

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF SAN PATRICIO

On the 8th day of January, 2013, 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

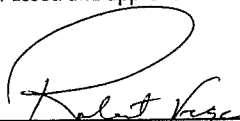
Councilman Leonard Vasquez

Also present: Stephanie Hernandez, and, Adrian Garcia

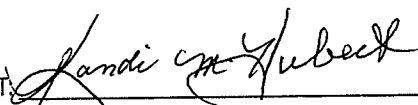
1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. and it was determined that a quorum was present.
2. Mayor Bobby Vega said the invocation and Councilman Leonard Vasquez led the Council and audience in the pledge of allegiance.
3. Council woman Hitt made the motion to approve the December 11th 2012 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0
4. Brian Williams the General Manager of San Patricio Municipal Water District appeared before the Council to request Council approval of the "Revised and restated water supply contract between San Patricio Water District and the City of Taft". Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve the aforementioned contract. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
5. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to have a workshop regarding the wastewater treatment repairs prior to awarding a contract for same. The repairs are being funded by a loan from the Texas Water Development Board. Seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
6. Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve Ordinance 897 which sets the Community Center rental rates at \$25.00 an hour. The fee is to be charged to residents and organizations and will be assessed "across the board". The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
7. The Mayor announced that there would be a round table discussion regarding the personnel handbook at 6:30 p.m. on January 22nd in the Kiva Hut.
8. Mayor ProTem Stegall moved to approve Resolution 539 stating that the City recognizes time payment plans for ad valorem taxes. Seconded by Councilwoman Hitt. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
9. Mayor Pro tem Stegall moved to keep the donations to ems and fire department on the monthly water bill and, to direct the staff to address the customers with its voluntary intent. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous. The motion carried 5-0.

10. There was no action on item 10 ... "to set a date for the Board of Adjustments to meet".
Mayor Vega requested staff contact each member to see when they are available.
11. Councilwoman Hitt moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido.
For: Unanimous. The motion carried 5-0.

Passed and approved this 12th day of February, 2013.



Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST 

Kandi Hubert, City Secretary



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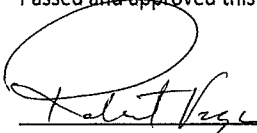
On the 22nd day of January, 2013, the City Council of Taft, Texas convened in a Called meeting at The Kiva Hut located at 402 Park Street in Taft Texas at 6:30 pm. The following members of the governing body were present:

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

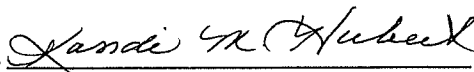
Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager; Monte Akers (via Skype) the City's attorney; Stephanie Hernandez, assistant; Stephanie Floyd, financial officer; Jorge Alvarez, EMS; Jennifer Pineda Municipal Court; Fred Farias with public works; Adrian Garcia, office staff; Chief Landreth, police and Mary Griffin, librarian for the City of Taft.

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:31p.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. The City Council and staff went into a work session to discuss the City's Personnel Policy and address any concerns or clarifications needed.
4. Councilwoman Hitt made the motion to approve Ordinance 895 adopting the Personnel Handbook. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0
5. Councilwoman Hitt moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. The motion carried 4-0.

Passed and approved this 12th day of February, 2013.



Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST: 

Kandi Hubert, City Secretary



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On the 24th day of January, 2013, the City Council of Taft, Texas convened in a Called meeting at The Kiva Hut located at 402 Park Street in Taft Texas at 6:34 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

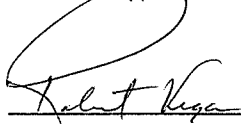
Councilman Leonard Vasquez

Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager; Stephanie Hernandez, assistant; Adrian Garcia; Fred Farias, Public works and Robert Viera the City's engineer with the firm LNV.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm and, it was determined that a quorum was present.

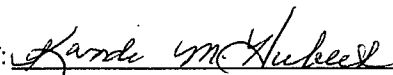
1. Mayor Bobby Vega said the invocation and Councilwoman Hitt led the Council and audience in the pledge of allegiance.
2. The City Council, the City engineer and staff went into a work session to discuss the City's Waste water treatment rehabilitation project and the bids that were received.
3. Councilman Salcido made the motion to approve Bryan Construction Company's bid for \$3,495,500 to rehabilitate the City of Taft's Waste water treatment plant. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0
4. Councilwoman Hitt moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 pm.. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. The motion carried 5-0.

Passed and approved this 12th day of February, 2013.



Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST:



Kandi Hubert, City Secretary



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On the 12th day of February, 2013, 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

Councilman Leonard Vasquez

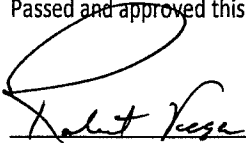
Councilwoman Denise Hitt

Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager; Stephanie Hernandez, assistant and Stephanie Floyd, financial officer,;

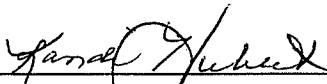
1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:31p.m. and it was determined that a quorum was present.
2. Mayor Bobby Vega said the invocation and Councilwoman Hitt led the Council and audience in the pledge of allegiance.
3. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to approve the minutes for January 8th, 22nd and 24th with a correction to January 8th minutes item 9 should have read Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to keep the donations to EMS and the Fire Department on the monthly water bill... Seconded by Councilwoman Hitt. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0
4. Mattie Atkinson with San Patricio County Emergency Management addressed the City Council regarding Flood Plain Management and Flood Insurance.
5. Robert Cuevas and Amy Rodriguez with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson, the City's Delinquent tax attorneys approached the City Council regarding two tax sales. (1) Site No. S-07-1092-TX; Taft Independent School District, City of Taft and San Patricio County vs. Ruben Pena, et al. 0.2 acre, more or less Lot 6 Block 14, 2nd Roosevelt Addition. (421 Ash) offer by Steven Rivera and Sandra Castillo 605 Davis Rd. Taft, was tabled by the firm. (2) Suite No. S-03-1274-TX; Taft Independent School District and San Patricio County vs Lillie C. Coronado et al Account 39893 Lot 4 Block 13 3rd Hildago addition, San Patricio County, Texas, according to the map and plat thereof, recorded in Volume 3 , page 38, map records of San Patricio County, Texas. Bidder Steven Rivera, 605 Davis Rd. Taft, Texas - \$500.00. Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve the sale of the second property by adopting Resolution #540. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
6. There was no action taken on requesting a designated handicapped parking area by the Methodist Church for the food pantry.
7. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall motion approved the 2013 Interlocal Government Contract, Seconded by Councilwoman Hitt. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0
8. The City of Taft will be working with the school in developing a web page. Stephanie Hernandez will be taking photographs of all Council and Department Heads.

9. The council went into Executive Session at 7:24p.m. to pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code the City Council will convene into executive session to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment of duties, discipline of dismissal of a public officer or employee: K. Hubert, City Manager.
10. The council reconvened at 7:51p.m from Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall motion to extend contract for K. Hubert, City Manager for 6 months. Second by Councilman Salcido. For: Mayor Vega, Mayor Pro Tem Stegall, Councilman Vasquez, Councilman Salcido. Against: Councilwoman Hitt. Motion carried 4-1
11. There were no visitor comments.
12. Pro Tem Stegall motion to adjourn. Second by Councilman Hitt.

Passed and approved this 12th day of March, 2013.



Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST: 

Kandi Hubert, City Secretary



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On the 12th day of March, 2013, the City Council of Taft, Texas convened in regular meeting at The Kiva Hut located at 402 Park Street in Taft Texas at 8:25 pm. The following members of the governing body were present:

Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

Mayor Pro- Tem Roy Stegall

Councilman Martin Salcido

Councilman Leonard Vasquez

Councilwoman Denise Hitt

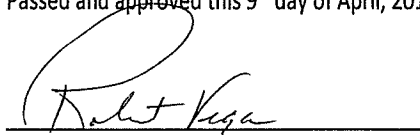
Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager; Stephanie Hernandez, Adrian Garcia, Mary Griffin, Fred Farias, and Chief Landreth were present

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 8:26 p.m. and it was determined that a quorum was present.
2. Mayor Bobby Vega said the invocation and Councilman Vasquez led the Council and audience in the pledge of allegiance.
3. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to approve the minutes for February 12, 2013 with an additional phrase added to item 7. The addition is to change the verbiage to "motioned to approve". The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Roger Powell, the Economic Development Corporation's chairman appeared before the City Council with the EDC's project to develop a Business Park. Resolution 541 was introduced to council regarding same as the project will exceed \$10,000 and therefore the Council is required to address the issue twice to allow the public to have time to comment. Mayor Pro tem Stegall moved to approve Resolution 541. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
5. There was no action on item 5 regarding forming a street committee to evaluate all the streets in the City and rate them in order of importance to be repaired. Rather the City Council commissioned Fred Farias, the public works superintendent to evaluate the street conditions and to report at the April meeting what streets are the most hazardous to the citizenry.
6. Fred Farias, public works director appeared before the City Council to report that he had spoken with Taft's County Commissioner and Ms Trevino has stated that Avenue C is on her schedule to be repaired. A date and time has not been scheduled but the commitment has been made for early in the summer of 2013. There was no action to be taken.
7. The City's zoning map is currently being assessed for correctness by the City's engineering firm, LNV. There was no action taken.
8. The City Council went into Executive Session at 9:07 p.m. Pursuant to Section 551.071 (advise of legal counsel) and Section 551.074 (personnel matters) of the Texas Government

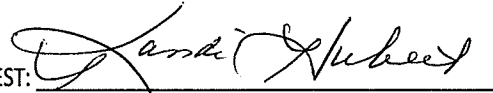
Code. The two matters to be discussed were: Deliberate the duties of the Mayor and the residency of the City Manager Kandi Hubert.

