by Council woman Hitt. For: Unanimous Motion carried 5-0 Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall moved to direct the City Manager to temporarily contact an attorney of her choice to fill the interim position of City Attorney. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
23. Mayor Vega moved to adopt Ordinance 876 the 2012 International Plumbing Code. Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
24. Mayor Vega moved to adopt Ordinance 877 the 2012 International Fuel and Gas Code. Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
25. Mayor Vega moved to adopt Ordinance 878 the 2011 International Electric Code. Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.

26. Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall moved to approve the formula High Touch (the City's IT professionals) is formulating to calculate the utility refunds due the disannexed residents of Taft, and to adhere to the resolution passed earlier in the meeting. Seconded by Council man Salcido. For: Unanimous Motion carried 5-0.
27. Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall moved to approve Ordinance 880 amending Ordinance 837 adopting a base rate of \$15.00 an hour for entry level police officers and authorizing the Chief, with the City Managers approval, to recommend merit raises, certification and hazardous duty pay that is within the current budgets fiscal budget. Seconded by Council man Salcido. For: Unanimous Motion carried 5-0.
28. Councilwoman Hitt moved to adopt Ordinance 883 setting fees to be charged by the City offices for services. Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
29. The City Council discussed raising building fees and determined that the city inspector need to review the fee schedule for any recommendations or changes therefore, the item was tabled.
30. Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall moved to set a workshop, when all Council members are available to review the current budget. Seconded by Councilman Salcido. . For: Mayor Pro Tem Stegall, Councilman Salcido, Councilman Vasquez and Council woman Hitt. Against: Mayor Vega Motion carried 4-1.
31. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**, Pursuant to Section 551.074a of the Texas *Government Code* the City Council convened into executive session at 9:22 p.m. to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment of duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee. K Hubert, City Manager and Chief Landreth were the employees to be discussed and both requested the session be held in the open - both employees were given evaluations.
32. The Council reconvened at 9:34 p.m. Councilman Vasquez moved to have the Mayor negotiate a contract with the City Manager and set a date for the evaluation to be discussed and acted upon. Seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
33. There were no visitor comments.
34. Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.

Passed and approved this 10th day of July, 2012



 Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST: 

 Kandi Hubert, City Secretary



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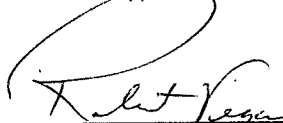
Mayor Robert Vega
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Councilwoman Hitt

Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager, Stephanie Floyd CFO, and, Adrian Garcia, City Staff.

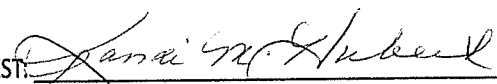
1. Mayor Vega Called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and it was determined that there was a quorum.
2. Mayor Vega said the Invocation & Council woman Hitt led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Councilman Stegall moved to approve the minutes from the June 12th regular City Council Meeting and the June 6thth Special called Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous Motion carried 5-0.
4. The Mayor opened the Public Hearing regarding the 2013-2014 Community Development Block Grant at 6:42 p.m. Grant Work's consultant Betty Collier stated that the new grant year was beginning and she was present to see if the City Council would like to participate in the cycle. The Council was informed that the priorities being funded included water, waste water and drainage projects had the best chance of being funded.
5. Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve Resolution # 531, authorizing the submission of a community development block grant for the 2013-2014 funding cycle. Seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
6. Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall moved to approve Resolution 532 designating Grant Work's the contract for administrative services and LNV the engineering providers for the Hlavinka project as part of the 2012 Capital Fund award. Seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0
7. Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve Resolution 533 authorizing the Mayor, City Manager and Finance officer to be authorized signators for the 2012 Texas Capital Program. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0
8. Ernest Garza presented the 2010-2011 audit.
9. Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall moved to approve the 2010-2011 audit. The motion was seconded by COUNCILMAN Salcido. For: Councilman Salcido, Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall, Mayor Vega and Councilman Vasquez. Against: Councilwoman Hitt. Motion carried 4-1

