

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 12th day of January, 2016, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	

Others present: Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, Ray De Los Santos, City Management Team, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, and Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. Visitors

Donnie Riojas, 634 Fetick – wanted to forward Pastor Cliff's thanks for making Gregory and McIntyre a 4 way stop.

#4. Consider, discuss and take action on approving the August 24, 2014 Special Meeting minutes, September 2, 2014 Special Meeting minutes, and September 9, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to approve the August 24, 2014 Special Meeting minutes, September 2, 2014 Special Meeting minutes, and September 9, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried

#5. Consideration and approval of offer to purchase tax sale property.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to approve an offer to purchase tax sale property in the amount of \$1,000. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried

#6. Consider, discuss and take action to register the City, City of Taft Economic Development Corporation and the Taft Quality Improvement Corporation with the Texas Comptroller as mandated by new state law regarding their statutory eminent domain authority. (Roxann Pais Cotroneo, City Attorney)

Roxann explained eminent domain and why it needs to be done by February 1, 2016.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to register the City, City of Taft Economic Development Corporation and the Taft Quality Improvement Corporation with the Texas Comptroller as mandated by new state law regarding their statutory eminent domain authority. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried

#7. Hear, consider and act upon road rehabilitation measures, timelines and schedules as it relates to the roadway rehabilitation of Avenue C. (Mayor Pro Tem Hitt)

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to get bids from various contractors. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried

#8. Discuss, consider and act to appoint a supervisor for code enforcement. (Mayor Pro Tem Hitt)

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried

#9. Consider, discuss and take action on language reflecting the ability of any and/or all said members of any and all respective committees or organizations to be able to attend other meetings without being in conflict or contempt of constituting a possible quorum respectively. (Councilman Rodriguez)

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried

#10. Consider and discuss update briefing from David Smith, Taft EDC President, on any or recent actions taken or to be taken by the Taft EDC as of June 2015 to present. (Councilman Rodriguez)

David Smith, president of Taft EDC, stated that there are 7 board members and they have a continuing contract with SMMP and Roxann Cotroneo. He also stated that the EDC has \$200,000 in cash and near cash.

#11. Consider and discuss update regarding the city's financial condition as it relates to bonded debt, past dues, recurring payments, revenues and expenditures. (Mayor Lopez)

Mary Alice updated the council on the current city's financial condition.

#12. EXECUTIVE SESSION – In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.001, et seq., the City Council will recess into Executive Session (closed meeting) to discuss:

- a) **Meet in executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Public Information Act to meet with its attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Public Information Act, regarding a possible City of Taft Emergency Services Department reduction in force and possible, if any, employee severance packages.**
- b) **Meet in executive session pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Public Information Act on personnel matters involving the appointment and/or employment of an external City Auditor or external professional auditing services to conduct the audit and to prepare the annual financial statement.**

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried

The council entered into executive session.

#13. Reconvene into regular session.

The council reconvened into regular session.

#14. Consider, discuss and take action, if any, to declare the City of Taft Emergency Services Department as having financial and staffing exigencies and order a reduction in force for said department effective on a certain date..

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to declare the City of Taft Emergency Services Department as having financial and staffing exigencies and order a reduction in force for said department to provide a 2 week notice as required by the personnel policy. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried

#15. Consider, discuss and take action, if any, to approve certain terms regarding a City of Taft Emergency Services Department employee severance package.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to approve certain terms regarding a City of Taft Emergency Services Department employee severance package of 2 weeks with an additional two weeks. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried

#16. Consider, discuss and take action, if any, to enter into a contract with South Texas Air Med for emergency medical services for a certain period of time due to financial and staffing exigencies.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to enter into a contract with South Texas AirMed for emergency medical services for a period of 8 months. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried

#17. Consider, discuss and take action to appoint and/or employ an external City Auditor or external professional auditing services to conduct the audit and to prepare the annual financial statement.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to appoint Raul Hernandez and Company to conduct the audit and to prepare the annual financial statement for FY 2014 and FY 2015. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried

#18. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Riojas to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried

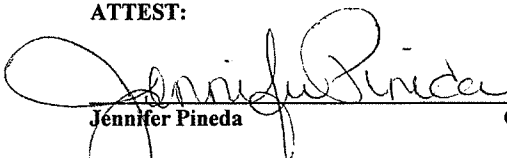
CITY OF TAFT



Pedro Lopez Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda City Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 9th day of February, 2016, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	

Others present: Ray De Los Santos, City Management Team, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, and Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Riojas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. Visitors

Marcus Adams, 614 San Patricio – progress with the city is going good and wanted to know if he can have a stenographer at the meeting. He also wanted to know if the water meters are being read or are they estimating.

Anita Adams, 614 San Patricio – wanted to know how often records reconciliation is being done.

#4. Closed/Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D, V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.071 consultation with the City Attorney and outside legal counsel to seek legal advice regarding *Ryan Smith and Mona Price-Foster vs. City of Taft, Texas, Civil Action No. 2:15-cv-167 in the U.S. Southern District Court of Texas, Corpus Christi Division.*

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

The council entered into executive session.

#5. Reconvene into regular session and take any action if necessary regarding item discussed in closed session.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to accept the attorney's recommendation to settle the claim of Ryan Smith and Mona Price-Foster vs. City of Taft, Texas. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#6. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Resolution No. 582 authorizing the Texas Coalition for Affordable Power, Inc. (TCAP) to negotiate an electric supply agreement for five years for deliveries of electricity effective January 1, 2018; authorizing TCAP to act as an agent on behalf of the City to enter into a contract for electricity; authorizing signators to execute an electric supply agreement for deliveries of electricity effective January 1, 2018 and committing to budget for energy purchases in 2018 through 2022 and to honor the City's commitments to purchase power for its electrical needs in 2018 through 2022 through TCAP.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve Resolution No 582 to include option 1 of 4.25 cents and to include Mayor Lopez, Denise Hitt, and the City Manager as authorized signatures. The motion was

seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#7. Public Hearing: Application for a zoning request which, if approved, would zone land/property as "Industrial" as defined by the Taft Code of Ordinances with the legal description of an area of approximately 104.79 acres of land, San Patricio County Appraisal District No. 56277, situated in the T. Todd Survey 2, A-268, approximately 0.5 miles west of Taft, Abstract No. 268, San Patricio County, Texas. Said property also known as: Tract 1: Lots 1, 2, 3, 9, 12, and 15 to 18 inclusive out of revised Tract "A" out of the Thomas Todd Survey No. 2, San Patricio County, Texas, together with all abandoned roads lying between said lots and drainage ditches adjoining said property, less the following two tracts: 0.605 acres out of the NE corner of Lot 1 and 1.335 acres out of the north end of Lot 3, said tracts having been conveyed to Texas & New Orleans RR Co. on June 21, 1947, as recorded in Volume 151, page 596, of the deed records of the San Patricio County, Texas. Tract 2: 3.03 acres out of the South end of an 8 acre tract of land out of the Thomas Todd Survey, San Patricio County, Texas being the 8 acres of land conveyed to SA and AP Railway Co., by the Coleman Fulton Pasture Co. by deed dated November 29, 1906 recorded in Volume S, page 448 of the deed records of San Patricio County, Texas. Tract 3: Abandoned 60' wide extension of Escobedo Street, 0.46 acre.

Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:14 p.m.

Tahz Fonville, 743 Retama, gave a background of his knowledge of an industrial park.

Maria Garcia, 219 W. Escobedo, wanted to know when was the land bough and made part of the city.

Judy Fonville, member of the Taft EDC, stated that the city needs to grow.

Mayor closed the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

#8. Consider, discuss and take action on approving the September 16, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve the September 16, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#9. Consider, discuss and take action to approve an agreement between the City of Taft and Texas Sludge Disposal, Inc.

Ray explained there were no changes to the agreement, it is just to renew the agreement.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to approve an agreement between the City of Taft and Texas Sludge Disposal, Inc. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#10. Consider, discuss and take action to accept the Texas Traffic Safety eGrant for Fiscal Year 2016.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to accept the Texas Traffic Safety eGrant for Fiscal Year 2016. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#11. Consider and discuss update regarding the city's financial condition as it relates to bonded debt, past dues, recurring payments, revenues and expenditures. (Mayor Lopez)

Mary Alice updated the council on the city's current financial condition.

#12. Hear presentation on how an Emergency Service District is created.

This item was tabled.

#13. Consider, discuss and take action, if any, to direct staff to prepare an Ordinance for City Council consideration to dismantle the City's Planning & Zoning Commission and redirect its roles, responsibilities and authority to the City Council.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to dismantle the City's Planning & Zoning Commission and redirect its roles, responsibilities and authority to the City Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: Rodriguez
The motion carried.

#14. Consider and take action upon authorizing a labor and equipment contract for roadwork for up to two one week periods.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to authorize a labor and equipment contract for roadwork for up to two one week periods. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#15. Hear presentation regarding an Asphalt Zipper, a piece of road rehab equipment used for milling roadways.

Ray showed a video that explained the work that the Asphalt Zipper could do and had some examples of roads that were done using the piece of equipment. Council wanted Ray to check to see if there could be a lease agreement on the equipment.

#16. Consider and take action to approve EMS employee request for comp time pay.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to not approve EMS employee request for comp time pay. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#17. Consider, discuss and take action to approve a contract between Taft Quality Improvement Corporation and Santos McBain Management & Planning for management services.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve a contract between Taft Quality Improvement Corporation and Santos McBain Management & Planning for management services in the amount of \$500 a month. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

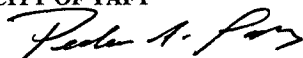
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez,
Nays: None
Abstain: Hitt
The motion carried.

#18. Adjournment.

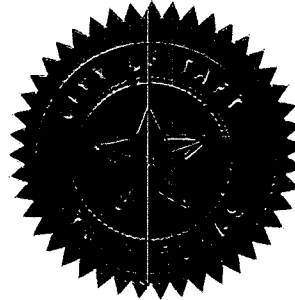
There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Riojas to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

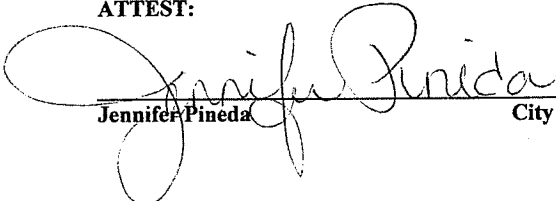
CITY OF TAFT



Pedro Lopez Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda City Secretary

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 19th day of February, 2016, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 9:30 a.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez Mayor
Denise Hitt Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez
Donnie Riojas
Leonard Vasquez

Others present: Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, Ray De Los Santos, City Manager, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, and Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. Consider, discuss, and take action to repeal Ordinance No 205 and Ordinance No 537 to dissolve the Planning Commission and reassign its authority to City Council effective on a certain date.

Filberto Rivera of 330 Fetick Ave read a letter aloud from individuals who would be willing to serve on the Planning Commission.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to repeal Ordinance No 205 and Ordinance No 537 to dissolve the Planning Commission and reassign its authority to City Council effective today. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: Rodriguez
The motion carried.