9. The council reconvened at 9:54 p.m. from Executive Session. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall motion to amend Ordinance 858 section 3 allowing the City Manager to reside in Taft's surrounding area. Second by Councilman Salcido. For: Mayor Vega, Mayor Pro Tem Stegall, Councilman Vasquez, and Councilman Salcido. Against: Councilwoman Hitt. Motion carried 4-1
10. There were no visitor comments.
11. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall motion to adjourn at 9:55. Second by Councilman Salcido.

Passed and approved this 9th day of April, 2013.



Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST: 

Kandi Hubert, City Secretary



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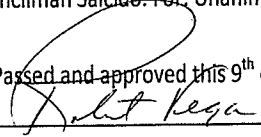
On the 19th day of March, 2013, the City Council of Taft, Texas convened in a special called meeting at The Kiva Hut located at 402 Park Street in Taft Texas at 6:30 pm. The following members of the governing body were present:

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

Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager; Stephanie Hernandez, Adrian Garcia, Mary Griffin, Johnny Carabajal, Fred Farias and Chief Landreth were present

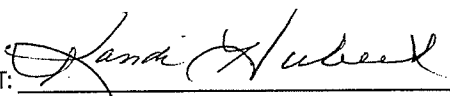
1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. and it was determined that a quorum was present.
2. Mayor Bobby Vega said the invocation and Councilman Vasquez led the Council and audience in the pledge of allegiance.
3. Robert Viera, the City's engineer with LNV appeared before the City Council to request approval of Change Order 1 regarding the Texas Water Development Boards Waste Water Treatment Plant Project. Mr. Viera explained that he had researched the plans for the Waste Water Treatment Plants' renovation, as submitted by Melvin and Hunt (the City's previous engineering firm), and found some modifications that could be made to save the City approximately \$457,180. Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve Change Order 1 in reference to the renovation of the City's Waste Water Treatment Plant. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0
4. City Engineer Robert Viera again addressed the City Council this time it was regarding the City's Zoning Map. Mr. Viera stated that he is currently working on the Zoning map and when he gets all of the City's Ordinances he will have to determine boundary lines and acreages' on the new map. No action was taken.
5. Councilman Salcido moved to adopt Ordinance 898 amending Ordinance 858 Section 3 revising the requirements of residency for the City Manager by allowing said person to live in the Taft I.S.D. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stegall. For: Mayor Vega, Mayor Pro Tem Stegall and Councilman Salcido. Against: Councilwoman Hitt and Councilman Vasquez. Motion carried 3-2.
6. There were no visitor comments.
7. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall motion to adjourn at 7:03p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous Motion carried 5-0.

Passed and approved this 9th day of April, 2013.



Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST:



Kandi Hubert, City Secretary



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On the 9th day of April, 2013, 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 "Bobby" Vega

Mayor Pro- Tem Roy Stegall

Councilman Martin Salcido

Councilman Leonard Vasquez


Councilwoman Denise Hitt

Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager; Stephanie Floyd, Stephanie Hernandez, Adrian Garcia, Mary Griffin, Johnny Carabajal, Fred Farias, Fire Chief Dan Gibson and Chief Landreth were present.

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and it was determined that a quorum was present.
2. Mayor Bobby Vega said the invocation and Mayor ProTem Stegall led the Council and audience in the pledge of allegiance.
3. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to approve the minutes for the March 12th and March 16th minutes. Seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Mayor Vega, Mayor Pro Tem Stegall, Councilmen Salcido and Vasquez. Against: Councilwoman Hitt. Motion carried 4-1.
4. Mayor Vega proclaimed April 14th through the 20th National Library Week.
5. Council woman Hitt made a motion to adopt Resolution 542, accepting Steven Rivera and Sandra Castillo's bid to purchase the tax property located at 421 Ash for \$800.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Mayor Vega, Councilman Salcido, Councilman Vasquez and Councilwoman Hitt. Against: Mayor Pro Tem Stegall. Motion carried 4-1
6. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to approve Resolution 541 allowing the City of Taft's Economic Development Board the ability to spend Economic Development monies to purchase land for a business, commercial or industrial park. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Mayor Vega, Mayor Pro Tem Stegall, Councilman Vasquez and Councilwoman Hitt. Against: Councilman Salcido. Motion carried 4-1
7. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to approve Humana' National POS for the City's health, vision and dental coverage. Seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous. The motion carried 5-0.
8. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to approve Ordinance 899, confirming the creation of the office of Fire Marshall. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.

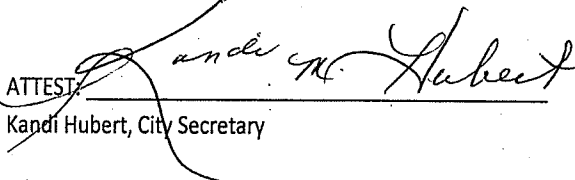
9. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to approve Ordinance 900 adopting the 2009 International Fire Code. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
10. Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve going out for proposals for the Municipal Court Makeover. Seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Mayor Vega, Councilman Vasquez and Councilwoman Hitt. Against: Mayor Pro Tem Stegall and Councilman Salcido. Motion carried 3-2.
11. Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve having an Ordinance drafted that would allow Master Electricians and Master Plumbers to pull a permit for their employees. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
12. Chief Finance Officer stated that the City's finances are in line and all departments are "under" budget.
13. Public Works Supervisor Fred Farias stated that in his opinion there were 7 streets that are in need of repair: McIntyre, Meyers, Avenue B, Third Street, Old Rincon Road, Industrial and Harding.
14. Denise Hitt stated that she would like to have the Mayor report on the State of the City. Mayor Vega agreed and he will give a "State of the City" report at the May meeting.
15. The City Council as a whole and Department Heads talked about the need for new city vehicles for the fire department, police department and public works. The Mayor suggested that the City Council have a workshop to discuss the budget and the requests. The workshop was to be scheduled for April 16th, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the Kiva Hut. The Council concurred.
16. Councilman Salcido moved to approve Resolution 543, "...to opt-in to the HOME reservation program". Said program will have no cost to the city and will enable ten additional houses to be funded. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous. The motion carried 5-0.
17. There were no visitors present to speak.
18. Mayor Vega announced that the City Council would not be going into Executive Session.
19. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to have the meeting adjourned. The motion was seconded by Council woman Hitt. For: Unanimous. The motion carried 5-0.
The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Passed and approved this 14th day of May, 2013.



Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST



Kandi Hubert, City Secretary

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On the 16th day of April, 2013, the City Council of Taft, Texas scheduled a called meeting at The Kiva Hut located at 402 Park Street in Taft Texas at 6:30 pm. The matters to be discussed dealt with the City Budget and vehicles and equipment for the Police Department and Public Works Department.

THE AFORE POSTED MEETING WAS CANCELLED

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On the 23rd day of April, 2013, the City Council of Taft, Texas convened in a special 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

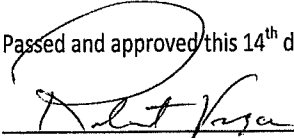
Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager; Stephanie Floyd, Stephanie Hernandez, Adrian Garcia, Court Clerk Jennifer Pineda, Johnny Carabajal, Public Works Director Fred Farias, and Chief Landreth were present.

Absent: Councilman Salcido.

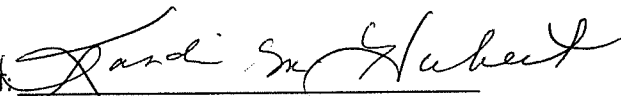
1. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. and it was determined that a quorum was present.
2. Mayor Bobby Vega said the invocation and Councilman Vasquez led the Council and audience in the pledge of allegiance.
3. The Mayor opened the work session regarding the 2013 budget and the Public Works Director and Police Chief explained their departments' needs for replacement vehicles.
4. Council woman Hitt made a motion to table actions regarding the 2012-2013 budgets until April the 30th when the Police Chief and Public Works Director will come back to the City Council with solid figures on vehicle costs. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0.
5. Councilwoman Hitt moved to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Passed and approved this 14th day of May, 2013.



Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST: 

Kandi Hubert, City Secretary

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On the 30th day of April, 2013, the City Council of Taft, Texas scheduled a called meeting at The Kiva Hut located at 402 Park Street in Taft Texas at 6:30 pm. The matters to be discussed dealt with the City Budget and vehicles and equipment for the Police Department and Public Works Department.

THE AFORE POSTED MEETING WAS CANCELLED

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Regular Meeting

On the 14th day of May, 2013, 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:

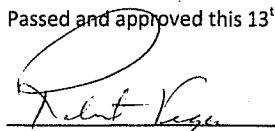
Mayor Robert Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Stegall
Councilman Vasquez
Councilman Salcido
Council woman Hitt

Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager; John Landreth, Chief of Police, Stephanie Floyd CFO, Stephanie Hernandez, Adrian Garcia and Monte Akers via Skype.

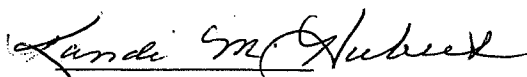
1. Mayor Vega Called the meeting to order at 6:32 and it was determined that there was a quorum.
2. The invocation was said by Mayor Vega and Councilman Vasquez led the pledge of allegiance.
3. Councilman Salcido moved to approve the minutes for the April 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th City Council meetings. Seconded by Council woman Hitt. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Mayor Pro tem Stegall moved to approve Armanda Garza's bid of \$1600. 00 regarding the property as submitted by the delinquent tax attorney, located at 421 Ash. Seconded by Councilwoman Hitt. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
5. Councilwoman Hitt moved to terminate the City's contract with Municipal Service Bureau for Municipal Court Collections. Seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
6. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to approve the firm of Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson as the City's collection agency for delinquent Municipal Court Fines. Seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Councilman Salcido moved to approve Resolution 546 authorizing the City's contracted firm to charge a collection fee of 30% of debts and accounts receivable. Seconded by Council woman Hitt. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
8. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to approve a contract with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson for the E. M.S. (Emergency Medical Service) delinquent invoices. Seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
9. Councilwoman Hitt moved to appoint a street committee to assess the City's roads. The appointees would be Linda Cisneros, Larry Brazina, and Judge Marsh, Thomas O'Grady, Deana Gonzalez, Council man Vasquez, Sergeant Easley and Public Works Director Fred Farias. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
10. Council woman Hitt moved to approve Resolution 545, recognizing Danial Gibson's 36 years with the Taft Fire Department. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
11. The Chief of Police John Landreth and Public Works Director Fred Farias appeared before the City Council requesting to lease/purchase vehicles for their departments. The total amount to be financed would be approximately \$142,684 (One hundred, forty two thousand, six hundred and eighty four dollars) for 2 (two) Tahoe's and 1 (one) Chevy crew cab plus a ¾ ton w/knappeidw work bed and a ½ ton Ford regular bed w/tow package. The quoted price does not include any trade in vehicles; Councilman Salcido moved to approve the vehicles purchase. Seconded by Council woman Hitt. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
12. The Mayor gave the state of the City address.

13. Councilman Salcido moved to approve Ordinance 901 regulating the installation of culverts. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0. Public Works Director Fred Farias was requested to contact the drainage district regarding their culvert requirements.
14. Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve Ordinance 903 regarding requirements for pulling electrical and plumbing permits. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
15. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to table Ordinance 903 regarding election qualifications. The motion was seconded by Council woman Hitt. For: Mayor Vega, Mayor Pro Tem Stegall, Councilman Vasquez, and Councilwoman Hitt. Against: Councilman Salcido. Motion carried 4-1.
16. Councilman Salcido moved to approve Ordinance 904 amending Ordinance 887, Section 7 item 9 allowing the City to charge \$250.00 (Two hundred and fifty dollars) for turning on a meter that had previously been turned off without the City staff. (Tampering). The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stegall. Motion carried 5-0.
17. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to approve the First United Methodist Churches request for striping the handicapped parking spaces. The City would provide the labor with the church funding the materials. The motion was seconded by Council woman Hitt. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
18. The City Council went into Executive Session at 8:13 p.m. pursuant to Section 551.071, 551.072 and 551.073 of the Texas *Government Code* regarding a gift to the Economic Development Corporation.
19. The City Council meeting reconvened from Executive Session at 8:24 p.m. Council woman Hitt moved to approve the E. D. C.'s acceptance of a building located at 400 Green (the brown medical building) pending approval from the EDC board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
20. **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*
 - Tazh Fonville appeared before the City Council requesting a speed limit change on Rincon Rd.
 - Monica Roberts appeared before the City Council with complaints referencing the Police Chief and City Manager. Ms Roberts stated she has had 26 cases since the Chief has been employed with the City of Taft and she has not received the information she requested regarding same. Ms Roberts also inquired if Taft could offer a Personal bond.
21. Council woman Hitt moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.. The motion was seconded by Councilman Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0

Passed and approved this 13th day of June, 2013


 Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST:


 City Secretary



THE STATE OF THE CITY

The State of the City is fluid- always changing and evolving monetarily the city's finances have improved. Raising the water rates and the installation of the new badger meters has aided in the integrity of the water system. A new contract for the collection of delinquent municipal citations and EMS statements will add income to our budget and insure the departments are funded appropriately. Delinquent tax notices for both the disannexed area and Taft proper will be in the mail this week. At this time the city has collected ½ of the monies owed to satisfy the city's debt service. Bids for the renovations to the collection system and lift stations will be open on the 15th of this month and renovation of the waste water treatment plant commences on the same day – the clock is ticking.

The Police Department staffed by 10 TECLOSE officers and two civilians has reported that crime is at the all time low. There are fewer juveniles on probation and procedures have been implemented that have allowed Taft to be in control of all seized evidence. These feats were accomplished while the department stayed within budget. The City's Police Department is a fine example of community in action: toy drives, egg hunts, national night out, community affairs and being instrumental in starting the boys and girls club. The "Impaired Drivers" and "Click it or Ticket" campaigns are State Driven. Sharing, maintaining and making the firing range available to State and Federal agencies makes Taft a team player.

The Emergency Medical Services is thriving to work with the Taft Housing Authority and community regarding the vials of life. They have a community paramedic ready to respond; This agency too works for and with the community by joining the library and giving IT (Information Technology) such as computer and iPhone instructions. The staff is participating in the library foundation for the youth by reading stories to the young ones. It is an honor to report 2 of our EMS personnel were commandeered to go to West to aid in the debriefing of the victims.

The Fire Department is well staffed as of today's date, 27 volunteers, with 7 being new. To keep this community safe The Fire Department is in the process of requesting a grant from the Coastal Bend Foundation, Wilber Ellis and Pioneer for a new place of equipment – The Jaws of Life.

The Library is in the summer ready mode. Mr. Kippy will be the star of the summer reading program commencing on June 5th and every Wednesday thru June from 9am to 11am. Computer Excel classes are going to offered to the community and commence May 23rd. The city's head librarian has announced that she's shopping for new DVD's that are family friendly to beat the heat.

City Hall will be welcoming a new staff member shortly as our CFO is going north to join her family in and around the Chicago area. She will be missed by all. Interviews for the Chief Financial Officer are ongoing as well as budget time beginning. The City still has adjustments for the water bills and a quarterly newsletter is being contemplated. Elections are in November and for the record the first sign-up day is Saturday, July 27th 2013, but for city businesses it will be July 29, 2013 at City Hall. The Board of Adjustments will meet the 16th at 6:30pm for a special meeting here at the Kiva Hut. Renovation of apartments (Cottonwood) has begun and the Home Program is in full swing. The web site should be up shortly, and the residents will have full access to minutes, agendas, and coming events. All in all the State of the City is good and has a bright future.

Robert "Bobby" Vega

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF SAN PATRICIO

Regular Meeting

On the 13th day of June, 2013, 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 Vasquez
Councilman Salcido
Councilwoman Hitt

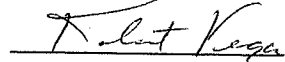
Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager; John Landreth, Chief of Police, Stephanie Hernandez, and Monte Akers via Skype.