10. Mayor Pro-Tem moved to ratify the City Managers actions to retain Akers and Boulware-Wells law firm for the City's interim attorneys. Seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
11. Councilman Salcido moved to approve an Interlocal agreement with the City of Gregory for Vector Control. Seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
12. Mayor Vega had item 11 tabled as he is still seeking members of the community to serve on the board of adjustment.
13. Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve a Planning and Zoning Seminar to be held on July 24th, 2012 with the speaker being Monte Akers, the City's Attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous, motion carried 5-0.
14. Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve Proclamation 2012-1 acknowledging the City of Taft's' senior citizens and Proclamation 2012-2 recognizing Julia Alvarado. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
15. Proclamation 2012-2 approved with the previous motion.
16. Councilman Vasquez moved to approve Ordinance 884, revised rates for certain building fees, with corrections. Seconded by Councilwoman Hitt. For: Unanimous, motion carried 5-0.
17. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**, Pursuant to Section 551.074a of the Texas *Government Code* the City Council convened into executive session at 8:04 p.m. to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment of duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee. K Hubert, City Manager.
18. The Council reconvened at 8:25 p.m. and no action was taken.
19. There were no visitor comments but Councilwoman Hitt commented on the outstanding job the police department did, as a whole, regarding the bicycle rodeo held on July 7th, 2012.
20. Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.

Passed and approved this 14th day of August, 2012



 Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST: 

 Kandi Hubert, City Secretary



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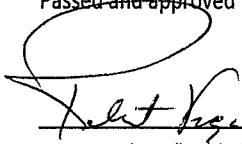
On the 24th day of July, 2012, the City Council of Taft, Texas convened in a regular meeting at The Kiva Hut located at 402 Park Street in Taft Texas at 6:30 pm. The following members of the governing body were present:

Mayor Robert Vega[^]
Mayor Pro- Tem Stegall
Councilman Salcido
Councilman Vasquez
Councilwoman Hitt

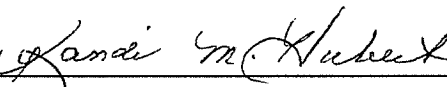
Also present: Monte Akers the City's attorney, Kandi Hubert, City Manager, and, Adrian Garcia, City Staff.

1. Mayor Vega Called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and it was determined that there was a quorum.
2. Mayor Vega said the Invocation & Council woman Hitt led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. WORK SESSION – Presentation by Monte Akers, attorney with Akers and Boulware-Wells, regarding Planning and Zoning Laws and Procedures and Economic Development Laws, Tools and Procedures.
4. Questions were posed by the audience, elected and appointed officials and open dialogue ensued regarding Planning Laws, Economic Development Laws and issues that pertain to the City of Taft.
5. Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0

Passed and approved this 14th day of August, 2012



Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST: 

Kandi Hubert, City Secretary



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On the 14 day of August, 2012, the City Council of Taft, Texas convened in a regular meeting at The Kiva Hut located at 402 Park Street in Taft Texas at 6:30 pm. The following members of the governing body were present:

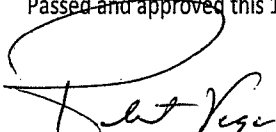
Mayor Robert Vega
Mayor Pro- Tem Stegall
Councilman Salcido
Councilman Vasquez
Councilwoman Hitt

Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager, Stephanie Floyd CFO, and, Adrian Garcia, City Staff, Andy Messer and Ben Wise the City's Annexation/disannexation attorneys with Messer, Brady and Campbell law firm via Skype and Monte Akers the City's attorney with Akers-Boulware-wells law firm also via Skype.

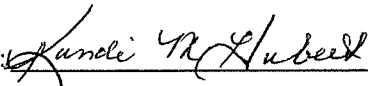
1. Mayor Vega Called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and it was determined that there was a quorum.
2. Mayor Vega said the Invocation & Councilman Vasquez led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**, Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas *Government Code* the City Council convened into executive session at 6:40 p.m. to obtain consultation with the City's attorney Monte Akers and the City's annexation/disannexation attorneys Andy Messer and Ben Wyse(via Skype).regarding matters dealing with the disannexation of Southwest Taft.
4. The City Council reconvened into open session at 7:15 p.m. The Mayor stated that there was no action to be taken.
5. Ski Richardson, San Patricio County's Emergency Management Coordinator addressed the City Council and residents regarding Hurricane Preparedness.
6. Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve Ordinance 885 amending Ordinance 515 regarding Economic Development, to bring into conformance the size of the board and the terms of office to comply with State Law. Seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Stegall. For: Unanimous, motion carried 5-0.
7. Mayor Vega asked for volunteers and recommendations for appointment to the Board of Adjustments. After a discussion Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall moved to approve Lico Torres, Martin Salcido, Mary Garcia and Deana Gonzales as members of the Board of Adjustments. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Mayor Vega, Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall and Councilman Vasquez. Against: None, Abstain: Councilman Salcido and Councilwoman Hitt. The motion carried 3-0-2.
8. Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve the purchase of a table honoring the San Patricio Economic Development Boards 20th year celebration. The City is a member of the