#4. Consider and act upon approving the Taft Quality Improvement Corporation to purchase and finance an Asphalt Zipper.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to approve the Taft Quality Improvement Corporation to purchase and finance an Asphalt Zipper. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

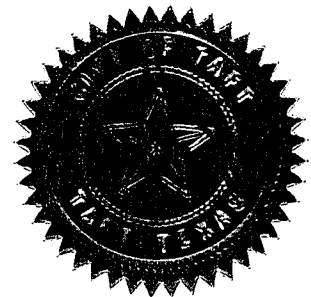
#5. Adjournment.

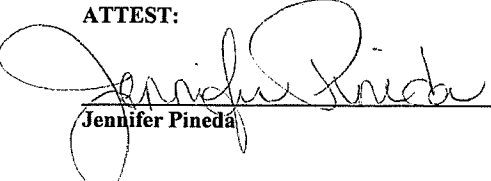
There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Riojas to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

CITY OF TAFT

Pedro Lopez Mayor



ATTEST:

Jennifer Pineda City Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 23rd day of February, 2016, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 8:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez Mayor Absent
Denise Hitt Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez
Donnie Riojas
Leonard Vasquez

Others present: Ray De Los Santos, City Manager.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 8:04 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Riojas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. Consider and act upon approving the Taft Quality Improvement Corporation to purchase and finance an Asphalt Zipper.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve the Taft Quality Improvement Corporation to purchase and finance an Asphalt Zipper. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Mayor
The motion carried.

#4. Consider and act upon recommendation for Small Purchase Procurement related to water tower improvements through the Texas Community Development Block Grant Contract No. 7214439.

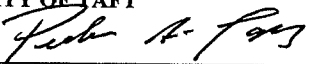
Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve a Small Purchase Procurement related to water tower improvements through the Texas Community Development Block Grant Contract No. 7214439. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Mayor
The motion carried.

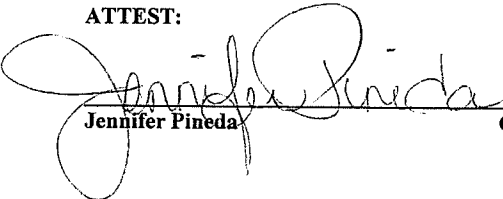
#5. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Riojas to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Mayor
The motion carried.

CITY OF TAFT

Pedro Lopez Mayor



ATTEST:

Jennifer Pineda City Secretary

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 28th day of February, 2016, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 3:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	Absent
Leonard Vasquez	

Others present: Ray De Los Santos, City Manager, and Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. Consider, discuss and take action to adopt Ordinance No. 950 an ordinance of the City of Taft, Texas, amending, replacing and repealing Ordinance No 886 proving for the regulations of centers and business establishments with coin operated recreation and amusement machines within the corporate City of Taft.

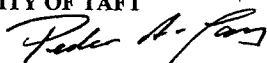
Councilman Rodriguez left the meeting at 3:51 p.m. As a result the council did lose there quorum.

No action on this item due to lack of quorum.

#4. Adjournment.

No action on this item due to lack of quorum.

CITY OF TAFT

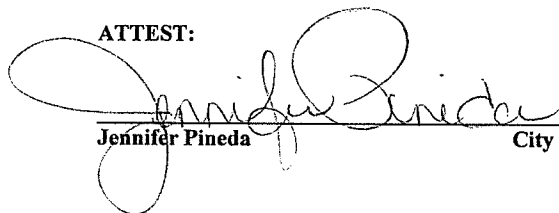


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 8th day of March 8, 2016, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor	Absent
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem	
Rolando Rodriguez		
Donnie Riojas		
Leonard Vasquez		

Others present: Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, Ray De Los Santos, City Manager, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, and Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Riojas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. Visitors

Cheryl Martinez, President of PAAC, addressed the council and stated that food should be in the Animal Control budget and also wanted to know what is needed to finish the animal shelter.

#4. Consider and act upon recommendation for Small Purchase Procurement related to water tower improvements through the Texas Community Development Block Grant Contract No. 7214439.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve a Small Purchase Procurement related to Contract No. 7214439. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor

The motion carried.

#5. Public Hearing: Application for a zoning request which, if approved, would zone land/property as "Industrial" as defined by the Taft Code of Ordinances with the legal description of an area of approximately 104.79 acres of land, San Patricio County Appraisal District No. 56277, situated in the T. Todd Survey 2, A-268, approximately 0.5 miles west of Taft, Abstract No. 268, San Patricio County, Texas. Said property also known as: Tract1: Lots 1, 2, 3, 9, 12, and 15 to 18 inclusive out of revised Tract "A" out of the Thomas Todd Survey No. 2, San Patricio County, Texas, together with all abandoned roads lying between said lots and drainage ditches adjoining said property, less the following two tracts: 0.605 acres out of the NE corner of Lot 1 and 1.335 acres out of the north end of Lot 3, said tracts having been conveyed to Texas & New Orleans RR Co. on June 21, 1947, as recorded in Volume 151, page 596, of the deed records of the San Patricio County, Texas. Tract 2: 3.03 acres out of the South end of an 8 acre tract of land out of the Thomas Todd Survey, San Patricio County, Texas being the 8 acres of land conveyed to SA and AP Railway Co., by the Coleman Fulton Pasture Co. by deed dated November 29, 1906 recorded in Volume S, page 448 of the deed records of San Patricio County, Texas. Tract 3: Abandoned 60' wide extension of Escobedo Street, 0.46 acre.

Mayor Pro Tem opened the public hearing at 6:39 p.m.

Ray gave a history of the property and the process taken so far.

Armando Perez of 529 Verde stated that he was against the request. He did not want chemicals that can run into the ditch.

Tahz Fonville of 743 Retama stated he was for it. It would give the city much needed tax base and jobs. Sylvia Montemayor of 208 Compress stated that people don't know what is coming so it is scaring the people in the area.

David Smith, EDC President, stated that according to the zoning ordinance zoning is either residential or industrial. There is no commercial category.

Mayor Pro Tem closed the public hearing at 6:59 p.m.

#6. Discuss and take action on whether to approve a zoning request which, if approved, would zone land/property as "Industrial" as defined by the Taft Code of Ordinances with the legal description of

an area of approximately 104.79 acres of land, San Patricio County Appraisal District No. 56277, situated in the T. Todd Survey 2, A-268, approximately 0.5 miles west of Taft, Abstract No. 268, San Patricio County, Texas. Said property also known as: Tract1: Lots 1, 2, 3, 9, 12, and 15 to 18 inclusive out of revised Tract "A" out of the Thomas Todd Survey No. 2, San Patricio County, Texas, together with all abandoned roads lying between said lots and drainage ditches adjoining said property, less the following two tracts: 0.605 acres out of the NE corner of Lot 1 and 1.335 acres out of the north end of Lot 3, said tracts having been conveyed to Texas & New Orleans RR Co. on June 21, 1947, as recorded in Volume 151, page 596, of the deed records of the San Patricio County, Texas. Tract 2: 3.03 acres out of the South end of an 8 acre tract of land out of the Thomas Todd Survey, San Patricio County, Texas being the 8 acres of land conveyed to SA and AP Railway Co., by the Coleman Fulton Pasture Co. by deed dated November 29, 1906 recorded in Volume S, page 448 of the deed records of San Patricio County, Texas. Tract 3: Abandoned 60' wide extension of Escobedo Street, 0.46 acre.

Councilman Rodriguez stated that he would not do anything to jeopardize anyone's health. The rest of the council also agreed with this statement.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve the zoning request to allow the property to be zoned "Industrial" as in the Taft Code of Ordinances with the legal description of an area of approximately 104.79 acres of land in San Patricio County. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor

The motion carried.

#7. Consider, discuss and take action to approve an interlocal government contract and agreement with San Patricio County regarding services for Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 1.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve an interlocal government contract and agreement with San Patricio County regarding services for Road and Bridge, Precinct No. 1. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor

The motion carried.

#8. Consider, discuss and take action on approving the October 14, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes, October 21, 2014 Special Meeting minutes, and November 10, 2014 Special Meeting minutes.

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to approve the October 14, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes, October 21, 2014 Special Meeting minutes, and November 10, 2014 Special Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor

The motion carried.

#9. Consider, discuss and take action upon engaging professional services for the engineering design of downtown sidewalk removal and replacement.

Ray gave a history of the grant that was awarded to the City of Taft for a new sidewalk on the west side of Green Ave. He stated that staff is asking council to approve to engage in professional services for the engineering design of this project in the amount of \$26,000.

After discussion, the council went on to Item 10 so that copies of paperwork could be made and provided to council.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to engage LNV Engineering for professional services for the engineering design of downtown sidewalk removal and replacement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Mayor
The motion carried.

#10. Consider, discuss and take action to adopt Ordinance No. 950 an ordinance of the City of Taft, Texas, amending, replacing and repealing Ordinance No 886 proving for the regulations of centers and business establishments with coin operated recreation and amusement machines within the corporate city limits of the City of Taft.

Mayor Pro Tem Hitt went over the changes that were made to the previous ordinance. Roxann stated on the record that she did not draft the ordinance before the council.

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to adopt Ordinance No 950 an ordinance of the City of Taft, Texas, amending, replacing and repealing Ordinance no 886 proving for the regulation of centers and business establishments with coin operated recreation and amusement machines within the corporate city limits of the City of Taft. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Riojas, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Mayor
Abstain: Rodriguez
The motion carried.

#11. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve new work schedule hours for all city staff excluding the police department.

Mary Alice addressed the council on this item.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve new work schedule hours for the city staff on a 3 month trial bases beginning April 4, 2016 with the office hours from 7:30 to 5:30 with a 30 minute lunch. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Mayor
The motion carried.

The council went back to Item #9.

#12. Consider and discuss update regarding the city's financial condition as it relates to bonded debt, past dues, recurring payments, revenues and expenditures.

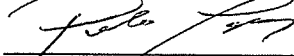
Mary Alice gave an update on the current financials.

#13. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Riojas to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Mayor
The motion carried.

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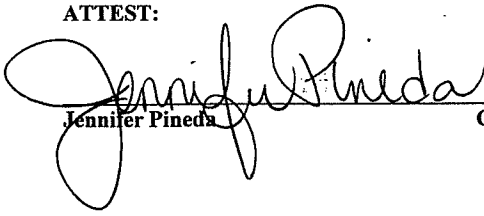


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:


Jennifer Pineda _____ City Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 22nd day of March, 2016, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	Absent

Others present: Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, Ray De Los Santos, City Manager, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, and Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Riojas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. Visitors

Maria Rendon-Nino, 925 Oak, asked for permission to use the Hidalgo park on Sunday April 24th to hold a rally for School Board candidates.

Javier Barrera of Houston wanted to know if game room fees could be prorated for the fiscal year and had a concern on the increase of the fees.

Sergio Maldonado had a concern of increase on the fees on equipment for gamerooms.

Mohammad Butt of 113 Green Ave wanted to know if the new ordinance, if passed, would apply to his existing game room.

Martin Salcido of 202 Kirkpatrick had a concern on the operations hours and the fees are going to high.

#4. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION: Meet in executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act to meet with its attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Open Meeting Act, regarding:

- a. **Mayor's return of Ordinance No. 950, which was passed by Taft City Council on March 8, 2015, and the legal process for reconsideration of said Ordinance.**
- b. **Regulating centers and business establishments with coin-operated recreation and amusement machines. (Roxann Pais Cotroneo, City Attorney)**

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

Council went into executive session at 6:43 p.m.