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 Vasquez led the pledge of allegiance.
3. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to approve the minutes for May 14th, 2013 City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Councilwoman Hitt moved to award contract for rehabilitation to the city collection stations funded by Texas Water Development Board to Lopez Utilities Contractor LLC in the amount of \$1,992,400.00. Seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
5. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to approve on change order #1 regarding rehabilitation to the city collection system and lift station as funded by the Texas Water Development Board. Seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
6. Juan Pimentel and Hector Castaneda with LNV appeared before the City Council regarding Drainage Projects to be funded by the San Patricio County Drainage District. Work will be done after bids have been submitted and approved by San Patricio County Drainage District; Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve the Gregory Street Drainage Project in the amount of \$140,000.00. Seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Kim Polasek appeared before the City Council regarding National Flag Day. Mayor Vega Proclaimed June 14, 2013 as National Flag Day
8. Mayor Vega proclaimed June 17th – June 21st as Emergency Medical Appreciation Week. A copy of the proclamation was given to Jorge Alvarez, EMS Director.
9. Jennifer Pineda, Municipal Court Clerk appeared before the City Council and recommended denying the bids to renovate Municipal Court until the next fiscal year. Councilwoman Hitt moved to deny the bids. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
10. Donna Johnson with Grantworks appeared before the City Council on approving City of Taft-Hlavinka Equipment Company Contractor/Company Agreement, Texas Capital Fund Contract 712072. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to approve the Agreement. Seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
11. The Chief of Police John Landreth came before City Council with Resolution 547 regarding Contract with First Capital Equipment Leasing Corp. and City of Taft for city vehicles. Chief Landreth informed the council that the total cost for vehicles is \$143,000.00 and the first payment will be due January 15, 2014. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to approve Resolution 547. Seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.

12. Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve Resolution 548 to Ramon C. Martinez, an offer to purchase tax sale property via bids as presented by the City's Delinquent Tax Attorney's Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson; Account No. 1853-0045-0008-000, Lot 8, Block 40, Original Townsite, City of Taft, San Patricio County, as described in Volume 460, Page 441, Deed Records of San Patricio County, Texas. Seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
13. Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve Resolution 549 to Rene Menchaca, an offer to purchase tax sale property via bids as presented by the City's Delinquent Tax Attorney's Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson; Account No. 45872, Lot 1, Block 1, Taft Townsite, San Patricio County, Texas according to the map or plat thereof, recorded in Volume 3, Page 3B, Map Records of San Patricio County, Texas. Seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
14. Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve Resolution 550 to Taft Economic Development Corp., an offer to purchase tax sale property via bids as presented by the City's Delinquent Tax Attorney's Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson. Account No. 46162, 0.25 acres, more or less, Hospital Tract, Coleman Fulton Pasture Company's map of the City of Taft, San Patricio County, Texas, as described in Clerk's File #416681, Official Records of San Patricio County, Texas. Seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
15. Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve Resolution 551 to Taft Economic Development Corp., an offer to purchase tax sale property via bids as presented by the City's Delinquent Tax Attorney's Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson. Seconded by Councilman Vasquez. Account No. 46161, 5.963 acres, more or less, Hospital Tract, Coleman Fulton Pasture Company's map of the City of Taft, San Patricio County, Texas, as described in Clerk's File #416681, Official Records of San Patricio County, Texas. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
16. The Council concurred that they will honor Absolute's contract, therefore there will be no trash pick on Independence and Labor Day.
17. Councilman Salcido moved to approve going out for solid waste collection proposals. Seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
18. Councilman Salcido tabled Ordinance 903 regarding election qualification until after the November elections. Seconded by Councilman Hitt. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
19. Councilman Salcido moved to approve Ordinance 905 regarding certificates of occupancy. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
20. **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*
 - Mr. Garza appeared before the City Council requesting the Kiva Hut for July 25th, 26th, and 27th for the Boys & Girls club.
 - Mike Reeves appeared before the City Council representing Republic Services formally known as BFI.
21. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to approve hiring San Patricio County for November's election in the amount of \$5,000.00. Seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
22. Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve Ordinance 906 regarding a special election for the City of Taft, Texas, to be held on November 5, 2013, for the purpose of the re-adoption of a local sales and use tax at a rate of one-quarter of one percent to provide revenue for maintenance and repair of municipal streets. Seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
23. Kandi Hubert, City Manager appeared before City Council in regards to selling surplus items at Municipal Court. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to approve selling surplus items. Seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.

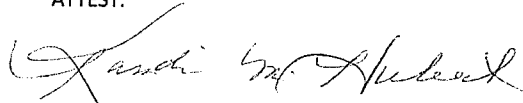
24. The City Council went into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code regarding procedures for requesting information by the council members from the City Manager, City Attorney or City Staff and terms of the contract of the City Attorney, amount of billable time and usage of the City Attorney.
25. The City Council meeting reconvened from Executive Session at 8:07 p.m. No action was taken.
26. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.

Passed and approved this 9th day of July, 2013



Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST:



City Secretary



STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF SAN PATRICIO

Special Meeting

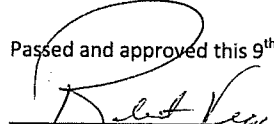
On the 26th day of June, 2013, the City Council of Taft, Texas convened in a special meeting at City Hall located at 501 Green Avenue in Taft Texas at 6:30 pm. The following members of the governing body were present:

Mayor Robert Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Stegall
Councilman Salcido
Council woman Hitt

Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager; John Landreth, Chief of Police, Stephanie Hernandez, and Monte Akers via Skype.

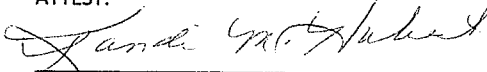
1. Mayor Vega Called the meeting to order at 6:31 and it was determined that there was a quorum.
2. The invocation was said by Mayor Vega and Kandi Hubert led the pledge of allegiance.
3. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to approve a contract with Tomas W. Lee with Assessments of the Southwest, Inc. for tax assessment and collection for taxes owed to the City of Taft. For: Mayor Vega, Mayor Pro Tem Stegall, Councilman Salcido. Against: Councilwoman Hitt. Motion carried 3-1.
4. **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*
5. Councilwoman Hitt moved to adjourn at 7:14 p.m.. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.

Passed and approved this 9th day of July, 2013



Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST:



City Secretary



STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF SAN PATRICIO

Regular Meeting

On the 9th day of July, 2013, 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:

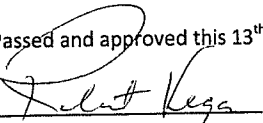
Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Stegall
Councilman Vasquez
Councilman Salcido
Councilwoman Hitt

Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager, Mary Alice Sandoval, Chief Financial Officer, John Landreth, Chief of Police, Fred Farias, Public Works Superintendent, and Mary Griffin, Librarian and Jim Haley 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. The invocation was said by Mayor Vega and Councilman Vasquez led the pledge of allegiance.
3. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to approve the minutes for June 13th and June 26th 2013. Seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
4. City Manager introduced Mary Alice Sandoval as the new Chief Financial Officer.
5. Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve Ordinance 908 authorizing a fee of \$35 for Fire Department Certificate of Occupancy Inspections. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
6. Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve Ordinance 909 providing that San Patricio County shall assess and collect the taxes the City imposes in the county in the manner in which the county assesses and collects its taxes. Seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
7. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to approve Ordinance 910 providing for extensions of time for customers to pay utility bills no more than 2 per calendar year. Seconded by Councilwoman Hitt. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
8. City Manager Kandi Hubert stated her opinion about closing City Hall from 12 p.m – 1 p.m. due to it being understaffed and for safety. Council recommended on working out a lunch schedule among the clerks. No action was taken.
9. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to approve an agreement with City of Taft Police Department and the San Patricio County Department of Health regarding an Interlocal agreement for animal control. Seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
10. Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve Resolution 552 an Appreciation to Guadalupe "Lupe" Castillo for his 28 years of service. Seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
11. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to approve Judge Marsh and Roger Powell as alternates to the Board of Adjustments. Seconded by Councilwoman Hitt. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
12. Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve Adrian Garcia, Erica Lopez, and Deana Gonzalez to the Pride of Taft. Seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
13. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to approve the appointment of Denise Hitt to EDC. Seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Mayor Vega, Mayor Pro Tem Stegall, Councilman Salcido, and Councilman Vasquez. Against : 0 Abstain : Council woman Hitt. Motion carried 4- 0-1
14. City Council set July, 23, 2013 as a budget workshop.
15. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall appointed Stephanie Hernandez as City Secretary. Seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.

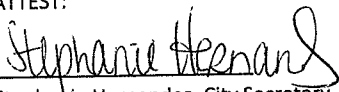
16. Council opened the proposals for solid waste. Bill Davis appeared before council representing Absolute Waste. Bill Morgan appeared before council representing Corpus Christi Disposal Service. Mike Reeves appeared before council representing Republic Services. No action was taken.
17. Councilwoman Hitt move to approve Dr. Garza's request to use Kiva Hut and City Facilities for Cub and Boy Scouts on July 25th, 26th, and 27th 2013. Seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
18. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to approve rental fees for Kiva Hut for Non Profit Organizations to \$100 a month. Seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
19. Council took a 15 minute break at 7:55 p.m.
20. The council went into Executive Session, Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the *Texas Government Code* the City Council convened into executive session at 8:12 p.m. to deliberate Ad Valorem taxes with possible litigation and the collection thereof.
21. The council reconvened at 8:36 p.m. from Executive Session. No action was taken.
22. There were no visitor comments.
23. Councilwoman Hitt moved to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.