- Corporation and it serves a public purpose. The cost is \$350.00. Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
9. Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve Ordinance 886 consolidating all the game room ordinances into one document and insuring they reflect state law. Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0. Councilwoman Hitt mentioned that at the next meeting the City needs to reevaluate the rates charged per machine
 10. Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega recognized, for the record, the outstanding job done by the Taft Jr. High Band led by band director Ramiro Lichtenberger they placed second in the State during the UIL competition.
 11. Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve the minutes from the July 12th & 24th City Council Meetings. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
 12. Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall moved to postpone setting a budget workshop for a week. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
 13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**, Pursuant to Section 551.074a of the Texas *Government Code* the City Council convened into executive session at 8:17 p.m. to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment of duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee. K Hubert, City Manager.
 14. The Council reconvened. No action was taken.
 15. Mr. Jesus Trevino, 738 McIntyre appeared before the City Council to ask why and who allowed a ramshackle house to be moved next door to his property. The house has asphalt shingles and does not look structurally sound.
 16. Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0

Passed and approved this 11th day of September, 2012



Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST: 

Kandi Hubert, City Secretary



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On the 29th day of August, 2012, the City Council of Taft, Texas convened in a Called meeting at The Kiva Hut located at 402 Park Street in Taft Texas at 6:30 pm. The following members of the governing body were present:

Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

Mayor Pro- Tem Roy Stegall

Councilman Martin Salcido

Councilwoman Denise Hitt

Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager, Stephanie Floyd CFO, and, Adrian Garcia, City Staff, Andy Messer & Ben Wyse the City's Annexation/disannexation attorneys with Messer, Campbell and Brady law firm via Skype, John Landreth, Chief of Police; Jorge Alvarez, EMS Director; Mary Griffin, Librarian; Dan Gibson, Fire Chief; Carmel Herrera, Judge; Fred Farias, Public Works Director and Jennifer Pined, Court Clerk.

1. Mayor Vega Called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and it was determined that there was a quorum.
2. Mayor Vega said the Invocation & Councilwoman Hitt led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**, Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas *Government Code* the City Council convened into an Executive session at 6:36 p.m. for consultation with the City's annexation/disannexation attorneys Andy Messer and Ben Wyse (via Skype), regarding matters dealing with the disannexation of Southwest Taft.

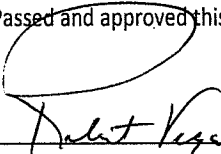
The City Council reconvened into open session at 7:21 p.m. Councilwoman Hitt made the motion to authorize the City Manager and/or the City's Special Counsel Andy Messer to file a Petition Challenging Appraisal Records with the Appraisal Review Board of San Patricio County and to take other necessary action in connection therewith. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous Motion carried 4-0.

Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve; the proposed 2012 tax rate and publish same \$.498084 maintenance and operation rate which the residents of Taft will be responsible to pay; a rate of \$.592445 for the interest and sinking fund (debt) that is the responsibility of the residents of Taft and Southwest Taft (the disannexed area) to pay, a proposed effective tax rate \$1.090529 and the rollback rate \$1.130375 and to set a public hearing for the September 25, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Kiva Hut located at 402 Park, Taft, Texas to adopt the tax rate and 2012-2013 fiscal year budget. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stegall. For: Mayor Vega, Mayor Pro Tem Stegall, Councilman Salcido and Councilwoman Hitt. Against: None Motion carried 4-0.