#5. OPEN SESSION: Consider, discuss and take action, if any, to reconsider Ordinance No. 950 an ordinance of the City of Taft, Texas, amending, replacing, and repealing Ordinance No. 886 providing for the regulations of centers and business establishments with coin-operated recreation and amusement machines within the corporate city limits of the City of Taft. (Mayor Pedro Lopez)

Council reconvened in regular session.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to deny the reconsideration and uphold Ordinance No. 950. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Riojas, Hitt

Nays: Rodriguez
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried

#6. Consider, discuss and take action, if any, to adopt Ordinance No. 951 providing for the regulations of centers and business establishments with coin-operated recreation and amusement machines within the corporate city limits of the City of Taft.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to adopt Ordinance No 951 for the regulations of centers and business establishments with coin-operated recreation and amusement machines within the corporate city limits of the City of Taft making changes to Ordinance 950 for the occupation tax seal fee would go from \$50 to \$5, the hours of operation we will remove class a misdemeanor and replace with a criminal class c misdemeanor with a maximum penalty of \$2,000 and remove the civil penalty, under the game room membership remove the civil penalty, the fees would be \$1,000 per machine and the hours of operation will be Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday from 8 am to 11 pm and Friday and Saturday from 8 am to 12 am. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: Rodriguez
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

#7. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Hitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hitt
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

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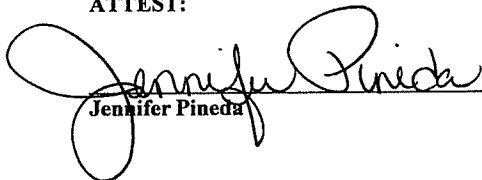


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 12th day of April, 2016, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	

Others present: Roxann Cotroneo, City Attorney, Ray De Los Santos, City Manager, and Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. Visitors

Eddie M. Cross, Pastor of Rising Star Baptist Church, addressed the council on the condition of Industrial St.

Foster Edwards, Executive Director with San Pat EDC, stated that the San Pat EDC was stepping up their efforts and gave the council a business card, handouts, and stated that he is available for a presentation in a future council meeting.

Anita Adams, 614 San Patricio, addressed the council on public request she submitted and stated that she feels she is getting stonewalled on the information.

#4. Consider, discuss, and take action on presentation by Robert Cuevas with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP regarding delinquent tax collections.

Robert Cuevas with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP made a presentation on progress report on delinquent tax collection for the period of 10/1/14 – 03/31/16 for the tax year of 7/16 – 6/17.

There was no action on this item.

#5. Consider, discuss and take action to approve a contract for the collection of delinquent taxes.

This item was tabled.

#6 Consider, discuss and take action on project update from the Taft Economic Development Corporation. (Council Member Rodriguez).

David Smith, EDC President, made a presentation on the EDC financials for April 2016 and gave an update on the current EDC properties. He also informed the council on the new Taft EDC logo and website.

#7. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Resolution No. 580 to approve the submission of the grant application for the Homeland Borderstar Security Grant to the Office of the Governor.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to approve Resolution No 582 to approve the submission of the grant application for the Homeland Borderstar Security Grant to the Office of the Governor. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#8. Consider, discuss and take action on approving the November 18, 2014 Special Meeting minutes, December 18, 2014 Special Meeting minutes, and January 23, 2015 Special Meeting minutes.

Correction needs to be made on the December 18, 2014 minutes item #5 needs to say Robert Viera.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve the November 18, 2014 Special Meeting minutes, December 18, 2014 Special Meeting minutes, and January 23, 2015 Special Meeting minutes with the correction stated. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#9. Consider, discuss and take action to approve a proposal for a fence for the basketball court at the Hidalgo park.

Ray informed that staff had received 3 proposals to fence the east side of the basketball court at the Hidalgo park.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve John Adam's bid for a fence for the basketball court at the Hidalgo park. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#10. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Ordinance No. 952 an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 922 amending the time deadline for water utility payments from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 952 an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 922 amending the time deadline for water utility payments from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#11. Consider, discuss and take action upon allocating and authorizing the expenditure of funds for the rehabilitation of City streets through an inter-local agreement with San Patricio County.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Riojas, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: Rodriguez, Mayor

The motion carried.

#12. Consider, discuss and take action to remove the volunteer EMS donation and increase the volunteer fire department donation on all city issued utility bills. (Mayor Pro Tem Hitt).

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#13. Consider, discuss and take action on the development of a 2016 Taft Summer Recreation Program. (Council Member Rodriguez)

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#14. Consider, discuss and take action on adopting a compensation scale for non-salaried City of Taft employees and setting an implementation date.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to adopt a compensation scale for non-salaried City of Taft employees starting April 18, 2016. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#15. Consider and discuss update regarding the city's financial condition as it relates to bonded debt, past dues, recurring payments, revenues and expenditures.

Mary Alice updated the council on the financials.

#16. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a. **Meet in executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Public Information Act to meet with its attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Public Information Act, regarding a Councilmember's request to listen to a specific-recorded City Council closed executive session in which the active Councilmember did not participate in, but was a "sitting" Councilmember at the time of the recording and discussed item. (Roxann Pais Cotroneo, City Attorney)**
- b. **Meet in executive session pursuant to 551.074 on personnel matters involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal or to hear a complaint by, from, or against the City Attorney Roxann Pais Cotroneo. (Roxann Pais Cotroneo, City Attorney)**

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to keep item (a) in open session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor
The motion died.

Mayor Lopez made a motion to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

The council entered into executive session at 8:41 p.m.

#17. OPEN SESSION:

- a. **Consider, discuss, and take action, if any, to grant authority and/or establish procedures for a Councilmember to listen to a City Council closed executive**

session recorded on specific date in which the active Councilmember did not participate in, but was a "sitting" Councilmember at the time of the recording and discussed item.

b. Consider, discuss and take action, if any, to approve a professional services contract with Roxann Pais Cotroneo for City Attorney legal services

Council reconvened in open session at 9:38 p.m.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to establish procedures for a council member to listen to a city council closed executive session by use of headphones in a closed office. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to extend the contract with Roxann in the amount of \$5,000 month with a maximum of 30 hours and take into consideration of 24 hour notice if attorney wants to withdraw services with a contract length of one year from April 13, 2016 to April 12, 2017 to include any travel time to and from City of Taft. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#18. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Riojas to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

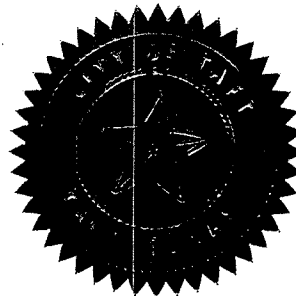
The motion carried.

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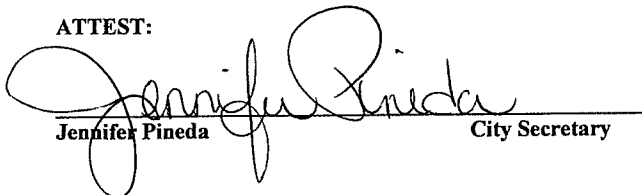


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 2nd day of May, 2016, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez Mayor
Denise Hitt Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez
Donnie Riojas
Leonard Vasquez

Others present: Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, and Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Riojas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. Consider, discuss, and take action to authorize the Mayor to hire an interim city manager.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to authorize the Mayor to hire an interim city manager. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

Rodriguez addressed his concerns about the responsibilities and would like to have Ordinance 947 on the next agenda.

Councilwoman Hitt made an amendment to the motion to add not to exceed \$3,269.23 per pay period. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled on the amendment:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

The following votes were polled on the original motion:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#4. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Hitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

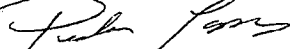
The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

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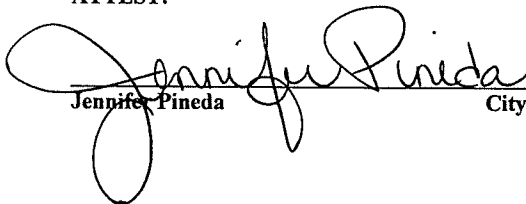


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 10th day of May, 2016, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	

Others present: Bruce Mills, Interim City Manager, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, and Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Riojas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. Visitors

Nancy Cortez, 635 Victoria Ave, expressed appreciation to the city council for all the good positive work.

Ruben Lopez, 733 Retama, commended the council for all their work.

#4 Consider, discuss and take action on approving the February 24, 2015, Special Meeting minutes and February 25, 2015, Special Meeting minutes.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to approve the February 24, 2015, Special Meeting minutes and February 25, 2015, Special Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#5. Consider and discuss update regarding the city's financial condition as it relates to bonded debt, past dues, recurring payments, revenues and expenditures.

Mary Alice updated the council on the financials. San Pat Water District has been paid off and the only debt is to Republic in the amount of \$79,794.86.

#6. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Resolution 583 a resolution of the City of Taft, Texas finding that AEP Texas Central company's application for approval of a distribution cost recovery factor to increase distribution rates within the City should be denied.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to approve Resolution 583 a resolution of the City of Taft, Texas finding that AEP Texas Central company's application for approval of a distribution cost recovery factor to increase distribution rates within the City should be denied. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#7. Consider and discuss Ordinance No. 836, an ordinance regulating peddlers, itinerant vendors, hawkers, solicitors, and canvassers. (Mayor Lopez).

Mayor stated that he is concerned about the fee of \$80.00 a day. He would like to have it on the next agenda with a possible fee for daily, weekly, monthly, bi-annually and annually. Council would also like for staff to see what other cities charge.

#8. Consider, discuss and take action to approve a finance agreement with TankPro, Inc. in the amount of \$117,000 plus interest of 6.5% for rehabilitation work with the City of Taft elevated water storage tank.

Bruce Mills informed the council on the finance agreement before them and that the work has already been completed. Council would like for the city manager to speak to TankPro, Inc. and see if they can come into an agreement on the interest.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to approve a finance agreement with TankPro, Inc. in the amount of \$117,000 plus interest of 6.5%. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#9 Consider, discuss and take action to approve TankPro, Inc to conduct welding repairs not included within existing contracts for rehabilitation of City of Taft elevated water storage tank in the amount of \$6,899.

Mr. Mills explained that this was repairs to some electronics.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to approve the additional repairs of \$6,899 to TankPro, Inc. with payments due May 11, 2016, June 11, 2016, and July 11, 2016 for \$2,300.00, \$2,300.00, and \$2,299.00. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#10. Consider, discuss and act upon a recruitment and retention program for the City of Taft Police Department.

Mr. Mills explained the recruitment and retention program. Chief Mansion answered questions on how the program would work.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to authorize a recruitment and retention program to include the current officers who have not signed a recruitment packet in the past. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#11. Consider and discuss the cost and procedures of purchasing a fire truck for the Taft Volunteer Fire Department. (Councilman Vasquez).

Fire Chief Dan Gibson stated that it would be \$245,000 for a new truck and \$20,000 for equipment for a total close to \$300,000. The council would like for staff to look into a grant writer specifically for the fire department and to bring this item back on to the next agenda.

#12. Consider, discuss and take action to remove the volunteer EMS donation and increase the volunteer fire department donation on all city issued utility bills. (Mayor Pro Tem Hitt).