Passed and approved this 13th day of August, 2013



Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST:



Stephanie Hernandez, City Secretary



STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF SAN PATRICIO

Special Meeting

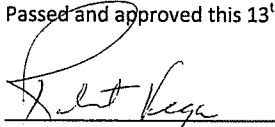
On the 23rd day of July, 2013, the City Council of Taft, Texas convened in a special meeting at The Kiva Hut located at 402 Park Street in Taft Texas at 6:30 pm. The following members of the governing body were present:

Mayor Pro Tem Stegall
Councilwoman Hitt

Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager, Stephanie Hernandez, City Secretary, Mary Alice Sandoval, Chief Financial Officer, John Landreth, Chief of Police, Jorge Alvarez, EMS Director, Fred Farias, Public Works Superintendent, and Jennifer Pineda, Court Clerk.

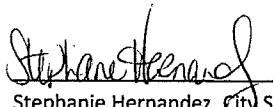
1. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall Called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and it was determined that there was no quorum.

Passed and approved this 13th day of August, 2013



Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST:



Stephanie Hernandez, City Secretary



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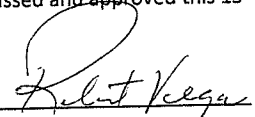
On the 30th day of July, 2013, the City Council of Taft, Texas convened in a special meeting at The Kiva Hut located at 402 Park Street in Taft Texas at 6:30 pm. The following members of the governing body were present:

Mayor Robert Vega
Councilman Vasquez
Councilman Salcido
Councilwoman Hitt

Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager, Stephanie Hernandez, City Secretary, Mary Alice Sandoval, Chief Financial Officer, John Landreth, Chief of Police, Jorge Alvarez, EMS Director, Fred Farias, Public Works Superintendent, Mary Griffin, Librarian, and Jennifer Pineda, Court Clerk.

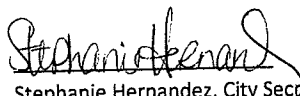
1. Mayor Vega Called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and it was determined that there was a quorum.
2. The invocation was said by Mayor Vega and Councilman Vasquez led the pledge of allegiance.
3. Will Heavin appeared before City Council informing on selecting a renewal date for Humana Insurance before August 1, 2013. Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve December 1, 2013 as the new renewal date. Seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0.
4. Councilman Salcido moved to approve the bid for Republic Services for solid waste. Upon request from Councilwoman Hitt, the motion was amended to add that all new trucks stay for all 5 years of contract with Republic Services. Seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0.
5. Councilwoman Hitt moved to table Ordinance 911 authorizing a processing fee on all credit, debit, and electronic payments to next council meeting. Seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0.
6. The City Council went into Executive Session at 6: 57 p.m. pursuant to Section 551.071 of the *Texas Government Code* to deliberate with City Attorney regarding the City's authority and options with regard to collection of ad valorem taxes.
7. The Council reconvened at 7:21 p.m. Councilman Salcido moved to approve City Attorney to initiate an application for writ of mandamus to assure collection of City taxes by San Patricio County. Seconded by Councilwoman Hitt. For Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0.
8. All departments discussed the 2013-2014 Budget and will reschedule for another Budget Workshop.
9. ***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"***
Lee Dibway appeared before the City Council requesting a payment agreement to operate a game room.
10. Councilwoman Hitt moved to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0.

Passed and approved this 13th day of August, 2013



Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST:



Stephanie Hernandez, City Secretary



STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF SAN PATRICIO

Regular Meeting

On the 13th day of August, 2013, 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:

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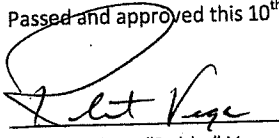
Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager; Stephanie Passmore, City Secretary; Mary Alice Sandoval, Chief Financial Officer; John Landreth, Chief of Police; Adrian Garcia, Utility Clerk; Fred Farias, Superintendent of Public Works; Mary Griffin, Librarian; Jennifer Pineda, Court Clerk; Yolanda Rivera, Accounts Payable; and Monte Akers 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. The invocation was said by Mayor Vega and Councilwoman Hitt led the pledge of allegiance.
3. Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve the minutes for July 9th, July 23rd, and July 30th 2013. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0.
4. Russell Chaney founder of COPsync appeared before the City Council regarding the purchase of COPsync program and software. No action was taken.
5. Councilwoman Hitt tabled on acquiring equipment for programming and installation with COPsync until further review. Seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0.
6. Councilwoman Hitt tabled Resolution 553 a finance contract with COPsync until further review. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0.
7. Lee Dibway appeared before the City Council requesting a payment agreement to operate a game room. Ms. Dibway requested \$3,000 down the opening day, \$3,000 within 90 days from opening day, and to pay the remainder of \$12,000 within 6 months from the opening day. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to approve Ms. Dibway's payment agreement. Seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Mayor Vega, Mayor Pro Tem Stegall, and Councilman Salcido. Against: Councilwoman Hitt. Motion carried 3-1.
8. Ernest Garza appeared before the City Council presenting the 2011-2012 Audit.

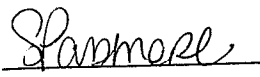
Councilman Vasquez arrived at 7:42 p.m.
9. Councilwoman Hitt moved to accept the 2011-2012 audit. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
10. There was no action taken on payment agreements for Absolute Waste.
11. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to approve Ordinance 911, authorizing a 3% processing fee for the acceptance of credit and debit cards or other electronic means as payment of fees, fines, court costs and other charges. Seconded by Councilwoman Hitt. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
12. Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve Ordinance 912, a 7% hotel occupancy tax. Seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
13. Kandi Hubert suggested we place this item on the next budget meeting regarding a loan to satisfy debt. No action was taken.
14. Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve the bids as presented for city vehicles and equipment. Seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Councilman Vasquez and Councilwoman Hitt. Against: Mayor Vega, Mayor Pro Tem Stegall and Councilman Salcido. Motion carried 2-3.

15. Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve Ordinance 907 a water conservation plan. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
16. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to approve Ordinance 913 a drought contingency plan. Seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
17. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to approve Ordinance 914 ordering a general election on November 5, 2013. Seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
18. **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*
 Monica Roberts appeared before the City Council regarding why she was not placed on the agenda.
 Tozh Fonville Jr. appeared before the City Council regarding his concerns with the Taft Police Department.
19. No executive session was taken.
20. Councilwoman Hitt moved to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.

Passed and approved this 10th day of September, 2013


 Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST:


 City Secretary



STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF SAN PATRICIO

Special Meeting

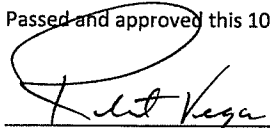
On the 27th day of August, 2013, the City Council of Taft, Texas convened in a special meeting at The Kiva Hut located at 402 Park Street in Taft Texas at 6:30 pm. The following members of the governing body were present:

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

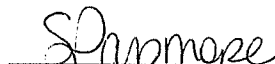
Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager; Stephanie Passmore, City Secretary; Mary Alice Sandoval, Chief Financial Officer; John Landreth, Chief of Police; Jorge Alvarez, EMS Director; Fred Farias, Public Works Superintendent; Mary Griffin, Librarian; Yolanda Rivera, Accounts Payable; Judge Herrera, and Jennifer Pineda, Court Clerk.

1. Mayor Vega Called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and it was determined that there was a quorum.
2. The invocation was said by Mayor Vega and Councilwoman Hitt led the pledge of allegiance.
3. All departments discussed the 2013-2014 Budget. No action was taken.
4. Councilman Salcido moved to approve Jesus Arevalo's bid for \$10,000 for city vehicles and equipment. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stegall. For: Mayor Vega, Mayor Pro Tem Stegall, Councilman Salcido, and Councilman Vasquez. Against: 0 Abstain: Councilwoman Hitt. Motion carried 4-0-1.
5. Councilman Salcido moved to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.

Passed and approved this 10th day of September, 2013


Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST:


Stephanie Passmore, City Secretary



STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF SAN PATRICIO

Regular Meeting

On the 10th day of September, 2013, 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:

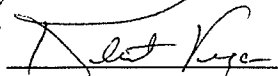
Mayor Robert Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Stegall
Councilman Vasquez
Councilman Salcido
Councilwoman Hitt

Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager; Stephanie Passmore, City Secretary; Mary Alice Sandoval, Chief Financial Officer; John Landreth, Chief of Police; Mary Griffin, Librarian; and Monte Akers via Skype.