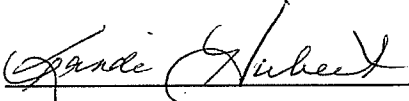
Councilwoman Hitt moved to set two Public Hearings one for September 11, 2012 and one for September 18, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Kiva Hut, 402 Park, Taft, Texas, to discuss and deliberate the tax rate for the City of Taft and Southwest Taft, Texas. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0

4. The City Council and City Staff reviewed the proposed 2012 General Fund and Enterprise Budget. No action was taken
5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** Pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas *Government Code* the City Council convened into executive session at 9:20 p.m. to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment of duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee: K. Hubert, City Manager
6. The City Council reconvened into open session at 9:36 p.m. Council woman Hitt moved to approve K. M. Hubert's 2 year contract with two changes; 1. If the City Manager does not relocate to Taft within 6 months she/he may request an extension from the City Council, should the City Council vote not to extend the time frame for relocation the City Managers contract will terminate and the option to be employed for an outside source with permission from the Council was deleted. Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall: For Unanimous Motion carried 4-0.
7. There were no Visitors present to appear before the City Council.
8. Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0

Passed and approved this 11th day of September, 2012



Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST: 

Kandi Hubert, City Secretary



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On the 11th day of September, 2012, the City Council of Taft, Texas convened in a Called meeting at The Kiva Hut located at 402 Park Street in Taft Texas at 6:30 pm. The following members of the governing body were present:

Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

Mayor Pro- Tem Roy Stegall

Councilman Martin Salcido

Councilwoman Denise Hitt

Councilman Leonard Vasquez

Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager, Stephanie Floyd CFO, and, Adrian Garcia

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. and it was determined that a quorum was present.
2. Mayor Vega said the invocation and Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall led the Council and audience in the pledge of allegiance.
3. Mayor Pro- Tem Stegall moved to approve the minutes with corrections being made; the August 14th minutes shall include Denise Hitt as a member of the Board of Adjustments and when referencing Mr. Trevino's concerns regarding a structure being moved next door to him he stated asbestos shingles rather than asphalt shingles. Seconded by Councilwoman Hitt. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Mayor Vega issued a Proclamation proclaiming October 2nd, 2012 Taft's National Night Out.
5. Mayor Vega issued a Proclamation proclaiming August 29th, 2013 Matias Sanchez day in recognition of his 75th birthday.
6. David Smith representing the Taft Chamber requested the City Council be a partner with the Chamber in supporting, promoting and contributing to the Taft Christmas Festival. Councilwoman Hitt moved to have the City be a partner with the Chamber regarding the Taft Christmas Festival. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0
7. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to approve the Inter Local Agreement with the Texas Department of Public Safety regarding delinquent municipal court citations. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
8. Mr. Sid Arismendez, legal consul representing Mr. Jesus Trevino addressed the City Council regarding a house that was moved into the City on August 8, 2012 and located at 746 McIntyre Rd. next door to Mr. Trevino. Arismendez stated the house was an eye sore, it was infested with bugs, that the City had an Ordinance that prohibited the house from being moved in and that the building permit secured was signed by an unauthorized staff member. Mr. Fonville the City's building inspector stated that he had approved the permit for the house being moved in and that Adrian Garcia signed the permit under his direction. Mr. Fonville also stated that the house was structural sound, he was unaware of a pest problem, that the asbestos tiles were not hazardous to anyone or the area and that the

owners have the proper permits and they have 6 months to bring the house up to code.
There was no Council Action.

9. Public Works Director Fred Farias announced that the transfer station would commence its business on Monday the 17th of September. The Open Hours are designated to be Monday thru Friday 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Closed Sunday.
10. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall, after review the proposals to be the City's depository moved to designate Wells Fargo as the City's designated depository. Seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous the motion carried 5-0.
11. Mayor Vega Opened the Public Hearing on the proposed tax rate at 7:14 p.m. and closed the hearing at 7:17. There was no one present to speak for or against the tax rate.
12. The Council went into **EXECUTIVE SESSION**, Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas *Government Code* the City Council convened into an Executive session at 7:17 p.m. for consultation with the City's annexation/disannexation attorneys Andy Messer and Ben Wyse (via Skype), regarding matters dealing with the disannexation of Southwest Taft.
13. The City Council reconvened into open session at 8:22 p.m.
There was no action taken.

EMERGENCY POSTING Pursuant to Section 551.045 of the Texas *Government Code* notice was given that the City Council was adding an Emergency item to the agenda for the meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on September 11, 2012 to consider a response to temporary failure of the City's main central wastewater lift station, communication to the Texas Water Development Board to request funding, utilization of pump and fracking trucks and ratification of the Mayors actions regarding same. The matter posed an imminent threat to public health and safety and was an unforeseeable situation requiring immediate attention, funding and City Council action in order to make all necessary repairs and restore the lift station to working order.