Mrs. Hitt stated that she is wanting the council to consider eliminating the \$5 for EMS and adjust the Fire Dept. donation to \$5.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to increase the volunteer fire department donation from \$1 to \$5 and remove the EMS donation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#13. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Ordinance No. 953 an ordinance rescinding Ordinance No 875 and amending the customer fees to utilize the collection station. (Mayor Pro Tem

Hitt

Mrs. Hitt stated that businesses were not allowed to use the collection station and explained the little changes done to the ordinance.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 953 an ordinance rescinding Ordinance No 875 and amending the customer fees to utilize the collection station. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to amend the motion to include language for driver's license and phone number for phone call verification. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled for the amendment:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

The following votes were polled for the original motion:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#14. Consider, discuss and take action to approve the engagement of interim legal services with Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal Hyde & Zech, P.C.

Councilman Hitt made a motion to approve the engagement of interim legal services with Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal Hyde & Zech, P.C. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#15. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Hitt to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

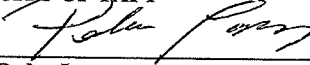
The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

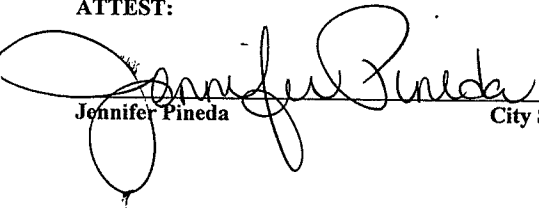
The motion carried.

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Pedro Lopez Mayor



ATTEST:


Jennifer Pineda City Secretary

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 31st day of May, 2016, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Denise Hitt	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Leonard Vasquez	

Others present: Florencio Pena, Interim City Manager, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, and Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. Visitors

Anita Adams, 614 San Patricio, wanted to know if the council is rethinking the four day week and the library opening on Fridays during the summer time.

Mrs. Martinez, 220 W. Escobedo, stated that there are abandoned homes on W. Escobedo that are unsafe and they are having trouble with mice.

Sylvia Chapa, of Corpus Christi, addressed the council and stated that she is interested in the city manager position.

#4. Consider, discuss and take action in directing staff to prepare an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 836, an ordinance regulating peddlers, itinerant vendors, hawkers, solicitors, and canvassers. Currently the term peddler, hawker and "itinerant" vendor includes a person that sells food on a food truck. The current fees are \$80 per day. Based on a review of surrounding community fees, staff recommends an amendment to the ordinance by establishing an annual fee of \$275 or a monthly fee of \$80.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to amend Ordinance No. 836 to include a fee of \$80 monthly and \$275 yearly. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: Rodriguez
The motion carried.

#5. Consider, discuss and take action upon allocating and authorizing the expenditure of funds for the rehabilitation of City streets through an inter-local agreement with San Patricio County Pct 2.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to allocate and authorize the expenditure of funds not to exceed \$150,000. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#6. Consider, discuss and take action on hiring a prosecutor for municipal court. (Mayor Pro Tem Hitt).

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to allow the Mayor to hire an interim city prosecutor. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: Rodriguez
The motion carried.

#7. Consider, discuss and take action to extend the four day work week. (Mayor Pro Tem Hitt).

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to extend the four day work week for six months. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: Rodriguez
The motion carried.

#8. Consider, discuss and take action to secure funds to provide staffing for the library for Fridays in June, July, August time period. (Councilman Rodriguez).

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#9. Consider, discuss and take action on the development of a 2016 Taft Summer Recreation Program. (Councilman Rodriguez).

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to table this item and bring it back to the June 14, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#10. Consider and discuss to amend the budget for FY 2015-2016 to transfer projected cost savings from the EMS General Fund account and disperse such savings between the Public Works Street Fund and Vector Control Fund.

Mayor stated that there was a cost savings of \$150,000 but would like to adjust to \$105,000. Council would like to allocate \$80,000 to the street repairs, \$1,000 to vector control, and the balance in the reserve funds.

#11. Closed/Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D, V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.071 consultation with the City Attorney to seek legal advice concerning the obligations of the City with regards to compensatory time under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Councilwoman Hitt made a motion to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

Council entered into executive session at 7:40 p.m.

#12. Reconvene into regular session.

Council reconvened into regular session at 8:17 p.m.

#13. Any action, if necessary, regarding the discussion item from executive session

There was no action taken on this item.

#14. Consider and discuss update on hiring a city manager

Council would like for city staff to advertise for a city manager on the TML website and the local paper.

#15. Consider, discuss and take action to accept the resignation of Mayor Pro Tem Hitt

Mayor read the resignation letter aloud and the council said a few words on Mayor Pro Tem Hitt's behalf.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to accept the resignation of Mayor Pro Tem Hitt. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

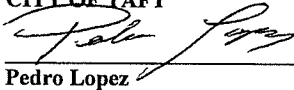
The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#16. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Riojas to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

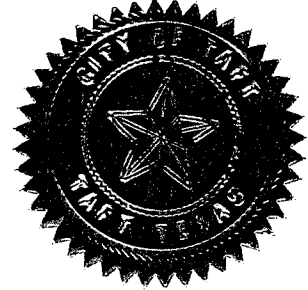
The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt
Nays: None
The motion carried.

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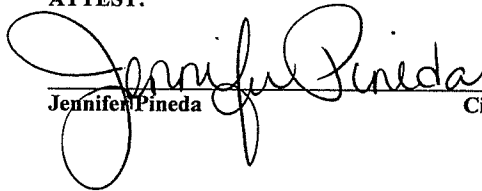


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 14th day of June, 2016, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez Mayor
Rolando Rodriguez
Donnie Riojas
Leonard Vasquez

Others present: Fred Farias, Public Works Director, Gary Keenan, Code Compliance Officer, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, and Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Riojas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. Visitors.

There were no visitors.

#4. Consider, discuss and take action to appoint a person to fill the vacancy of Alderman Ward 2.

Councilman Rodriguez wanted the council to consider waiting until November, then he nominated Anita Adams. Councilman Vasquez nominated Lolo Hernandez.

Mrs. Adams and Mr. Hernandez were asked to address the council if they would like.

Mayor Lopez made a motion to appoint Lolo Hernandez to fill the vacancy of Alderman Ward 2. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez

Nays: Rodriguez

The motion carried.

#5. Swearing In and Oath of Office of newly appointed official.

Lolo Hernandez was sworn in.

#6. Consider, discuss and take action upon appointing a member of the City Council to serve as the City's Mayor Pro Tem pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 22.037.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to appoint Councilman Vasquez as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: Rodriguez

The motion carried.

#7. Consider, discuss and take action on approving the March 10, 2015, Special Meeting minutes, March 18, 2015, Special Meeting minutes, and April 14, 2015, Regular Meeting minutes.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve the March 10, 2015, Special Meeting minutes, March 18, 2015, Special Meeting minutes, and April 14, 2015, Regular Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez
Nays: None
Abstain: Hernandez
The motion carried.

#8. Consider and discuss update by Raul Hernandez & Company, P.C. regarding the status of the financial audit for the 2013-14 FY and 2014-15 FY.

Raul Hernandez stated that the 2014 audit would be ready at the end of July or sooner. The 2015 audit will be done six weeks to 2 months after the 2014 audit.

#9. Consider and discuss update by Gary Keenan, Code Compliance Officer, on the status of complaint on 220 W. Escobedo St.

Gary Keenan stated that the address was not 220 W. Escobedo St but 115 and 205 W. Escobedo. The occupants of 220 W. Escobedo addressed the council on the effects on their property because of unkept property next to their residence.

#10. Consider and discuss update by Fred Farias regarding the drainage concerns on Industrial and Porter St.

Fred stated that he spoke to Mike Vanecek of the San Pat County Drainage district. Mr. Vanecek stated that they would be willing to help the city with the concerns and any course of action. Fred also stated that there was \$122,000 available through the drainage district.

#11. Consider, discuss and take action on re-appointing Patricia Martinez, Judith Fonville and David Smith to 2 year terms as members of the Board of Directors of the City of Taft Economic Development Corporation.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to re-appoint Patricia Martinez, Judith Fonville and David Smith to 2 year terms as members of the Taft EDC. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#12. Consider and discuss update regarding the city's financial condition as it relates to bonded debt, past dues, recurring payments, revenues and expenditures.

Mary Alice addressed the council and on this item and updated them on the current revenues. She also answered questions that the council had.

#13. Consider, discuss and take action to approve amendments for FY 2015-2016 budget to transfer projected cost savings from the EMS General Fund account and disperse such savings between the Public Works Street Fund, Vector Control Fund, and General Fund Reserve.

Mayor addressed the council and stated that there was a savings of about \$105,000 from outsourcing EMS. The amendments would be \$80,000 to the street fund, \$1,000 to the vector control fund, and the balance of \$24,000 to the general fund reserve.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve moving the funds. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#14. Consider, discuss and take action to approve an offer to purchase tax sale property ACCT. No. 46008; Lot 6, Block 37, Taft Townsite, as shown by map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 3, Page 18, Map Records of San Patricio County, Texas.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve an offer to purchase tax sale property ACCT. No. 46008 lot 6, Block 37, Taft Townsite. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#15. Consider, discuss and take action to approve an offer to purchase tax sale property ACCT. No. 45975; Lot 6, Block 29, Original Townsite, City of Taft, San Patricio County, Texas, as described in Clerk's File #42917, Deed Records of San Patricio County, Texas.

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to approve an offer to purchase tax sale property ACCT. No. 45975 Lot 6, Block 29 Original Townsite City of Taft, San Patricio County, Texas, as described in Clerk's File #42917, Deed Records of San Patricio County, Texas. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#16. Consideration and action authorizing city staff to submit an application to the Coastal Bend Foundation for a Jaws of Life for the Taft Volunteer Fire Department with a match of up to \$4000. The cost of the Jaws for Life is estimated at \$20,000 and the grant match to be provided by City is up to \$4,000. Funds for the match are available in the Fire Operating Fund.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to authorize city staff to submit an application to the Coastal Bend Foundation for a Jaws of Life for the Taft Volunteer Fire Department with a match of up to \$4000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#17. Consider, discuss and take action to approve the authorization to waive the peddler's permit fees for the Taft Volunteer Fire Department yard sale to be held on July 4, 2016.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#18. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Ordinance No. 954 an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 836 by establishing an annual fee of \$275 or a monthly fee of \$80

for a peddler's license.

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to approve Ordinance No 954 an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 836 by establishing an annual fee of \$275 or a monthly fee of \$80 for a peddler's license. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#19. Consider, discuss and take action on the development of a 2016 Taft Summer Recreation Program. (Councilman Rodriguez)

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to allow Councilman Rodriguez to develop a 2016 Taft Summer Recreation Program. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#20. Closed/Executive Session pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D, V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.071 consultation with the City Attorney to seek legal advice concerning the obligations of the City with regards to compensatory time under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#21. Reconvene into regular session.

Council went on to item #22.

#22. Any action, if necessary, regarding the discussion item from executive session.

No action taken.