1. Mayor Vega Called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and it was determined that there was a quorum.
2. The invocation was said by Mayor Vega and Mayor Pro Tem Stegall led the pledge of allegiance.
3. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to approve the minutes for August 13th and August 27th 2013. Seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Lolo Hernandez appeared before the City Council requesting permission to use the property next to the library, the Kiva Hut and the Taft Memorial Park and surrounding areas for the Taft Christmas Festival to be held on Saturday, December 7, 2013. Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve Mr. Hernandez's request. Seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
5. There was no action taken on acknowledging Pack 43 Boy Scouts.
6. Mayor proclaimed October 1, 2013 as National Night Out.
7. Councilwoman Hitt moved to table on amending Ordinance 866 Section IV, Article A. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
8. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to table Sung Park's payment agreement for operation of a game room until he chooses to come before council. Seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
9. There was no action taken on Resolution 554, an offer to purchase tax property (401 College Street) via bids as presented by the City's Delinquent Tax Attorney's Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson for the amount of \$7000.00.
10. Monica Roberts came before City Council requesting a reimbursement for community service hours, towing, increased insurance rates, etc. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall made a motion not to reimburse Monica Roberts. Seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Mayor Vega, Mayor Pro Tem Stegall and Councilman Salcido. Against: Councilwoman Hitt. Abstain: Councilman Vasquez. Motion carried 3-1-1.
11. Councilman Salcido made a motion to leave EMS donations on the utility bills. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stegall. For: Mayor Vega, Mayor Pro Tem Stegall, and Councilman Salcido. Against: Councilman Vasquez and Councilwoman Hitt. Motion carried 3-2.
12. No action will be taken on amending the EMS contract with Linebarger to authorize a collection fee.
13. David Smith appeared before City Council requesting council to approve the proposed 2013-2014 EDC Budget. Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve the proposed 2013-2014 EDC Budget. Seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
14. Councilwoman Hitt moved to amend Ordinance 911, authorizing a processing fee on all credit and debit cards only. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.

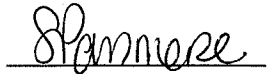
15. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall move to table waiving the city's ad valorem taxes for the Taft Housing Authority. Seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
16. Councilwoman Hitt moved to call a meeting for September 24, 2013. Seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
17. Kandi Hubert informed City Council on selecting nominees for the San Patricio County Appraisal Review Board and anyone wanting to apply can pick up an application at City Hall. No action was taken.
18. Monte Akers informed City Council that San Patricio County is not collecting City taxes due to the City being too slow in making payments to the county. The City of Taft and San Patricio County would have to have a new interlocal agreement for the county to collect taxes for the fiscal year 2014-2015.
19. City Council informed City Secretary that all will be attending the San Patricio Economic Development Banquet on October 17, 2013.
20. **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.”*
 - Pedro “Pete” Lopez appeared before City Council introducing himself as a nominee for Mayor for the City of Taft. He invited Council and employees to come to his meeting to inquire his intentions as Mayor.
 - Elizabeth Yglesias appeared before City Council informing that her neighbor fenced up the alley and the sewer tap is in a bad location.
21. Councilwoman Hitt moved to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.

Passed and approved this 8th day of October, 2013

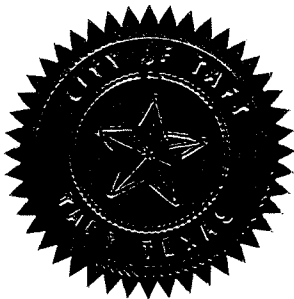


Robert “Bobby” Vega, Mayor

ATTEST:



Stephanie Passmore, City Secretary



STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF SAN PATRICIO

Special Meeting

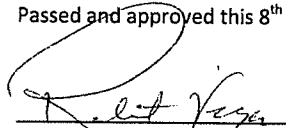
On the 17th day of September, 2013, the City Council of Taft, Texas convened in a special meeting at The City Hall located at 501 Green Ave, in Taft Texas at 6:30 pm. The following members of the governing body were present:

Mayor Robert Vega
Mayor Pro Tem Stegall
Councilman Salcido
Councilwoman Hitt

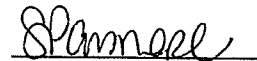
Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager; Stephanie Passmore, City Secretary; Mary Alice Sandoval, Chief Financial Officer; Jorge Alvarez, EMS Director; Fred Farias, Public Works Superintendent; Mary Griffin, Librarian; Yolanda Rivera, Accounts Payable; Dan Gibson, Fire Chief; and Tommy Lee via sky, Tax Assessor.

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 Councilwoman Hitt led the pledge of allegiance.
3. All departments discussed the 2013-2014 Budget. No action was taken.
4. Councilwoman Hitt moved to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0.

Passed and approved this 8th day of October, 2013


Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST:


Stephanie Passmore, City Secretary



STATE OF TEXAS

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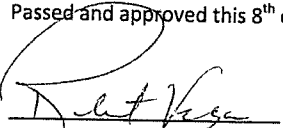
On the 24th day of September, 2013, the City Council of Taft, Texas convened in a special meeting at The Kiva Hut located at 402 Park Street in Taft Texas at 6:30 pm. The following members of the governing body were present:

Mayor Pro Tem Stegall
Councilman Vasquez
Councilman Salcido
Councilwoman Hitt


Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager; Stephanie Passmore, City Secretary; Mary Alice Sandoval, Chief Financial Officer; Mary Griffin, Librarian; Jennifer Pineda, Court Clerk; and Judge Herrera.

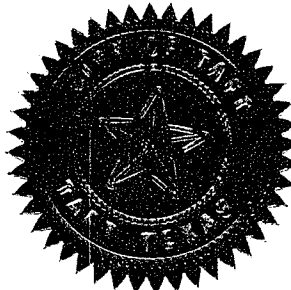
1. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall Called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and it was determined that there was a quorum.
2. The invocation was said by Fred Farias and Councilwoman Hitt led the pledge of allegiance.
3. Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve Ordinance 915 amending Ordinance 911 regarding fees to be assessed when paying with an electronic check. Seconded by Councilman Salcido. Motion carried 4-0
4. Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to increase solid waste disposal by \$1.75. Seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Councilman Vasquez and Councilwoman Hitt. Against: Mayor Pro Tem Stegall and Councilman Salcido. Motion carried 2-2.
Councilman Salcido moved to approve Ordinance 916 adopting rates for solid waste disposal TO \$2.50. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stegall. For: Mayor Pro Tem Stegall and Councilman Salcido. Against: Councilman Vasquez and Councilwoman Hitt. Motion carried 2-2.
5. Donnie Riojas came before City Council
6. Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to table Ordinance 917 adopting the 2013-2014 General Fund Budget and the 2013-2014 Enterprise Fund Budget. Seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Mayor Pro Tem Stegall, Councilman Vasquez, and Councilwoman Hitt. Against: Councilman Salcido. Motion carried 3-1.
7. Ordinance 918 levying the 2013-2014 tax rate was tabled till next council meeting.
8. Lee Dibway appeared before City Council requesting a payment agreement to operate a game room. No action was taken and will be tabled to next council meeting.
9. Kandi Hubert and Donnie Riojas informed City Council about National Night Out on October 1, 2013.
10. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0.

Passed and approved this 8th day of October, 2013


Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST:


Stephanie Passmore, City Secretary



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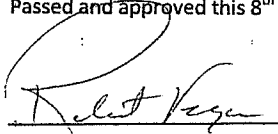
On the 30th day of September, 2013, the City Council of Taft, Texas convened in a special meeting at The Kiva Hut located at 402 Park Street in Taft Texas at 6:30 pm. The following members of the governing body were present:

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

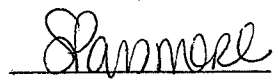
Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager; Stephanie Passmore, City Secretary; Mary Alice Sandoval, Chief Financial Officer; John Landreth, Chief of Police; Mary Griffin, Librarian; and Monte Akers, City Attorney.

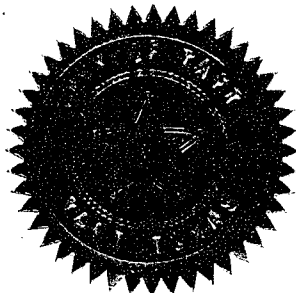
1. Mayor Vega Called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and it was determined that there was a quorum.
2. The invocation was said by Mayor Vega and Councilman Vasquez led the pledge of allegiance.
3. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to approve Ordinance 916, adopting rates for solid waste disposal. Seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Mayor Vega, Mayor Pro Tem Stegall, and Councilman Salcido. Against: Councilman Vasquez and Councilwoman Hitt. Motion carried 3-2.
4. Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve Ordinance 917 adopting the 2013-2014 General Fund Budget deleting the anticipated tax pledge note and the 2013-2014 Enterprise Fund Budget. Seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Mayor Pro Tem Stegall, Councilman Vasquez, Councilman Salcido, and Councilwoman Hitt. Against: Mayor Vega. Motion carried 4-1.
5. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall moved to approve Ordinance 918-levying the 2013-2014 ad valorem tax rate. Seconded by Councilwoman Hitt. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
6. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall tabled Ordinance 919 establishing payment plans for license fees on game rooms and amusement machine to the next regular meeting. Seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Mayor Vega, Mayor Pro Tem Stegall, and Councilman Salcido. Against: Councilman Vasquez and Councilwoman Hitt. Motion carried 3-2.
7. Mayor Vega moved to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.