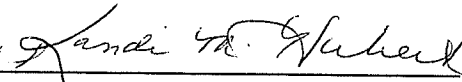
Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall moved to ratify the work authorized by the Mayor regarding the City's main pump station. The motion was seconded by Council woman Hitt. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.

14. Council woman Hitt moved to set a budget work shop for September 18th, 2012 at 6:30 at the Kiva Hut. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
15. There were no Visitors present to appear before the City Council.
16. Councilman Stegall moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous Motion carried 5-0

Passed and approved this 9th day of October, 2012



Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST: 

Kandi Hubert, City Secretary



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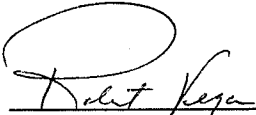
On the 18th day of September, 2012, the City Council of Taft, Texas convened in a Called meeting at The Kiva Hut located at 402 Park Street in Taft Texas at 6:30 pm. The following members of the governing body were present:

Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega
Mayor Pro- Tem Roy Stegall
Councilman Leonard Vasquez
Councilwoman Denise Hitt


Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager, Stephanie Hernandez, and, Adrian Garcia, City Staff,, John Landreth, Chief of Police; Jorge Alvarez, EMS Director; Mary Griffin, Librarian; Dan Gibson, Fire Chief; Carmel Herrera, Judge; Fred Farias, Public Works Director and Jennifer Pined, Court Clerk.

1. Mayor Vega Called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and it was determined that there was a quorum.
2. Mayor Vega said the Invocation & Councilwoman Hitt led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Mayor Vega opened the Public Hearing on the 2012 proposed tax rate at 6:32p.m. Mr. Tazh Fonville spoke stating that a way to generate more money for the City would be to collect past due taxes. He made mention of the Rincon Apartments and their tax history. Mr. Jose Garcia spoke and encouraged the City Council to re-annex what the previous City Council disannexed. There were no other speakers from the audience and Mayor Vega closed the public hearing at 6:46 p.m.
4. The City Council and Staff went into a Budget Workshop to discuss the budget for the 2112-2113 fiscal year
5. There were no Visitors present to appear before the City Council.
6. Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0

Passed and approved this 9th day of October, 2012



Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST: 

Kandi Hubert, City Secretary



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On the 19th day of September, 2012, the City Council of Taft, Texas convened in a Called meeting at The Kiva Hut located at 402 Park Street in Taft Texas at 6:56 p.m.

pm. The following members of the governing body were present:

Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

Mayor Pro- Tem Roy Stegall

Councilman Martin Salcido

Councilwoman Denise Hitt

Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager, Stephanie Garcia, Adrian Hernandez, City Staff, Andy Messer & Ben Wyse the City's Annexation/disannexation attorneys with Messer, Campbell and Brady law firm via Skype, John Landreth, Chief of Police; Jorge Alvarez, EMS Director; Mary Griffin, Librarian; Mayor Vega Called the meeting to order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m. and it was determined that there was a quorum.

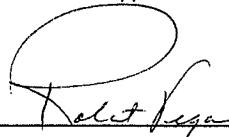
1. Mayor Vega said the Invocation & Councilwoman Hitt led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Mayor Vega opened the Public Hearing at 6:59 p.m. There was no one present to speak for or against the proposed 2012 tax rate. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:01 p.m.

The Taft City Council convened into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:01 p.m. Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas *Government Code* the City Council convened into an Executive session at 6:36 p.m. for consultation with the City's annexation/disannexation attorneys Andy Messer and Ben Wyse (via Skype), regarding matters dealing with the disannexation of Southwest Taft.

The City Council reconvened into open session at 7:20 p.m. There was no action taken.

3. Appearing before the City Council was Mr. Joe Hernandez, a resident of South west Taft who requested the water bill credits on the disannexed area be labeled as such.
4. Councilwoman Hitt moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:22p.m. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0

Passed and approved this 9th day of October, 2012



Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST: 

Kandi Hubert, City Secretary



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On the 25th day of September, 2012, the City Council of Taft, Texas convened in a Called meeting at The Kiva Hut located at 402 Park Street in Taft Texas at 6:30 pm. The following members of the governing body were present:

Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

Mayor Pro- Tem Roy Stegall

Councilman Martin Salcido

Councilwoman Denise Hitt

Councilman Leonard Vasquez (arriving at 6:42p.m.)

Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager, Stephanie Garcia, and, Adrian Garcia, City Staff, Andy Messer & Ben Wyse the City's Annexation/disannexation attorneys with Messer, Campbell and Brady law firm via Skype, John Landreth, Chief of Police; Jorge Alvarez, EMS Director; Mary Griffin, Librarian

Mayor Vega Called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and it was determined that there was a quorum.

1. Mayor Vega said the Invocation & Councilwoman Hitt led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall moved to approve Ordinance 887 Fees and Procedures with regard to water issues. Seconded by Councilwoman Hitt. For: Unanimous motion carried 4-0
3. The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 6:56 p.m., regarding the General Fund Budget. There was no one to speak for or against the budget.
4. The Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 6:58 p.m.
5. Mayor Pro-tem Stegall moved to adopt the 2012 general Fund Budget Seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous, motion carried 5-0.
6. Councilman Salcido moved to approve Ordinance 889 ref: the 2012 tax rate of \$1.090529 to enable the City to fund the budget and pay their debt. Seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Stegall. For: Unanimous, motion carried 5-0.
7. Councilwoman Hitt moved to have the Council discuss and vote on Resolution 531, ref; the tax collector assessor for Southwest Taft, after Executive Session. Seconded by Councilman Salcido. FOR: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
8. Prior to Executive Session Mr. Rey Mendez appeared before City Council to request use of the Taft Memorial Park November 3rd, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for a "Faith fest". Mayor Pro Tem Stegall motioned to allow Mr. Mendez to use the Taft Memorial Park from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on November 3rd 2012. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
9. The Mayor addressed the audience and announced that the City would be holding a National Night Out celebration on October 2, 2012 beginning at 6:00 p.m.
10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**, Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas *Government Code* the City Council convened into an Executive session at 7:20 p.m. for consultation with the City's

annexation/disannexation attorneys Andy Messer and Ben Wyse (via Skype), regarding matters dealing with the disannexation of Southwest Taft.

The City Council reconvened into open session at 7:37 p.m.

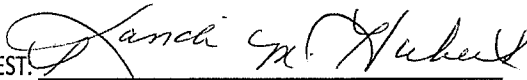
No action was taken.

11. Addressing item 8 "...approval of Resolution 531, approving a contract between the City of Taft and a private tax assessor-collector to assess and collect property taxes for the City from the disannexed area commonly known as Southwest Taft, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract on behalf of the City, Councilwoman Hitt moved to table any action until the next meeting. Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
12. There were no visitors to speak to the City Council.
13. There were no Visitors present to appear before the City Council.
14. Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0

Passed and approved this 9th day of October, 2012



Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST: 

Kandi Hubert, City Secretary



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On the 9th day of October, 2012, the City Council of Taft, Texas convened in a Called meeting at The Kiva Hut located at 402 Park Street in Taft Texas at 6:30 pm. The following members of the governing body were present:

Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

Mayor Pro- Tem Roy Stegall

Councilman Martin Salcido

Councilwoman Denise Hitt

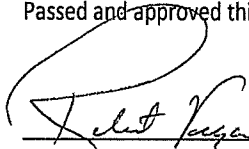
Councilman Leonard Vasquez

Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager, and, Adrian Garcia

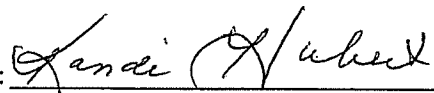
1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. and it was determined that a quorum was present.
2. Mayor Bobby Vega said the invocation and Councilman Leonard Vasquez led the Council and audience in the pledge of allegiance.
3. Council woman Hitt made the motion to approve the September 11th, 18th, 19th, and 25th minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Leonard Vasquez. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0
4. Mr. Jesus Trevino appeared before the City Council to question the Building Inspectors assessment of the piers supporting the house located at 746 McIntyre. Mr. Trevino thought the piers had been placed improperly but as Mr. Fonville explained, the piers that were installed meet and exceed the Building Codes requirements. Mr. Fonville, engineer, contractor and the City's building official has studied the code and the plans and is the City's authority regarding building compliance.
5. Nancy Vasquez with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson appeared before the City Council to share Taft's history regarding delinquent taxes. The firm of Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson has represented the City of Taft since 1986. When Ms. Vasquez was questioned whether or not the firm would aggressively seek payment from the City's disannexed area, she replied affirmatively. The firm of Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson will represent the City's interest regarding delinquent taxes in the disannexed area as well as in the corporate City Limits.
6. Mayor Pro- Tem Roy Stegall moved to approve a three (3) year contract with the firm of Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson for delinquent tax collection. Seconded by Councilman Martin Salcido. FOR: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Councilwoman Denise Hitt moved to approve Resolution 534, the Costal Bend mitigation plan. Seconded by Councilman Leonard Vasquez. FOR: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
8. Councilman Leonard Vasquez moved to approve Resolution 535 approving Thomas W. Lee for collection of the property taxes owed from the disannexed area known as Southwest Taft. The motion was seconded by Councilman Martin Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Council Leonard Vasquez moved to approve Ordinance 894 Authorizing and appointing Thomas W. Lee to serve as tax assessor-collector solely for the disannexed area known as Southwest Taft. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Roy Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
10. Mayor Pro Tem Roy Stegall moved to direct the City Attorney to modify Resolution 536, changing the City's General Election date to November, retaining the staggered terms and extending the City Councilpersons term for 6 months. The motion was seconded by Councilman Martin Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
11. Councilwoman Denise Hitt moved to adopt Ordinance 891 regulating substandard buildings. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Roy Stegall. FOR: Mayor Bobby Vega, Mayor Pro Tem Roy Stegall, Councilman Leonard Vasquez and Councilwoman Denise Hitt. AGAINST: Councilman Martin Salcido. Motion carried 4-1
12. Ordinance 892 an Ordinance regulating the moving of houses was tabled until the next meeting.
13. Councilwoman Denise Hitt moved to adopt Ordinance 893 repealing ordinance 775 which created the position of the juvenile case manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Leonard Vasquez. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
14. Mayor Robert Vega moved to appoint the City Manager and a Councilmember as a representative to the Costal Bend Council of Governments. Seconded By Councilwoman Denise Hitt. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0
15. There were no visitors present to speak.
16. Mayor Pro Tem Roy Stegall moved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Martin Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.

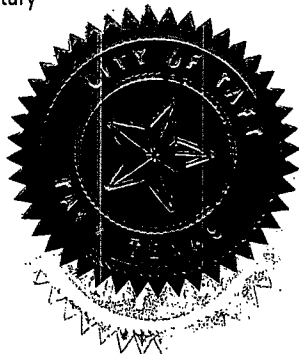
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Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST: 

Kandi Hubert, City Secretary



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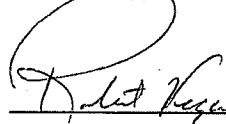
On the 16th day of October, 2012, the City Council of Taft, Texas convened in a Called meeting at The Kiva Hut located at 402 Park Street in Taft Texas at 6:30 pm. The following members of the governing body were present:

Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega
Mayor Pro- Tem Roy Stegall
Councilman Martin Salcido
Councilwoman Denise Hitt

Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager, Stephanie Hernandez, and, Adrian Garcia

1. The Mayor Vega called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. and it was determined that a quorum was present.
2. Mayor Vega said the invocation and Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall led the Council and audience in the pledge of allegiance.
3. City Councilwomen Hitt moved to, reschedule the November Council meeting, as a majority of the City Councilmembers will be attending the TML Convention on the City's regularly scheduled meeting date, and to designate November 8th for the meeting night in November. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0.
4. City Councilwoman Hitt moved to adopt Ordinance 892 regulating buildings that are moved into the City of Taft. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0.
5. The City Council members discussed Resolution 536, changing the City's General Election date. Senate bill 100 offered the City's officials various options and the option Taft has chosen is reflected in Resolution 536. Hence forth the City's elections will be held in November, staggered terms will be maintained and the long term effect is minimal as the only change to be made is extending all of the current elected officials' terms for 6 months. The City's next election will be held in 2013. Councilman Salcido asked the Mayor Vega and City Manager Hubert if the action was legal and he was assured that said actions are legal and that the City's attorney had drafted the resolution. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall made the motion to adopt Resolution 536. Councilwoman Hitt moved to second the motion. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0.
6. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0.