#23. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

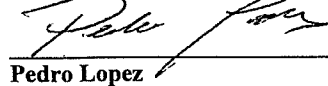
The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

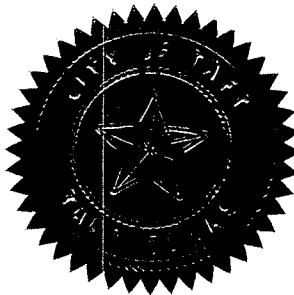
The motion carried.

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Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda **City Secretary**

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 18th day of June, 2016, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 9:30 a.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez Mayor
Leonard Vasquez Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez
Donnie Riojas
Lolo Hernandez

Others present: Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, and Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. Consider and act upon selecting financing for the City's windstorm insurance and authorizing the execution of documents related thereto.

Mary Alice addressed the council and stated that the final date was moved from July 22nd to June 22nd therefore the council needs to make a decision. She also explained the different options that the council could choose.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to go with option 1 TML windstorm coverage for the City of Taft. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to amend the motion go with option 2 instead of option 1. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion failed.

The following votes were polled for the original motion:

Ayes: None

Nays: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

The motion failed.

#4. Consider, discuss and take action to approve the authorization to waive the peddler's permit fees for any vendor selling at the Taft Volunteer Fire Department yard sale to be held on July 4, 2016. In exchange all vendors will donate the days profit to the Taft Volunteer Fire Department.

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to approve the authorization to waive the peddler's permit fees for any vendor selling at the Taft Volunteer Fire Department yard sale to be held on July 4, 2016. In exchange all vendors will donate the days profit to the Taft Volunteer Fire Department. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#5. Executive session:

- **Pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D, V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney regarding potential legal issues involving**

the policies, procedures and operations of the Taft Police Department discovered in a preliminary internal audit.

- **Pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D, V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with the City Attorney to seek legal advice concerning the obligations of the City with regards to compensatory time under the Fair Labor Standards Act.**

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez
Nays: None
The motion carried.

Council entered into executive session at 9:51 am.

#6. Reconvene into regular session.

Council reconvened into regular session at 11:05 a.m.

#7. Any action, if necessary, regarding the discussion items from executive session.

There was not action taken in regards to a preliminary internal audit.

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to approve Resolution 587. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

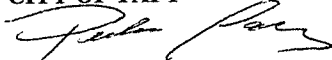
The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#8. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

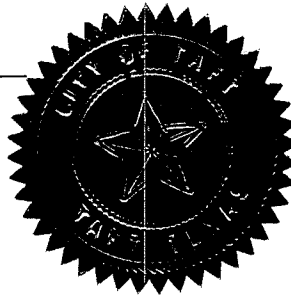
The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez
Nays: None
The motion carried.

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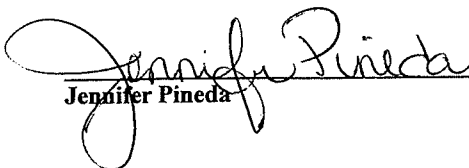


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 24th day of June, 2016, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez Mayor
Leonard Vasquez Mayor Pro-tem Absent
Rolando Rodriguez
Donnie Riojas
Lolo Hernandez

Others present: Denise Hitt, Interim City Manager, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, and Jennifer Pineda, Interim City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. Introduction and welcoming of new Interim City Manager Denise Hitt.

Mayor welcomed the new Interim City Manager Denise Hitt.

#4. Consider, discuss and act upon approving an agreement between the Taft Quality Improvement Corporation and the City of Taft for the use, storage, and maintenance of the Asphalt Zipper road milling equipment.

Denise informed the council that this agreement has been approved by TQIC.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve an agreement between the Taft Quality Improvement Corporation and the City of Taft for the use, storage, and maintenance of the Asphalt Zipper road milling equipment. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hernandez
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

#5. Consider, discuss and act upon approving an Advance Funding Agreement between the Texas Department of Transportation and the City of Taft for Transportation Alternatives Program Project 0916-28-068.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hernandez
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

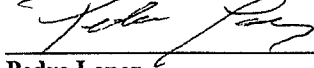
#6. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Riojas to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hernandez
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez

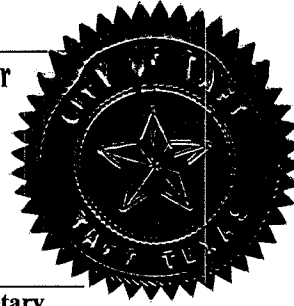
The motion carried.

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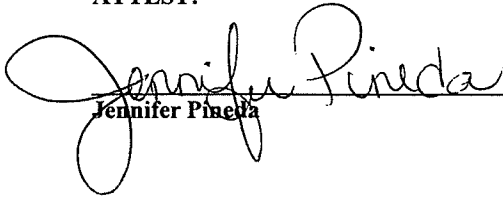


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 12th day of July, 2016, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Leonard Vasquez	Mayor Pro-tem (6:38 p.m.)
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Lolo Hernandez	Absent

Others present: Denise Hitt, Interim City Manager, Fred Farias, Public Works Director, and Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Riojas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. Visitors.

There were no visitors.

#4. Introduction of the Taft Ambassadors to the City of Taft.

This item was tabled.

#5. Final Public Hearing for TXCDBG Contract 7214439 to discuss and comment on elevated water tower rehabilitation project.

Dr. Kirstan Stanzel made a presentation on the water tower project being finalized and what the job entailed. Hector Castaneda with LNV informed the council that there is a 1 year warranty on the paint job.

#6. Presentation by William "Ski" Zagorski on hurricane preparedness.

William Zagorski, San Patricio County Emergency Management Coordinator, informed the council on the effects of a hurricane on San Patricio County and the City of Taft. He informed the council of the procedures before, during, and after a hurricane threat to the area.

#7. Consider and discuss update regarding the city's financial condition as it relates to bonded debt, past dues, recurring payments, revenues and expenditures.

Mary Alice updated the council on the current financial condition. She also answered questions from the council.

#8. Consider, discuss and take action to approve a finance agreement with Afco Credit Corporation for the City's windstorm insurance and authorizing the execution of documents related thereto.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve a finance agreement with Afco Credit Corporation for the City's windstorm insurance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez

Nays: None

Absent: Hernandez

The motion carried.

#9. Consider, discuss and act upon approving an Advance Funding Agreement between the Texas Department of Transportation and the City of Taft for Transportation Alternatives Program Project 0916-28-068.

Norman Ramirez and Hector Castaneda with LNV informed the council on the terms of the advance funding agreement.

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to approve an Advance Funding Agreement between the Texas Department of Transportation and the City of Taft for Transportation Alternatives Program Project

0916-28-068. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez

Nays: None

Absent: Hernandez

The motion carried.

#10. Consider, discuss and take action on Taft Housing Authority to waive the City's ad valorem taxes in accordance with the payment in lieu of taxes program in the amount of \$4,321.17.(Councilwoman Riojas)

Councilwoman Riojas explained the PILOT program and that the money be utilized for demolition projects of uninhabited, dilapidated house structures in the City of Taft.

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to waive the City's ad valorem taxes in accordance with the payment in lieu of taxes program in the amount of \$4,321.17. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Vasquez

Nays: None

Abstain: Riojas

Absent: Hernandez

The motion carried.

#11. Consider, discuss and take action to approve the purchase of a commercial riding lawnmower for the Public Works department.

Fred informed the Council his recommendations would be for the wood diesel mower and that warranty would be for 2 years or 2000 hours.

The Council took a quick pause to step outside to see the mower.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve the purchase wood diesel tractor for \$11,725 with a letter of intent for an additional purchase during the 2016-2017 budget. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez

Nays: None

Absent: Hernandez

The motion carried.

#12. Consider, discuss and take action to approve the repair of the foundation of City Hall and the Taft Public Library.

Denise let the council know that the foundation is in bad shape.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez

Nays: None

Absent: Hernandez

The motion carried.

#13. Consider, discuss and take action to approve advertising for request for proposals for the City of Taft EMS services.

Denise advised that the current contract will end on September 30, 2016.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve advertising for request for proposals for the City of Taft EMS services. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez
Nays: None
Absent: Hernandez
The motion carried.

#14. Consider, discuss and take action to create and appoint members to a committee for the purpose of reviewing city manager applications and make a recommendation to the council. (Mayor Lopez)

Mayor Lopez addressed the council on this item. His recommendation is to appoint two council members and then have the rest of the council appoint 1 citizen to be on this committee.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to create a committee that consists of two members of the council and have members selected by the council to review applications for permanent city manager and make recommendations to city council and the city council will have a final decision on the three final applicants and interviews. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor
Nays: Vasquez
Absent: Hernandez
The motion carried.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to table the appointment of members. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez
Nays: None
Absent: Hernandez
The motion carried.

Councilman Rodriguez withdrew his original motion. Councilwoman withdrew her original second.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez
Nays: None
Absent: Hernandez
The motion carried.

#15. Discuss, consider and act on funding for recent installation of water fountain at Hidalgo Park to include steps for smaller children to reach fountain. (Councilman Rodriguez)

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez
Nays: None
Absent: Hernandez
The motion carried.

#16. Discussion on Taft EDC bylaws as they apply to appointments of city council members and policy in regards to absenteeism. (Councilman Rodriguez)

Councilman Rodriguez stated that he would like to see that there be two council members on the EDC board.

Mr. David Smith stated that the current EDC board is full with seven members. Mayor advised Councilman

Rodriguez to address this issue with the EDC board.

#17. Discuss proper posting of governmental entity meetings. (Councilman Rodriguez)

Councilman Rodriguez stated that the posted date on the EDC meeting might be incorrect. Mayor advised Councilman Rodriguez to address this concern or complaint to the EDC board.

#18. Discuss all applicants whom applied and were considered for most recent Interim City Manager position. (Councilman Rodriguez)

Mayor advised Councilman Rodriguez to file a complaint and state how he violated this process.

#19. EXECUTIVE SESSION – In accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.001. et seq., the City Council will recess into Executive Session (closed meeting) to discuss:

- **In accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, Personnel matters involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the Interim City Manager. (Councilman Rodriguez)**

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez

Nays: None

Absent: Hernandez

The motion carried.

#20. Any action, if necessary, regarding the discussion item from executive session.

There was no action taken on this item.

#21. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Riojas to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez

Nays: None

Absent: Hernandez

The motion carried.

CITY OF TAFT

Pedro Lopez

Mayor

ATTEST:

Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 9th day of August, 2016, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez Mayor
Leonard Vasquez Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez
Donnie Riojas
Lolo Hernandez

Others present: Denise Hitt, Interim City Manager, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, and Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. Visitors

Marcus Adams of 614 San Patricio Ave requested to have Rusty Graham issue on the next council meeting and stated that he would need at least two weeks notice.

#4. Introduction of the Taft Ambassadors to the City of Taft.

Ricardo Trevino, President of the Taft Chamber of Commerce, introduced Tate Turany to the council. Taft Ambassadors Carrie Graves and Rolinda Mendoza were not able to attend the meeting to be introduced.

#5. Consider, discuss and take action on approving the April 28, 2015 Special Meeting minutes, May 8, 2015 Special Meeting minutes, May 14, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes and June 5, 2015 Special Meeting minutes.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve the April 28, 2015 Special Meeting minutes, May 8, 2015 Special Meeting minutes, May 14, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes and June 5, 2015 Special Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#6. Consideration and Approval of a Contract for the Collection of Delinquent Taxes.