Passed and approved this 8th day of October, 2013


Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST:


Stephanie Passmore, City Secretary



STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF SAN PATRICIO

On the 8th day of October, 2013, 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

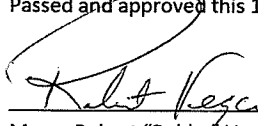
Absent: Councilman Vasquez

Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager, Stephanie Passmore, City Secretary,

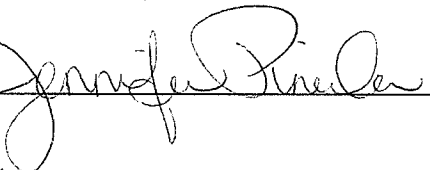
Mary Alice Sandoval the City's Chief Financial Officer and John Landreth, Police Chief.

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 & Mayor Pro Tem Stegall led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Councilman Stegall moved to approve the minutes from the September 12th regular City Council Meeting and the September 17th, 24th and 30th Special called Council Meetings. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous Motion carried 4-0.
4. Mayor Pro Tem Stegall made a motion to accept Rene Menchaca's' offer to purchase the property at 401 College Street for \$7,000. The aforementioned property is being offered for sale by the City's firm employed to collect delinquent taxes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt. For: Unanimous motion carried 4-0.
5. Councilwoman Hitt moved to table any action on Resolution 555 to award administration and soft cost management for the RSP Home program. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Stegall. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0.
6. Councilman Salcido moved to approve Ordinance 919; establishing payment plans for license fees which amends' Ordinance 886 regarding the game rooms and amusement machine ordinance. Motion failed for lack of a second.
7. Ordinance 866 amending Section IV, Article A, of the Animal Control Ordinance was tabled as Taft Independent School Districts Ag representative Lyndi West was not present.
8. There was one visitor Elizabeth Yglesias who expressed her concern that there is an illegal fence blocking an easement adjacent to her property. The matter will be researched by the City's manager, building official and a member of the appraisal district.
9. Mayor Pro-Tem Stegall moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0.

Passed and approved this 12h day of November, 2013



Mayor Robert "Bobby" Vega

ATTEST: 



STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF SAN PATRICIO

On the 14th day of November, 2013, 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

Councilman Martin Salcido

Councilwoman Denise Hitt

Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager, Mary Alice Sandoval CFO, and, Adrian Garcia,

1. Mayor Vega called the meeting to order at 6:30 p. m., there was no quorum for the meeting however there was a quorum for canvassing the votes of the November 2013 election

- 18 The City Manager read tally's as presented by the San Patricio County Election Officials

A. MAYOR

Martin Salcido	41 votes
Pedro "Pete" Lopez	378 votes
Filbert "Gilbert" Rivera	92

Pedro "Pete" Lopez, Mayor

B. Alderson Ward 1

Rolando "Ronnie" Rodriguez 100 votes

Rolando "Ronnie" Rodriguez, Alderson for Ward 1

C. Alderson Ward 2

Roy J. Stegall	137 votes
Donnie Sue Riojas	169 votes

Donnie Sue Riojas, Alderson for Ward 2

D. Proposition (Taft)

FOR	295 votes
AGAINST	125

The proposition passed.

Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve Resolution 556 Canvassing the City's 2014 Election Returns. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Salcido. Motion carried: Unanimously.

- 19 Pedro "Pete" Lopez, Rolando "Ronnie" Rodriguez and Donnie Sue Riojas all took the oath of office and Mayor Vega and Councilman Salcido vacated their seats. The meeting recessed for refreshments, and congratulatory comments as Mayor Pete Lopez gave appreciation plaques to Robert Vega ex-Mayor and ex-Councilman Salcido.

- 1 Mayor Lopez reconvened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. There was a quorum present:

Mayor Lopez

Councilwoman Hitt

Council woman Riojas

Councilman Rodriguez

Councilman Vasquez, arriving at 7:27 p.m.

- 2 Councilwoman Riojas led the pledge of allegiance and Mayor Lopez said the invocation.
- 3 Mr. Lozano could not be present to present the Texas flag therefore no action was taken.

- 4 Councilwoman Riojas moved to table the approval of the October 8th, 2013 minutes. Seconded by Councilman Rodriguez. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0.
- 5 Will Heavin, with Heavin Insurance appeared before the City Council with options for the City's new health plan. Mr. Heavin recommended Humana's Texas simplicity plan as the most beneficial plan for the City and its employees. Councilwoman Hitt moved to accept the Humana simplicity plan for the City's employees. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0.
- 6 Donna Johnson with grant works spoke about Grant Works regarding the RSP Home Program. Councilwoman Riojas moved to approve Resolution 555 appointing Grant Works to administer the home grant. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt. For: Mayor Lopez, Councilwomen Hitt and Riojas and Councilman Rodriguez. Against: 0, Abstain: Councilman Vasquez. Motion carried 4-0-1.
- 7 Robert Rivera and Hector Castaneda, engineers with LNV appeared before the City Council with recommendations for a contractor to do drainage work on Gregory, Retama and Reynolds Streets. The City's engineering firm received 9 bids and after a thorough review recommended Bonco LLC. To do the work. Councilwoman Hitt moved to retain Bonco LLC as the contractors for the City's drainage district. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
- 8 Councilwoman Riojas appeared before the City Council to ask that the Housing Authority's 2012 ad valorem taxes be waived and have monies pledged to the Taft Boys and Girls club. Councilwoman Hitt moved to approve Councilwoman Riojas request. The motion was seconded. FOR: Mayor Lopez, Councilmen Rodriguez and Vasquez and Councilwoman Hitt. Against: None Abstain: Councilwoman Riojas. Motion carried 4-0-1.
- 9 David Smith appeared before the City Council to speak for the Economic Development Board (EDC). Mr. Smith requested authorization, for the EDC to apply and pursue a \$100,000.00 (one hundred thousand) matching grant. The Economic Development Corporation would be responsible for \$50,000.00 (fifty thousand). Councilwoman Riojas moved to approve the Economic Development Corporation's request to seek a \$100,000.00 (one hundred thousand) matching grant. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
- 10 Discussion of the City of Taft's monthly financial transactions was tabled until the November 19th Special Council meeting.
- 11 Councilwoman Hitt moved for the adoption of Ordinance 920 regarding restrictions set for political signs. For: Mayor Lopez, councilwomen Hitt and Riojas and Councilman Vasquez. Against: Councilman Rodriguez. Motion carried 4-1.
- 12 Councilman Rodriguez moved to table Ordinance 921 revising the solid waste rate schedule. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt. For: Unanimous motion carried 5-0.
- 13 Councilwoman Hitt moved to table agenda item 13, Ordinance 922 authorizing the City Manager to perform the duties of the City Secretary. It is Councilwoman Hitt's opinion that an ordinance previously passed by the council authorizes the City Manager to perform said duties. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez. For: Unanimous, motion carried 5-0.
- 14 Councilwoman Hitt moved to table agenda item 14 until the November 19th called council meeting, adopting Ordinance 923 to reflect a rate increase as presented by San Patricio Municipal Water District. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez. FOR: Unanimous Motion carried 5-0.
- 18 Councilwoman Riojas moved to approve the City of Taft's Interlocal agreement with San Patricio County regarding Environmental Health. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt. For: Unanimous Motion carried 5-0. Councilman Vasquez moved to appoint Councilwoman Hitt as Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor Lopez asked all of the council members if they were interested in having the position. After Mayor Lopez asked each one Councilwoman Riojas seconded Councilman Vasquez's motion. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
- 19 Mayor Pro Tem Hitt moved to authorize all members of the City Council to be signatories on the City's bank accounts. Mayor Lopez asked to be notified first and to be the first signatory on checks to be issued. Mayor Pro Tem Hitt modified her motion to reflect same. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.
- 21 There were no Visitors present to appear before the City Council.

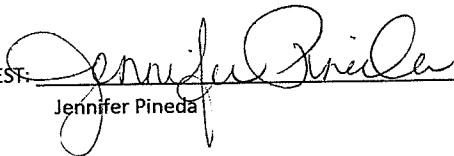
22 Councilwoman Riojas moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hitt. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0.

Passed and approved this 10th day of December, 2013



Mayor Pedro "Pete" Lopez

ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda



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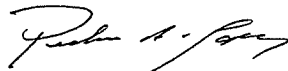
On the 19th day of November, 2013, the City Council of Taft, Texas convened in a Called meeting at The Kiva Hut located at 402 Park Street in Taft Texas at 6:30 pm. The following members of the governing body were present:

Mayor Pedro "Pete" Lopez
Mayor Pro- Tem Denise Hitt
Councilman Rolando "Ronnie" Rodriguez
Councilwoman Donnie Sue Riojas

Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager, Mary Alice Sandoval Chief Financial Officer, and, Adrian Garcia, City Staff,, John Landreth, Chief of Police; Mary Griffin, Librarian and Fred Farias, Public Works Director

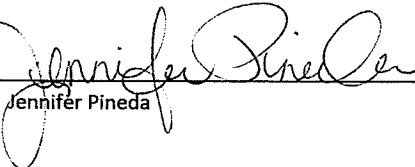
1. Mayor Lopez Called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and it was determined that there was a quorum.
2. Mayor Pro Tem Hitt led the pledge of allegiance and Council woman Riojas said the Invocation
3. Mayor Pro Tem Hitt moved to approve the October 8th, 2013 City Council minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas. For: Unanimous Motion carried 4-0.
4. Mike Reeves with Republic Services appeared before the City Council to answer questions they might have regarding the City's solid waste contract and franchise fees. Mayor Pro Tem Hitt moved to table Ordinance 921 that would authorize the City to collect a 15% franchise fee for commercial customers. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0.
5. There was no action taken on Ordinance 922 authorizing the City Manager to act as City Secretary as Ordinance 896 reflected same and never was repealed.
6. City Councilwoman Riojas moved to adopt Ordinance 923 that reflects rate increases as presented by San Patricio Municipal Water District. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hitt. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0.
7. EXECUTIVE SESSION, the city Council adjourned to go into executive session at 7:16 p.m. for consultation with the City's attorney pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code regarding legal issues and outstanding debt. Prior to the end of Executive Session Mayor Pro Tem Hitt left the closed session and joined the audience. Executive Session continued in public hearing forum regarding Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment of duties, discipline or dismissal of the City Manager. The forum was open due to K. M. Hubert's request for same. The Councilmembers were given copies of Hubert's contract.
8. The Mayor reconvened the city council meeting at 7:42 p.m.
9. There was no action taken regarding Executive Session.
10. There was no action taken regarding personnel matters.
11. The City Council agreed that a financial master plan should be put into effect and that workshop should be scheduled for January.
12. Mayor Pro-Tem Hitt moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 4-0

Passed and approved this 10th day of December, 2013



Mayor Pedro "Pete" Lopez

ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda



STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF SAN PATRICIO

On the 10th day of December, 2013, 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 "Pedro" Pete Lopez

Mayor Pro- Tem Hitt

Councilwoman Riojas

Councilman Vasquez

Councilman Rodriguez

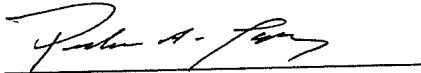
Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager, Mary Alice Sandoval CFO, and, Adrian Garcia,

1. Mayor Lopez Called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and it was determined that there was a quorum.
2. Councilman Rodriguez led the pledge of allegiance and said the invocation.
3. Councilwoman Rojas moved to approve the minutes for November 14th & 19th, Mayor Pro Tem Hitt asked to amend the motion to add the following changes; on the 14th minutes item #7 it should be Robert Viera rather than Robert Rivera; change item 19, to have same read former Mayor rather than ex Mayor and former Councilman rather than ex-councilman; Item 18 should state Mayor Lopez rather than Mayor Lope and the actions taken November 19th should reflect Mayor Pro Tem Hitt leaving at the beginning of Executive Session and that personnel matters were tabled rather than no action. Councilwoman Riojas agreed to amend her motion to encompass approval of the minutes with changes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez. For: Unanimous. The motion carried 5-0.
4. Visitors:
Armando Garza signed up to talk at the visitors' portion of the meeting but declined to speak as the matter he wanted to address was on the agenda for discussion.
Ms Elizabeth Yglesias appeared before the City Council regarding a fence her neighbors installed on the alley behind her home on Lerdo Street. Ms. Yglesias stated she had been to the City Council prior to this time and had asked for help regarding the issue but had received no response. Mayor Lopez assured her that she had been heard and the issue will be placed on the next agenda.
5. Robert Tijerina, the City's financial advisor with Estrada, Hinojosa & Co. Inc. appeared before the City Council regarding bonds, certificates of obligation and loans for the City of Taft.
6. There was no action taken by the City Council regarding Mr. Tijerina's presentation.
7. Action regarding Ordinance 921; solid waste rates was tabled.
8. The City's map of Taft with respect to the election wards was discussed. The election administrator Pam Hill has requested the names of registered voters that live on Ash Street and on Escobedo. The City Manager will respond after the first of the year.
9. There was no action taken regarding appointment of a new advisory road committee. The current members are: Linda Cisneros, Larry Brazina, Judge Marsh, Thomas O'Grady, Deana Gonzales, Councilman Leonard Vasquez, Sergeant Easley and Fred Farias.
10. Bill Davis owner of Absolute Waste appeared before the City Council to see when his current bill would be paid. The issue will be put on the January agenda.
11. The City's monthly financial transactions were discussed.
12. Mayor Pro Tem Hitt moved to adopt the Holiday schedule as reflected in the City's Personnel hand book. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas. For: Unanimous. The motion carried 5-0.
13. Fred Farias, Public Works Director, gave a presentation regarding the rehabilitation of the waste water treatment plant.
14. Councilwoman Riojas moved to allow the Mayor to acquire a free assessment of the City's finances, then possibly the Council could meet the consultant the Mayor has referred to in

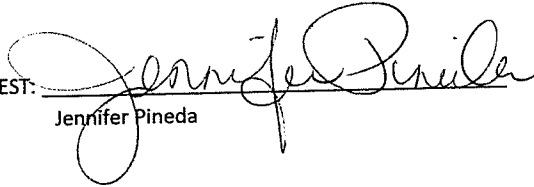
January. Mayor Pro Tem Hitt asked to have the motion amended to add that the consultant not start acquiring information until after January 15th, 2014. Councilwoman Riojas restated her motion and moved to allow the individual that the Mayor has requested to interview and discuss the City's financial issues after January 15th so he can produce a plan after a free assessment if he is still around. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro tem Hitt. During the discussion period Mayor Lopez stated he thought the process needs to start in December and stated he had interviewed five people and that the person he found was better than the others. The motion carried 5-0.

15. Annexation and disannexation issues were addressed.
16. Mayor Pro Tem Hitt moved to table any action regarding the appointment of the City's Municipal Judge. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas. Motion carried 5-0.
17. Mayor Pro Tem Hitt moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas. The motion carried 5-0.

Passed and approved this 14th day of January, 2014



Mayor Pedro "Pete" Lopez

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On the 17th day of December, 2013, 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 Pedro "Pete" Lopez

Mayor Pro- Tem Denise Hitt

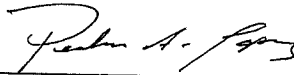
Councilman Rolando "Ronnie" Rodriguez

Councilwoman Donnie Sue Riojas

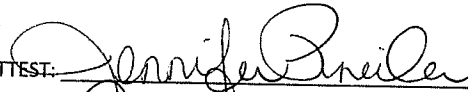
Also present: Kandi Hubert, City Manager, Mary Alice Sandoval Chief Financial Officer, and, Adrian Garcia, City Staff,, John Landreth, Chief of Police

1. Mayor Lopez Called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and it was determined that there was a quorum.
2. Councilman Rodriguez led the pledge of allegiance and Council woman Riojas said the Invocation
3. Mr. Ray De Los Santos Jr. with Santos McBain Management & Planning made a presentation to the City Council regarding short and long term planning for the City of Taft in relation to financial forecasting, capital improvements, cost containment, external funds, acquisition, operations and revenue optimization.
4. Councilman Rodriguez moved to authorize the Mayor to negotiate and execute a contract with Mr. Santos to provide the city with planning and management support services to be utilized to conduct an internal assessment, write a strategic plan, and work with city staff and city financial advisors to compose a financial strategy and provide operational and management support for administrative staff. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas. The motion was discussed by Council. The vote being taken carried 4 to 1. For: Councilman Rodriguez, Councilwoman Riojas, Mayor Lopez and Councilman Vasquez. Against: Mayor Pro Tem Hitt.
5. Mayor Pro Tem Hitt moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p. m. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez. For: Unanimous. Motion carried 5-0

Passed and approved this 14th day of January, 2014



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