Passed and approved this 8th day of November, 2012



Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST: Kandi Hubert
Kandi Hubert, City Secretary



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On the 8th day of November, 2012, the City Council of Taft, Texas convened in a Called meeting at The Kiva Hut located at 402 Park Street in Taft Texas at 6:32 pm. The following members of the governing body were present:

Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

Mayor Pro- Tem Roy Stegall

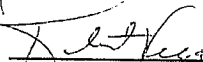
Councilman Martin Salcido

Councilwoman Denise Hitt

Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager, and Stephanie Hernandez Administrative Officer

1. The Mayor Vega called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. and it was determined that a quorum was present.
2. Mayor Vega said the invocation and Council woman Hitt led the Council and audience in the pledge of allegiance.
3. Council woman Hitt moved to approve the October 9th and 16th minutes. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0.
4. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to approve the Mayor executing the State contract for the City of Taft's Texas Capital Fund project with Hlavinka Equipment Company. Seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0.
5. Public Works Director Fred Farias updated the City Council regarding the repair of Avenue C. Mr. Farias stated that the County intends to redo Avenue C as soon as the Equipment needed to do the job is repaired.
6. The City Council reviewed the amended Personnel Policy and due to questions that arose and needed to be researched Councilman Salcido moved to table the item. Seconded by Council woman Hitt. For Unanimous, motion carried 4-0.
7. The City Council discussed payment plans regarding taxes for the residents of Southwest Taft. There was no action taken.
8. Mayor Vega addressed the audience and council members and stated that the City's 2nd annual tree lighting would be held on November 30th, 2012. All residents and members of the community are invited to attend.
9. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0

Passed and approved this 11th day of December, 2012



Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST 

Kandi Hubert, City Secretary



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On the 11 day of December, 2012, the City Council of Taft, Texas convened in a regular meeting at The Kiva Hut located at 402 Park Street in Taft Texas at 6:30 pm. The following members of the governing body were present:

Mayor Robert Vega
Mayor Pro- Tem Stegall
Councilman Salcido
Councilwoman Hitt

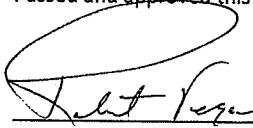
Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager, Stephanie Hernandez, Adrian Garcia,
and Monte Akers the City's attorney with Akers-Boulware-wells law firm also via Skype.

Absent: Councilman Vasquez.

1. Mayor Vega Called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and it was determined that there was a quorum.
2. Mayor Vega said the Invocation & Councilwoman Denise Hitt led the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Councilman Stegall moved to approve the minutes them motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0.
4. Brian G. Williams, general manager of the San Patricio Municipal Water District appeared before the City Council to field any questions the Council might have regarding the new proposed contract the City has been given from the district. After Councilwoman Hitt asked Mr. Williams many questions the City Council requested time for the City attorney to review the document. Councilman Salcido moved to table the item until the next city council meeting; the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0.
5. After a presentation, from the City's engineers, regarding emergency repairs needed at the City's main lift station to be paid with the Texas Water Development Funds, Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall moved to award the work to Rodriguez's Construction . The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0.
6. There was no action taken on agenda item 6 "Discuss, Consider and Act on Scout Master Request for a reduced fee for rental of the Kiva Hut".
7. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved cast the City's seven ballots for Alan Miller to enable him to sit on the Appraisal Districts Board of Directors, "the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0.
8. Councilwoman Hitt moved to table item 8, approval of Ordinance 895 the City's Personnel Handbook until a round table meeting can be scheduled in January Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0.
9. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to approve the Holiday schedule as presented. Seconded by Council woman Hitt. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0.

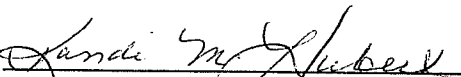
10. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to approve the "Orders Assigning Cases on Recusal". Seconded by Council woman Hitt. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0.
11. Council woman Hitt moved to approve Ordinance 896 raising the Taft water rates to reflect the San Patricio's Municipal Districts rates. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0
12. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to approve Resolution 537 in support of "Operation Criminal Justice Support". This program is part of "Border Star" and is required for a reimbursable account for police officers overtime. Seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous Motion carried 4-0.
13. Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall moved to postpone the cutoff date for delinquent December 2012 water bills. The fine and penalties shall still be assessed but the "cutoff date" would be postponed until January 2, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0.
14. Councilwoman Hitt moved to go on record stating the City Council as a whole will support community events i.e. a Mardi gras parade, a boll weevil festival, any activity that enhances the community's quality of life. Seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0.
15. Councilwoman Hitt moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0

Passed and approved this 8thth day of January, 2013



Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST:


Kandi Hubert, City Secretary