Denise stated that this would be a 3 year contract with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP. Robert Cuevas, office manager for Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson Corpus Christi, stated that this contract is the same contract as before and would just carry over for 3 years if approved.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve the renewal of the 3 year contract with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson for the collection of delinquent taxes for the City of Taft. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#7. Consider, discuss and take action to approve a contract with Unifirst for the care of city employee uniforms.

Denise explained the contract would save the city about \$6,000 a year.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve a contract with Unifirst for the care of city employee uniforms. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None
The motion carried.

#8. Consider and take action to approve a Joint Election contract between the City and San Patricio County Election Administrator for the County to conduct the City's General Election for Tuesday, November 8, 2016.

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to approve a Joint Election contract between the City and San Patricio County Election Administrator for the County to conduct the City's General Election for Tuesday, November 8, 2016. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#9. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Ordinance No 955, an ordinance to: (1) Call and order a General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 for the purpose of electing one Alderman for Ward One and one Alderman for Ward Two; (2) Authorize the execution of a joint election contract with the San Patricio County Election Administrator for election services; (3) Establish Saturday, July 23, 2016, as the first day to file for a place on the official ballot and Monday, August 22, 2016, at 5:00 p.m., Central Standard Time as being the last day to file for a place on the ballot; (4) Direct the San Patricio County Election Administrator and/or the City Secretary to prepare the official ballot form; (5) Adopt a voting system for use in the General Election on November 8, 2016 and for Early Voting by personal appearance beginning October 24, 2016 and ending November 4, 2016, which includes two twelve-hour days of voting as required by state law; (6) Order publication and posting of notice for the General Election; (7) Appoint an Early Voting Clerk; (8) Provide for early voting dates, times and polling places; (9) Provide for early voting by mail; (10) Provide for the appointment of a Presiding Judge, Alternate Presiding Judge and clerks; (11) Create an Early Voting Ballot Board; (12) Provide for General Election Day polling places; and (13) Provide for canvassing of the General Election results.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 955. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#10. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Ordinance 956 an ordinance of the City of Taft repealing Ordinance No. 866 and hereto providing for a revised animal control ordinance defining terms, setting animal control officers' duties, setting fees for impounding of animals, animal license fees and requirements, describing vaccination requirements, providing for sale of animals, prohibiting animals running at large, limiting the number of animals to be kept within the city limits, limiting the distance animals may be kept from structures, setting animal permit application procedures, providing for cleanliness of animal premises, providing a penalty for violation of the ordinance and providing for a severability clause.

Denise explained the only change to this ordinance is now the cost to surrender a pet will be \$40.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve Ordinance 956. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#11. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Ordinance 957, an ordinance of the City of Taft rescinding city ordinance no 953; an ordinance adopting a new city nuisance abatement ordinance to protect the public's health, safety and welfare; defining public nuisances; establishing a compliance process as provided by the Texas Health and Safety Code; providing for assessment of expenses and

liens; defining prohibited acts; providing enforcement, penalties and remedies; adopting the authorized citizens collection station policies and fees and providing administrative provisions, providing for a severability clause and an effective date.

Denise let the council know that the only section added was Section 3.7.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve Ordinance 957 to begin in October and approve maps and signs at the location. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#12. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Ordinance 958, an ordinance regarding the regulation of food establishments including food service establishments, retail food stores, temporary food establishments, mobile food units, and roadside food vendors.

Gabriel Arroyo with the San Patricio County Health Dept. informed the council that there were only three changes to the ordinance. The first change being Chapter 229 reverted back to Chapter 228. The second change is that an online course is available. The third change is that a certified food manager has to always be on site.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Ordinance 958. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#13. Consider and discuss update regarding the city's financial condition as it relates to bonded debt, past dues, recurring payments, revenues and expenditures.

Mary Alice informed the council on the city's finances. She stated that the city had collected 91% of the taxes owed by the city residents. She also stated that the city had collected 76% of the taxes owed by the deannexed residents.

#14. Consider, discuss and take action to approve the sale of salvage and surplus property.

Denise let the council know that there was an accumulation of old desks, computers, filing cabinets, etc. that could be sold if the council wished.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve the sale of salvage and surplus property pending the list from city management. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#15. Consider, discuss and take action to approve the repair of the foundation of City Hall and the Taft Public Library.

Denise let the council know that there are visible cracks and the door to the girl's bathroom doesn't close.

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to approve the repair of the foundation of City Hall and the Taft Public Library. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#16. Consider, discuss and take action to create and appoint members to a committee for the purpose of reviewing city manager applications and make a recommendation to the council. (Mayor Lopez)

The board members considered were Councilman Hernandez, Councilman Rodriguez, Filberto Rivera, Cliff Krcha, David Smith, Ricardo Trevino, and Maria Nino.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to appoint Councilman Hernandez, Councilman Rodriguez, Filberto Rivera, Cliff Krcha, David Smith, Ricardo Trevino, and Maria Nino. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#17. Consider, discuss and act on funding for a council member to attend the TML convention to be held October 4-7, 2016 in Austin, Texas. Funding would include convention fee, travel pay and hotel lodging for 2 nights. (Councilman Rodriguez)

Councilman Rodriguez expressed his interest in attending the TML conference. Councilwoman Riojas also expressed her interest in attending.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve \$1100 (\$800 for Councilwoman Riojas and \$300 for himself) to attend the TML convention. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#18. Consider, discuss and act on funding for completion of steps, etc. for water fountain at Hidalgo Park with regard to ADA requirements. (Councilman Rodriguez)

The project is complete and meets ADA requirements. No action on this item.

#19. Taft EDC President D. Smith to present in detail any and all pertinent briefings/reports/actions in regards to financials, present and future projects which the Taft EDC is involved in today. (Councilman Rodriguez)

At this time David Smith stated that he would like to request to address item 19, item 22, and item 23.

David Smith informed the council that the EDC financials. Their long term debt is around \$354,000 and their short term debt is around \$33,444. The EDC is working on certification of the Taft Business Park.

#22. Finding of posting in regards to Taft EDC meeting held on June 30, 2016. (Councilman Rodriguez)

David Smith stated there was no meeting on June 30, 2016, the meeting

#23. Discussion of by-laws with Taft EDC President David Smith as it pertains to appointments of directors on or to the Taft EDC board. (Councilman Rodriguez)

David Smith stated that there is no violation of the by-laws and there are no vacancies.

Councilman Vasquez walked out at 8:22 p.m.

#20. Taft Municipal Judge Herrera to report status of Municipal Court from January 2016 to present. Also to brief to the City Council of future plans in regards to recoup outstanding warrants and fines, etc. (Councilman Rodriguez)

Judge Herrera addressed the council on the factors on what affects court collections and the efforts made to collect outstanding fines.

#21. Report to City Council in regards to San Patricio EDC quarterly meeting held on August 1, 2016. (Councilman Rodriguez)

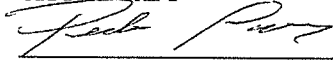
Councilman Rodriguez gave an overview of the different things that are going on in the local region. Mayor wanted to know how he could be put back on the San Patricio EDC board.

#24. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Riojas to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hernandez
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

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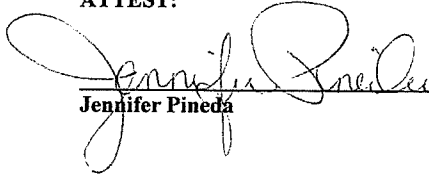


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 23rd day of August, 2016, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez Mayor
Leonard Vasquez Mayor Pro-tem Absent
Rolando Rodriguez
Donnie Riojas
Lolo Hernandez

Others present: Denise Hitt, Interim City Manager, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, and Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Riojas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

At this time Mayor opened the floor for any comments by any visitors.

William Davis, Owner of Absolute Waste, thanked the council for paying back the debt owed to him within 2 years.

#3. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Resolution 588, a resolution of the City of Taft, Texas approving entering into an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the 2015 Transportation Alternatives Program project number 0916-28-068.

Denise informed the council that TXDot is requesting the resolution for the Transportation Alternatives Program project.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve Resolution 588 a resolution of the City of Taft, Texas approving entering into an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hernandez
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

#4. Consider, discuss and take action upon authorizing reimbursement and/or payment to San Patricio County Precinct 2 for the road rehabilitation of Avenue C and Toland Road.

Denise informed the council that Precinct 2 would like to be paid in materials and not in actual payment.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to authorize reimbursement and/or payment to San Patricio County Precinct 2 for the road rehabilitation of Avenue C and Toland Road contingent on the legal and financial auditor being in total agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hernandez
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

#5. Consider and act upon the proposed tax rate, take record vote and schedule a public hearing.

Denise informed the council of the effective tax rate and the current tax rate received by Dalia Sanchez.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to adopt the 0.828552 tax rate. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hernandez
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried.

Denise informed the council that there is only one amount for the tax rate for the deannexed area.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve the tax rate amount of 0.375211 per 100 for the City of Taft deannexed Taft Southwest area. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to schedule a public hearing on September 6, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Kiva Hut and on September 13, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Kiva Hut. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried.

#6. Consider, discuss and take action on approving a request for proposal for Emergency Medical Ambulance Services for the City of Taft, Texas.

Denise informed the council there was only one request for proposal received. Mayor unsealed the proposal.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve the proposal for Emergency Medical Ambulance Services from AirMed with the first two years at \$17,000 and negotiations for the third year. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried.

#7. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Riojas to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

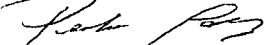
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried.

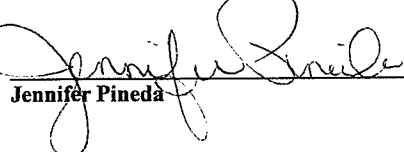
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Pedro Lopez

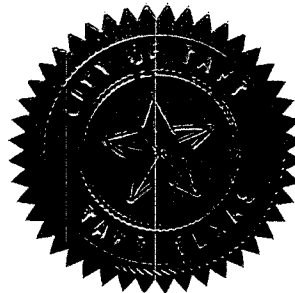
Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary



MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 6th day of September, 2016, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez Mayor
Leonard Vasquez Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez
Donnie Riojas
Lolo Hernandez

Others present: Denise Hitt, Interim City Manager, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, and Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Riojas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. Conduct a public hearing to hear comments for and against the proposed 2016 property tax rate for the City of Taft.

Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:04 p.m.
Mayor then read the item 3 times.
There were no public comments.
Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.

#4. Conduct a public hearing to hear comments for and against the proposed 2016 property tax rate for the City of Taft Deannexed Southwest Area to pay for the area's pro rate share of the indebtedness at the time the area withdrew from the City.

Mayor opened the public hearing at 7:05 p.m.
Joe Hernandez stated that he understood that it would be a flat rate every year. He also wanted to know if it would be for 30 years.
Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:11 p.m.

#5. Announce the City's governing body will adopt a property tax rate for the 2016 tax year for the City of Taft at the Taft City Council Regular Meeting on September 27, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at Kiva Hut, 402 Park Street, Taft, Texas.

Mayor read the item aloud for the record.

#6. Announce the City's governing body will adopt a property tax rate for the 2016 tax year for the City's Deannexed Southwest Taft area to pay for the area's pro rata share of the indebtedness at the time the area withdrew from the City at the Taft City Council Regular Meeting on September 27, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at Kiva Hut, 402 Park Street, Taft, Texas.

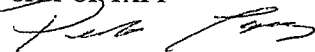
Mayor read the item aloud for the record.

#7. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Riojas to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez
Nays: None
The motion carried.

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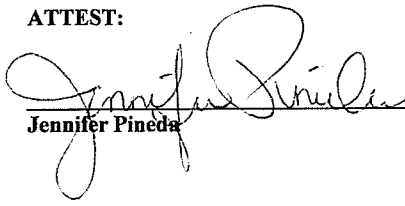


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda **City Secretary**

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 13th day of September, 2016, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Leonard Vasquez	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Lolo Hernandez	

Others present: Denise Hitt, Interim City Manager, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, Mary Griffin, Librarian, and Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. Visitors

Marcus Adams, of 614 San Patricio, wanted to know why Rusty Graham is not on the agenda.

Sylvia Chapa, of 2225 Caroline Dr. in Corpus Christi, had a concern with item #13. Ms. Chapa stated that money has been re-routed.

#4. Conduct a public hearing to hear comments for and against the City's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, which begins October 1, 2016 and ends September 30, 2017.

Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:45 p.m.

Anita Adams stated that the council is doing the budget on fraudulent numbers and they need to do things for the people they represent. She stated that she is against it because they need to get the money right.

Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:50 p.m.

#5. Conduct a public hearing to hear comments for and against the proposed 2016 property tax rate for the City of Taft.

Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:51 p.m.

Marcus Adams stated that this is the highest tax rate in the area so he is against it.

Anita Adams stated that she wanted the proposed tax rate to go down.

Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:54 p.m.

#6. Conduct a public hearing to hear comments for and against the proposed 2016 property tax rate for the City of Taft Deannexed Southwest Area to pay for the area's pro rate share of the indebtedness at the time the area withdrew from the City.

Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:54 p.m.

Lupe Garcia wanted to know what jurisdiction the city has in the deannexed area.

Armando Garza stated that the annexation was never done right.

Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:58 p.m.

#7. Announce that the Taft City Council will adopt the City's budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 at the Taft City Council Regular Meeting on September 27, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at Kiva Hut, 402 Park Street, Taft, Texas.

Mayor read this item aloud twice.

#8. Announce the City's governing body will adopt a property tax rate for the 2016 tax year for the City of Taft at the Taft City Council Regular Meeting on September 27, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at Kiva Hut, 402 Park Street, Taft, Texas.

Mayor read this item aloud twice.

#9. Announce the City's governing body will adopt a property tax rate for the 2016 tax year for the City's Deannexed Southwest Taft area to pay for the area's pro rata share of the indebtedness at the time the area withdrew from the City at the Taft City Council Regular Meeting on September 27,

2016 at 6:30 p.m. at Kiva Hut, 402 Park Street, Taft, Texas.

Mayor read this item aloud three times.

#10. Consider, discuss and take action upon request from the Taft Chamber of Commerce for the use of city property and approval of parade in support of the 2016 Taft Christmas Festival to be held on Saturday, December 3, 2016.

Ricardo Trevino, Chamber President, addressed the council on this item and stated all events are the same as last year. The Chamber did open up the bbq cook-off to the community.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to grant the Taft Chamber of Commerce the use of city property and approval of parade in support of the 2016 Taft Christmas Festival to be held on Saturday, December 3, 2016. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#11. Presentation by the Taft Librarian on a safety program that was made available to the Taft Public Library from the office of the City of Taft Prosecutor Roxann Pais Cotroneo.

Mary Griffin, Librarian, informed the council on the free literature received from the state and how that has been distributed through the library.

#12. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Resolution 589, a resolution in support of Representative Todd Hunter and Senator Lois Kolkhorst and the Joint Interim Committee to continue moving forward on their quest to bring the Cruise Ship Industry to Corpus Christi, Texas.

Councilwoman Riojas informed the council of the meeting she attended at the Solomon Ortiz Center in regards to the Cruise Ship Industry.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion approve Resolution 589. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#13. Consider and discuss update regarding the city's financial condition as it relates to bonded debt, past dues, recurring payments, revenues and expenditures.

Mary Alice updated the council on the city's financials. She also explained to the council and the public what the different accounts are and what they are used for.

#14. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Resolution 590, a resolution authorizing the retirement of Taft Police Department K-9 Brodie and the transfer of ownership from the City of Taft to Officer James Easley.

Officer Easley stated that he does accept Brodie.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve Resolution 590. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#15. Discuss clarity of department head title for David Smith – Taft EDC Board President. (Councilman Rodriguez)

Councilman Rodriguez wanted to know if David Smith was a department head. David Smith is not a department head.

#16. Discuss, consider and act on criteria, dates for commission in regards to selection process of applicants for recommendations to city manager position. (Councilman Rodriguez)

Councilman Rodriguez stated he was inquiring on a time line for the selection process. Mayor requested that the committee be contacted and set up a meeting date.

#17. Executive session:

- **Pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D, V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with the City Attorney to seek legal advice concerning the claim of James Easley for overtime pay**

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez
Nays: None
The motion carried.

The council entered into executive session at 7:46 p.m.

#18. Reconvene into regular session.

The council reconvened at 8:21 p.m.

#19. Any action, if necessary, regarding the discussion item from executive session.

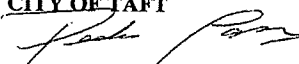
No action was taken on this item.

#20. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez
Nays: None
The motion carried.

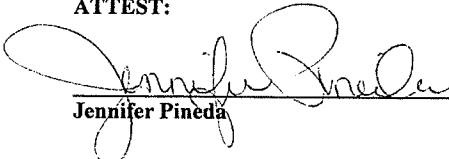
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Pedro Lopez

Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary



MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 27th day of September 2016, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez Mayor Absent
Leonard Vasquez Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez
Donnie Riojas
Lolo Hernandez

Others present: Denise Hitt, Interim City Manager, and Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. Conduct a public hearing to hear comments for and against the City's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, which begins October 1, 2016 and ends September 30, 2017.

Mayor Pro-Tem opened the public hearing at 6:32 p.m.
Denise addressed the council and the public about having a balanced budget for FY 2016-2017.
Mary Alice addressed questions on the city's long term debt.
Mayor Pro-Tem closed the open hearing at 6:35 p.m.

#4. Consider, discuss and act to adopt Ordinance No. 959 to approve the City's budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, which begins October 1, 2016 and ends September 30, 2017.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 959 for the city's budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Vasquez, Hernandez
Nays: None
Absent: Mayor
The motion carried.

#5. Consider, discuss and act to adopt Ordinance No. 960 to:

- (1) Approve and levy an ad valorem total tax rate of \$0.828552 for the use and support of the City for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation on all property within the corporate City limits;
- (2) Approve, levy and apportion ad valorem taxes for the maintenance and operations (M&O) of the City at a tax rate of \$0.567069 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation on all taxable property within the corporate City limits;
- (3) Approve, levy and apportion ad valorem taxes for the debt service (I&S) of the City at a tax rate of \$0.261483 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation on all taxable property within the corporate City limits; and
- (4) Approve, levy and apportion ad valorem taxes for the debt service (I&S) of the City at a tax rate of \$0.375211 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation on all taxable property within the Deannexed Southwest Taft area.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 960. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Vasquez, Hernandez
Nays: None
Absent: Mayor
The motion carried.

#6. Consider, discuss and act to approve an interlocal agreement with San Patricio County Environmental Health Department regarding regulating food establishments.

Denise let the council know that this is just a follow up to the ordinance that the council recently passed.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve an interlocal agreement with San Patricio County Environmental Health Department regarding regulating food establishments. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Vasquez, Hernandez
Nays: None
Absent: Mayor
The motion carried.

#7. Visitors.

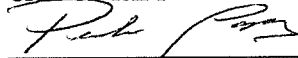
There were no visitors.

#8. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Hernandez to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Vasquez, Hernandez
Nays: None
Absent: Mayor
The motion carried.

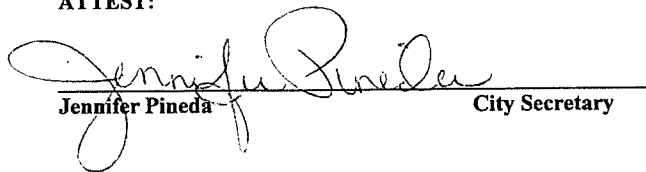
CITY OF TAFT



Pedro Lopez

Mayor

ATTEST:


Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary



MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 11th day of October, 2016, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor	Absent
Leonard Vasquez	Mayor Pro-tem	
Rolando Rodriguez		
Donnie Riojas		
Lolo Hernandez	Absent	

Others present: Denise Hitt, Interim City Manager, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, Yolanda Rivera, Accounting Clerk, Mary Griffin, Librarian, and Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Riojas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. Certificate of Appreciation presentation to Benjamin Cisneros.

Councilman Rodriguez read the certificate out loud and presented it to Mr. Cisneros.

#4. Certificate of Appreciation presentation to David Smith.

Councilman Vasquez read the certificate out loud and presented it to Mr. Smith.

#5. Certificate of Appreciation presentation to Yolanda Rivera.

Councilwoman Riojas read the certificate out loud and presented it to Mrs. Rivera.

#6. Presentation on health insurance benefit options by the City's broker of record Will Heavin.

Mr. Heavin addressed the council on the different plans available and explained the Humana Vitality program.

#7. Consider, discuss and act to select an insurance carrier for employee medical, life, dental, vision, and supplemental insurance.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to select an insurance carrier for employee medical, life, dental, vision, and supplemental insurance to include Aflac for supplemental, Unum for life insurance, and Humana Alternate Plan #7 for medical, dental, and vision. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Vasquez,
Nays: None
Absent: Mayor, Hernandez
The motion carried.

#8. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Ordinance No. 962 an ordinance amending Section 7.01, Medical and Life Insurance, of the city personnel policy.

Denise let the council know that this would amend the personnel policy to reflect the \$25 employee contribution for medical insurance.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 962 an ordinance amending Section 7.01, Medical and Life Insurance, of the city personnel policy to include the employee deduction of \$25.00 bi-weekly. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Vasquez,
Nays: None
Absent: Mayor, Hernandez
The motion carried.

#9. Discussion of a contract with Sherwin Alumina for the removal of dried sludge from the City of

Taft drying beds.

Denise updated the council on the meeting she had with representatives of Sherwin Alumina. There is nothing concrete yet and was only informative.

#10. Consider, discuss and take action on the sale of surplus vehicles and medical supplies.

Denise informed the council the types of items that is in surplus.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to table item #10. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Vasquez,
Nays: None
Absent: Mayor, Hernandez
The motion carried.

#11. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Ordinance No. 961 Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Vasquez,
Nays: None
Absent: Mayor, Hernandez
The motion carried.

#12. Consider, discuss and take action to approve the June 9, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes, June 18, 2015 Special Meeting minutes, and July 11, 2015 Special Meeting minutes.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve the June 9, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes, June 18, 2015 Special Meeting minutes, and July 11, 2015 Special Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Vasquez,
Nays: None
Absent: Mayor, Hernandez
The motion carried.

#13. Consider and discuss update regarding the city's financial condition as it relates to bonded debt, past dues, recurring payments, revenues and expenditures.

Mary Alice updated the council on city's financial condition.

#14. Visitors.

Marcus Adams, of 614 San Patricio, wanted the Rusty Graham issue on the agenda. He would also like to know what is going on with the city manager position.

#15. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Riojas to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Vasquez,
Nays: None
Absent: Mayor, Hernandez
The motion carried.

CITY OF TAFT

Pedro Lopez

Pedro Lopez **Mayor**

ATTEST:

Jennifer Pineda

Jennifer Pineda **City Secretary**



MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 29th day of October, 2016, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special session at 501 Green Ave, at the City Hall, at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor
Leonard Vasquez	Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez	
Donnie Riojas	
Lolo Hernandez	

Others present: Denise Hitt, Interim City Manager, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, and Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. Consider, discuss and take action to approve the solicitation of bids for surplus vehicles and medical supplies.

Denise let the council know that this item was tabled at the last meeting and brought back for this meeting.

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to have the sealed bids by the regular meeting in December. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#4. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Ordinance No. 961, an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Taft, Texas repealing Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance 626 and adopting Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance 961; establishing all aspects of the regulation of the floodplain in Taft, Texas; establishing a severability clause, penalties and an effective date.

Denise addressed the council on this item.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 961. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#5. Consider, discuss and take action to approve the renewal of the city's membership in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas ("ERCOT) for 2017.

Denise let the council know that this is a yearly membership.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve the renewal of the city's membership in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas for 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#6. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Resolution No. 591 a resolution recognizing the importance of municipal courts, the rule of law, and the fair and impartial administration of justice; and in recognition of Municipal Court Week November 7-11, 2016.

Judge Herrera let the council know what the court staff is doing during Municipal Court Week.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve Resolution No. 591. The motion was seconded by

Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#7. Consider, discuss and take action to approve the July 14, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes.

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to approve the July 14, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#8. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Hernandez to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

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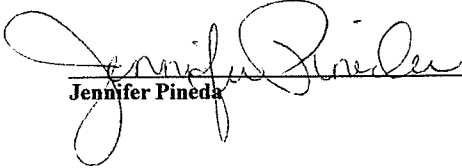


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 18th day of November, 2016, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez Mayor
Leonard Vasquez Mayor Pro-tem
Rolando Rodriguez
Donnie Riojas
Lolo Hernandez

Others present: Denise Hitt, Interim City Manager, and Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Riojas led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. Consider and take action to approve Ordinance No. 964, an ordinance to canvass the returns and declare the results of the General Election held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 for the purpose of electing one Alderman for Ward One and one Alderman for Ward Two for a term of two years.

Mayor Lopez read Ordinance No. 964.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 964. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez
Nays: Rodriguez
The motion carried.

#4. Swearing In and Oath of Office of newly elected officials.

Judge Carmel Herrera swore in Lolo Hernandez and Leonard Vasquez.

#5. VISTORS.

Lolo Hernandez invited the council members and visitors to attend the Christmas shopping with the Petty children and sponsor a child on December 10, 2016.

#6. Consider, discuss and take action to approve an offer to purchase tax sale property ACCT. No. 46008; Lot 6, Block 37, Taft Townsite, as shown by map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 3, Page 18, Map Records of San Patricio County, Texas.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to accept the offer submitted by Luis Daniel Badillo to purchase tax sale property ACCT. No. 46008; Lot 6, Block 37, Taft Townsite, as shown by map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 3, Page 18, Map Records of San Patricio County, Texas. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#7. Discuss, consider, and act upon accepting the resignation of Ms. Velma Garcia from the Taft Quality Improvement Corporation Board of Directors.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to accept the resignation of Ms. Velma Garcia from the Taft Quality Improvement Corporation Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#8. Discuss, consider, and act upon appointing an individual to the Taft Quality Improvement

Corporation Board of Directors.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to appoint Arnulfo Banda to the Taft Quality Improvement Corporation Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#9. Consider, discuss and take action to approve the July 22, 2015 Special Meeting minutes.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve the July 22, 2015 Special Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#10. Consider and discuss update regarding the city's financial condition as it relates to bonded debt, past dues, recurring payments, revenues and expenditures.

Mary Alice updated the council on the city's financial condition.

#11. Consider and take action to approve Ordinance No. 963, an ordinance repealing Ordinance 501 and Ordinance 773 of the City of Taft and authorizing the city council of the City of Taft to act as the board of appeals and authorizing the board to hear substandard building issues and appeals; establishing procedures for abatement of substandard buildings; providing for penalty, not to exceed \$500.00 per day per violation; repealing conflicting provisions of the city's code; and providing for severability and an effective date.

Denise explained Ord. 963 to the council.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 963. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez
Nays: Rodriguez
The motion carried.

#12. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve new work hours for all city staff excluding the police department.

Denise and Mary Alice addressed this item with the council.

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to allow the four day work week to continue and be incorporated in the revised employee personnel policy when submitted to the council for approval in December. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#13. Consider and discuss necessary park improvements.(Mayor Lopez)

Mayor Lopez stated that he would like staff to address all parks including the Little League park and have a pro-active plan for any repairs that are necessary.

#14. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Riojas to adjourn the meeting. The

motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

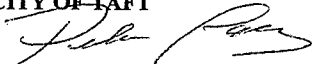
The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

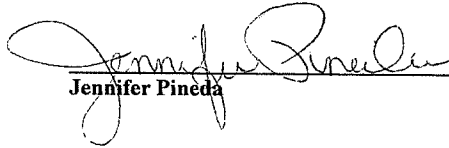
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Pedro Lopez Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda City Secretary

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 13th day of December, 2016, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor	Absent
Leonard Vasquez	Mayor Pro-tem	
Rolando Rodriguez		
Donnie Riojas	Absent	
Lolo Hernandez		

Others present: Denise Hitt, Interim City Manager, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, and Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. Visitors.

There were no visitors.

#4. Consider, discuss and take action upon appointing a member of the City Council to serve as the City's Mayor Pro Tem for a term of one year pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 22.037.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to table this item for the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Riojas, Mayor

The motion carried.

#5. Consider, discuss and take action to approve the August 11, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes and the August 25, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve the August 11, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes and the August 25, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Riojas, Mayor

The motion carried.

#6. Interim City Manager report.

Denise informed the council on several items that had been completed and the status of the sidewalk project. She also informed the council of the free staff that has been utilized through the Texas WorkSource.

#7. Consider, discuss and take action to adopt Ordinance No. 965 to establish a revised rate schedule for solid waste collection, transportation, and disposal services in the City to reflect an increase in the consumer price index and landfill disposal increase to be effective January 1, 2017.

Mike Reeves with Republic informed the council on the \$0.39 increase that will take effect on January 1, 2017.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 965 to establish a revised rate schedule for solid waste collection, transportation, and disposal services in the City to reflect an increase in the consumer price index and landfill disposal increase to be effective January 1, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None
Absent: Riojas, Mayor
The motion carried.

#8. Consider, discuss and act upon adjusting water rates to reflect and incorporate rate increases from the San Patricio Municipal Water District.

Denise let the council know that this would be a \$0.04 cent increase per thousand gallon.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve the increase from the San Patricio Municipal Water District to go from \$3.07 to \$3.11 with an increase of \$0.04 as mandated. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Hernandez
Nays: None
Absent: Riojas, Mayor
The motion carried.

#9. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Resolution 593, a resolution setting the City of Taft purchasing policy and procedures.

Denise let the council know that the policy is being revised to comply with the federal guidelines.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution 593, a resolution setting the City of Taft purchasing policy and procedures. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Hernandez
Nays: None
Absent: Riojas, Mayor
The motion carried.

#10. Consider and discuss update regarding the city's financial condition as it relates to bonded debt, past dues, recurring payments, revenues and expenditures.

Mary Alice updated the council on the city's financial condition.

#11. Executive session: Pursuant to Chapter 551, Subchapter D, V.T.C.A. Government Code, Section 551.071 Consultation with the City Attorney to seek legal advice concerning Marcus E. Adams v. The City of Taft, Texas. (Councilman Rodriguez)

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to enter into executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Hernandez
Nays: None
Absent: Riojas, Mayor
The motion carried.

Council entered into executive session at 7:17 p.m.

#12. Reconvene into regular session.

Council reconvened into regular session at 7:32 p.m.
No action taken.

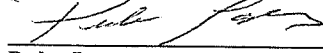
#13. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Rodriguez to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Hernandez
Nays: None
Absent: Riojas, Mayor
The motion carried.

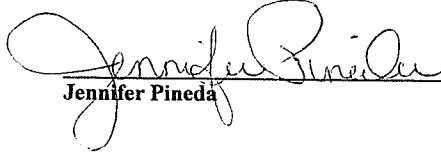
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Pedro Lopez **Mayor**



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda **City Secretary**

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 27th day of December, 2016, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez	Mayor	
Leonard Vasquez	Mayor Pro-tem	Absent
Rolando Rodriguez		
Donnie Riojas		
Lolo Hernandez		

Others present: Denise Hitt, Interim City Manager, and Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director.

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. Visitors.

There were no visitors.

#4. Consider, discuss and take action upon appointing a member of the City Council to serve as the City's Mayor Pro Tem for a term of one year pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 22.037.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to table this item. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hernandez
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

#5. Public Hearing: Application for a variance request which, if approved, would reduce the lot width requirement from 50 feet to 40 feet at 430 First St with the legal description of Lt 7 Blk 58 Taft 0.275 Acres.

Mayor opened the public hearing.
Johnny Acosta addressed the council on this item and the history of the project. He also answered questions from the council.

Mayor closed the public hearing at 7 p.m.

#6. Discuss and take action on whether to approve a variance request which, if approved, would reduce the lot width requirement from 50 feet to 40 feet at 430 First St with the legal description of Lt 7 Blk 58 Taft 0.275 Acres.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve the variance request which would reduce the lot width requirement from 50 feet to 40 feet at 430 First St with the legal description of Lt 7 Blk 58 Taft 0.275 Acres with corrections made administrative wise in all documents in the City of Taft. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.
After discussion Councilman Rodriguez withdrew his motion.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve the variance request which would reduce the lot width requirement from 50 feet to 40 feet at 430 First St with converting the addresses to represent 420 First St. and 430 First St. with the legal description of Lt 7 Blk 58 Taft 0.275 Acres respectively. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Hernandez
Nays: Mayor
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

#7. Discuss, Consider and Act to approve a five year contract with Nevel for copiers for Police, City

Hall and Accounts Payable.

Denise addressed this item with the council.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve a five year contract with Nevel not to exceed \$50,000. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hernandez

Nays: Vasquez

The motion carried.

#8. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Hernandez to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

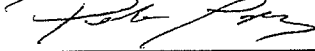
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Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Hernandez

Nays: Vasquez

The motion carried.

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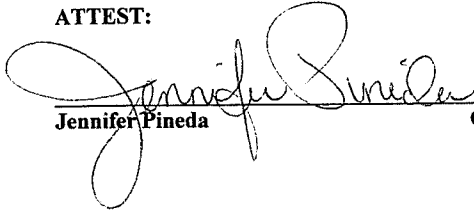


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary