

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 9th day of January, 2018, 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
Felipe Rodriguez, III
Donnie Riojas
Lolo Hernandez

Others present: Denise Hitt, 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.

Vic Medina, with CC Disposal Service, stated that he was just wanting to introduce himself and his company to the council.

#4. Project update on Cheniere- Corpus Christi Liquefaction by Will Nichols.

Will Nichols did a PowerPoint presentation and stated that he would like to come in every quarter of the project to give an update.

#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 city's finance condition. The revenues for TQIC are \$39,531.61 and the revenues for the street fund are \$70,290.64. Dalia Sanchez's office has collected 47.55% of the taxes for the city and 24.16% of the taxes in the deannexed area.

#6. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve Resolution No 605 a resolution of the city council of the City of Taft, Texas authorizing a project of the Taft Economic Development Corporation; and, providing an effective date (Second Reading).

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve Resolution No. 605. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#7. Consider, discuss and take action to approve or deny Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Engineering Services for Hurricane Harvey Recovery Assessment and Restoration.

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

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#8. Consider, discuss and take action to approve or deny a Resolution authorizing a five year extension of the Republic Services Solid Waste Franchise Agreement.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to deny a Resolution authorizing a five year extension of the Republic Services Solid Waste Franchise Agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Riojas

Nays: Mayor, Hernandez

The motion carried.

#9. Consider, discuss and take action to appropriate the necessary funds and authorize the City Manager to solicit bids for the replacement of the heating and cooling units located at the Taft Police Department.

Denise explained that the units are not fixable.

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to approve to appropriate the necessary funds and authorize the City Manager to solicit bids for the replacement of the heating and cooling units located at the Taft Police Department. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#10. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Ordinance No 984, an ordinance repealing Ordinance 171 of the City of Taft and authorizing the city manager of the City of Taft to hire and remove the chief of police with the consent of the city council and to approve the hiring of all subordinate officers by the chief of police; repealing conflicting provisions of the city's code; and providing for severability and an effective date.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Ordinance No 984, an ordinance repealing Ordinance 171 of the City of Taft and authorizing the city manager of the City of Taft to hire and remove the chief of police with the consent of the city council and to approve the hiring of all subordinate officers by the chief of police; repealing conflicting provisions of the city's code; and providing for severability and an effective date. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#11. City manager's report on: Budget; Personnel; Electrical work in park.

Budget: Denise stated that staff is currently working on the 2018 budget. Her goal is to have the budget approved in June.

Personnel: Denise stated that there have been three positions eliminated. The positions were from the police department, administration, and public works.

Electrical work in part: Denise stated that she is getting bids for 3 phases of a project in the park. The first phase would be for moving the electrical panel to another pole. The second phase would be to rewire all the plugs with a heavier gauge so that the breaker will not trip. The third phase would be to install additional outlets by the trees.

#12. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Vasquez to adjourn the

meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

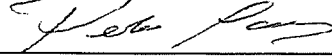
The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

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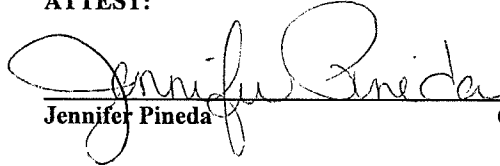


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 13th day of February, 2018, 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
Felipe Rodriguez, III		
Donnie Riojas		
Lolo Hernandez		

Others present: Denise Hitt, City Manager, 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. Plaque presentation to Rolando Rodriguez.

This item was moved to the March meeting.

#4. Plaque presentation to Commissioner Richard Ott.

This item was moved to the March meeting.

#5. Plaque presentation to Randy Rachel.

This item was moved to the March meeting.

#6. Project update on Gulf Coast Growth Ventures by John Mabry.

John Mabry did a PowerPoint presentation that explained the Exxon Mobile plant site and what the plant will produce. He also explained what phase the company is in.

#7. Public Hearing: Application for a variance request which, if approved, would allow the construction of a fence other than hurricane fence at 329 Fetick, Taft, Tx, with legal description LTS 23 & 24 BLK 18 TAFT.

Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:57 p.m.

Estevan Galindo explained to the council that he will be using hog panels to redo his fence in the front of his property. He was originally going to put a wooden fence but after speaking with the building inspector and the city manager he decided to change it to the hog panels. Mr. Galindo showed the council pictures of the material he is using and how the finished product would look like.

The mayor closed the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

#8. Discuss and take action on whether to approve a variance request which, if approved, would allow the construction of a fence other than hurricane fence at 329 Fetick, Taft, Tx, with legal description LTS 23 & 24 BLK 18 TAFT.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve the variance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried.

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

Denise updated the council on the city's finance condition. The revenues for TQIC are \$46,905.00 and the revenues for the street fund are \$84,677.00. Dalia Sanchez's office has collected 71.27% of the taxes for the city and 47.4% of the taxes in the deannexed area. The outstanding balance to Republic is \$7,030.06

#10. Consider, discuss and take action to approve the September 11, 2017, Special Meeting minutes, September 17, 2017, Special Meeting minutes, September 26, 2017, Regular Meeting minutes, and October 10, 2017, Regular Meeting minutes.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve the September 11, 2017, Special Meeting minutes, September 17, 2017, Special Meeting minutes, September 26, 2017, Regular Meeting minutes, and October 10, 2017, Regular Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried.

#11. Consider, discuss and take action to appoint Felipe Rodriguez to the Taft Quality Improvement Corporation Board of Directors.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve to appoint Felipe Rodriguez to the Taft Quality Improvement Corporation Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried..

#12. Consider, discuss and take action to approve a contract with Taft Little League for the use of the Taft Little League Park.

Denise explained it is the same contract as last year that needs to be renewed.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve a contract with Taft Little League. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried.

#13. Consider, discuss and take action to approve updated job descriptions.

This item was tabled to March meeting.

#14. Consider, discuss and take action on approving the road rehabilitation of Bravo St, Porter St, Tutt and Compress.

Denise explained this is the TQIC list in the order they decided.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion take action on approving the road rehabilitation of Bravo

St, Porter St, Tutt and Compress. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

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

#15. Consider, discuss and take action on exploring the possibility of a City owned RV Park. (Councilwoman Riojas).

This item was moved to a special meeting.

#16. Consider, discuss and take action to approve switching from cable to a fiber optics line with Cable One.

Denise explained that switching to fiber optics would make day to day operations easier.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve switching from cable to a fiber optics line with Cable One. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

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

#17. Consider, discuss and take action to adopt Ordinance No. 983 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, 2018.

Denise explained that this has to be passed since it will be in effect on the February bill.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 983. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

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

#18. Consider, discuss and take action to authorize the City Manager to provide notice of non-renewal to Republic Services for the Solid Waste Franchise Agreement.

Denise explained that since the council had decided to go out to bid the letter must be sent to Republic.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to authorize the City Manager to provide notice of non-renewal to Republic Services. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

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

#19. Consider, discuss and take action to authorize the City Manager to advertise for request for proposals for solid waste collection.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to authorize the City Manager to advertise for request for

proposals for solid waste collection. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried.

#20. Consider, discuss and take action to approve or deny Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Engineering Services for Hurricane Harvey Recovery Assessment and Restoration.

Everyone turned in their scores. Jennifer totaled the scores. The following were the total points awarded to each firm:

LNV – 366

TLC – 317

LIA – 308

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve the rfq for engineering services from LNV. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried.

#21. City manager's report on: Insurance; FEMA; Ribbon cutting.

FEMA: Tamiko from Fema informed council on Fema efforts.

Insurance: Denise explained we have preliminary numbers but those are going to change. There are repairs that are not on the list yet.

Ribbon cutting: Denise informed the council that March 2nd will be the ribbon cutting for the sidewalk project phase one.

#22. VISITORS

William Davis, owner of Absolute Service, Inc., stated that he looks forward in responding to the request for proposals and let the council know who some of this clients are in the area.

Mike Reeves, from Republic Services, wanted to bring things to the attention of the council. Republic serviced solid waste for 6 months without pay and also made a payment plan for the balance owed for non-service. He wants the council to weigh this information when making a selection.

#23. 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:

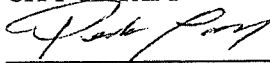
Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried.

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Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:

Jennifer Pineda

Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 13th day of March, 2018, 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	Joined in by Skype (6:30 p.m. – 7:53 p.m.)
Leonard Vasquez	Mayor Pro-tem	
Felipe Rodriguez, III		
Donnie Riojas		
Lolo Hernandez		

Others present: Denise Hitt, City Manager, Mary Griffin, Librarian, 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 Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. VISITORS.

Melanie Hickey, 3110 CR 2849, asked that the council consider deeding a piece of land for a new library.

#4. Plaque presentation to Rolando Rodriguez.

This item was moved to the next meeting.

#5. Plaque presentation to Commissioner Richard Ott.

This item was moved to the March meeting.

#6. Plaque presentation to Randy Rachal.

This item was moved to the March meeting.

#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 city's financial condition. In the revenues the TQIC fund has \$46,906.32 and the street fund has \$89,768.77. The debt balance has been paid off to Republic. The initial balance was \$165,000 and it was paid off in three and a half years.

#8. Consider, discuss and take action to approve the November 14, 2017, Regular Meeting minutes, December 5, 2017, Special Meeting minutes, December 15, 2017, Special Meeting minutes, January 9, 2018, Regular Meeting minutes, and February 13, 2018, Regular Meeting minutes.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve the minutes provided. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

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

#9. Consider, discuss and take action to appoint Diana Vela Pittman to the Library Board.

Velma Poenish, Chairperson, stated that the board has a resignation and would like the council to

consider appointing Ms. Pittman. She meets all the criteria to be a board member.

Councilwoman Hernandez made a motion to appoint Diana Vela Pittman to the Library Board. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#10. Consider, discuss and take action to appoint Clay Davenport to the Taft Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors.

Denise stated that Judith Fonville has stepped down and the board would like to appoint Clay Davenport.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to take action to appoint Clay Davenport to the Taft EDC. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#11. Consider, discuss and take action to authorize an inter-local agreement with San Patricio County Pct. 2 regarding services for road rehabilitation.

Denise stated that this is an annual agreement that we renew every year.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to authorize an inter-local agreement with San Patricio County Pct. 2 regarding services for road rehabilitation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#12. Consider, discuss and take action to approve an interlocal government contract and agreement with San Patricio County regarding services for Road and Bridge, Pct. 1.

Denise explained it is the same contract as last year that needs to be renewed.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve an interlocal government contract and agreement with San Patricio County regarding services for Road and Bridge, Pct. 1. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#13. Consider, discuss and take action to approve a onetime 1 day waiver to Ordinance 779 to the Fireworks Extravaganza Committee to allow alcohol to be brought in by the attendees of the Fireworks Extravaganza.

Denise stated that no alcohol is allowed in any of the parks and the committee is asking for a one day waiver so people can bring in their own beer and wine. She stated that there will be police staff to make sure there is no abuse and no glass bottles would be permitted.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve a onetime 1 day waiver to Ordinance 779 to the Fireworks Extravaganza Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#14. Consider, discuss and take action to approve or reject the received insurance offer for hurricane damage.

Denise explained that the total repair amount was \$328376.92 and anything that the insurance does not cover can be submitted to Fema.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve the received insurance offer for hurricane damage. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#15. Discuss deeding a piece of property for a future library.

Denise explained that the board is asking for an acre for a new library. She also provided a map of the proposed area for the future library. Council discussed this further and would like to see how this would affect the budget in the future.

#16. Consider, discuss and take action to approve allowing the city to receive bids for the sale of a 1999 Chevy Tahoe, 2 mules, and a dump truck.

Denise explained that if approved the city will advertise and receive sealed bids.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve allowing the city to receive bids on the items provided. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#17. Consider, discuss and take action to approve an amendment to the personnel policy to approve the payment of comp time accrued during a declared event.

Denise explained that the folks from Fema requested to add this to the policy.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve an amendment to the personnel policy to approve the payment of comp time accrued during a declared event. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#18. City manager's report on: Sidewalk project update; Firework extravaganza update; Fema; Demolition of house on Davis Rd.; Quote for Police Department roof; Flowers planted by National Honor Society; Texas Workforce grant.

Sidewalk project – project is almost complete. There are just some minor revisions that need to be made.

Fireworks Extravaganza – there will be 2 bands that will perform and will also have some adult tournaments. There will be food trucks and other vendors. It is an all-day event ending with a firework display.

Fema – Category A and Category B have been worked on. Category A got kicked back but has been resubmitted. Category B had to show some time cards. Currently working on Category C.

Demolition on house on Davis Rd. – project should be complete sometime next week . The family is helping pay some of the roll offs.

Quote for Police Department roof – the roof leaks badly. The quote to repair the roof is \$14,387 and a/c work would be \$11,800.

Flowers planted by National Honor Society – NHS did an awesome job planting the flowers in front of city hall. They were needing community service hours and were accompanied by Mr. Bosquez.

Texas Workforce grant – Texana started working yesterday and has 2084 hours to help with permits and Fema paperwork.

#19. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Pursuant to Section 551.074 Government Code, Vernon's Civil Statutes of Texas, the City Council may go into executive session to discuss personnel matters involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of an officer or employee, to wit: City Manager Denise Hitt..

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

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

The council entered into executive session at 7:12 p.m.

#20. Reconvene into Regular Session and consider action, if necessary, on any item(s) discussed in Executive Session.

Council reconvened into regular session at 7:52 p.m.

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, Vasquez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

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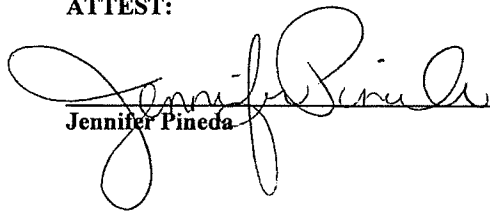


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Pineda". The signature is written in a cursive style with large, flowing loops.

Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 7th day of April, 2018, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a special session at 402 Park St, at the Kiva Hut, at 10:00 a.m. with the following members present:

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

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

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

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

#3. Presentation, discussion, and possible action to provide staff direction regarding municipal annexation.

City Attorney Daniel Santee presented a PowerPoint presentation on the different ways a governmental entity can annex property. He

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to start procedure. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Mayor, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Riojas

The motion carried.

#4. Consider, discuss and take action on exploring the possibility of a City owned RV Park.

Denise spoke on this item and explained the feasibility study.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to explore the possibility of a City owned RV Park. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Mayor, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Riojas

The motion carried.

#5. Adjournment.

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

The following votes were polled:

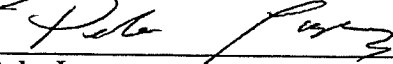
Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Mayor, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Riojas

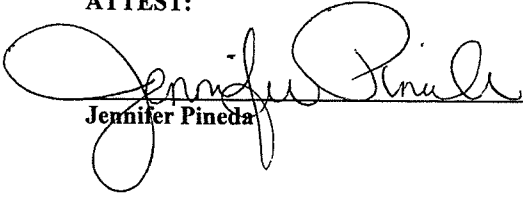
The motion carried.

CITY OF TAFT


Pedro Lopez _____ Mayor



ATTEST:


Jennifer Pineda _____ City Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 24th day of April, 2018, 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 Joined in by Skype
(6:30 p.m. – 7:10 p.m.)
Leonard Vasquez Mayor Pro-tem Absent
Felipe Rodriguez, III
Donnie Riojas
Lolo Hernandez

Others present: Denise Hitt, 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. Plaque presentation to Commissioner Richard Ott.

Councilwoman Riojas read the plaque out loud and Councilman Rodriguez presented it to Mr. Ott.

#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 city's financial condition. In the revenues the TQIC fund has \$496966.67 and the street fund has \$96,461.95. Property taxes for the city is at a collection of 84.73% and the de-annexed area is at 64.46%.

#6. Consider, discuss and take action to approve the March 13, 2018, Regular Meeting minutes.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve the March 13, 2018, Regular Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried.

#7. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Ordinance No. 985, an ordinance amending Ordinance 977, and establishing revised rates for certain building permit and inspection fees and charges; listing fees to be levied for building, electrical and plumbing permits and inspections; repealing all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith; providing a savings and severability clause; providing for penalties for violation; providing for a publication clause and providing for an effective date.

Denise explained that this is just a clean-up of the ordinance and explained there was a typo in the old ordinance.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 985, an ordinance amending Ordinance 977, and establishing revised rates for certain building permit and inspection fees and

charges. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried.

#8. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Ordinance No. 986, an ordinance by the City of Taft, Texas, approving a design manual for the installation of network nodes, node support poles and transport facilities; and approving a pole attachment agreement regulating the installation of network nodes and transport facilities on city service poles and utility poles; declaring governing law; providing repealing and savings clauses; providing a Texas Open Meetings Act clause and providing an effective date.

Denise explained the ordinances in items 8, 9, and 10. She stated that these ordinance come from the city attorney and have been used in other cities as well.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 986, an ordinance by the City of Taft, Texas, approving a design manual for the installation of network nodes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried.

#9. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Ordinance No. 987, a public right-of-way management ordinance by the City of Taft, Texas; regulating the physical use, occupancy and maintenance of city rights-of-way by wireless network providers; describing the purpose; providing definitions; requiring compliance with the city design manual and applicable codes for the installation of network nodes and node support poles pursuant to Chapter 284 of the Texas Local Government Code; providing city procedures for applications for permits; establishing time periods for approval of permit applications; providing application fees and annual public right-of-way rental rates; providing restrictions on placement of network nodes and node support poles in municipal parks, residential areas, and historic districts and design districts; providing indemnity for the city; providing repealing and savings clauses; providing a Texas Open Meeting Act clause and providing an effective date.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 987, a public right-of-way management ordinance by the City of Taft, Texas; regulating the physical use, occupancy and maintenance of city rights-of-way by wireless network providers; describing the purpose; providing definitions; requiring compliance with the city design manual and applicable codes for the installation of network nodes and node support poles pursuant to Chapter 284 of the Texas Local Government Code. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried.

#10. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Ordinance No. 988, an ordinance by the City Council of the City of Taft, Texas establishing fees for wireless network nodes, node support poles and transport facilities desiring to be placed in the public right of way and

setting an effective date.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 988. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

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

#11. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Ordinance No. 989, an ordinance adopting unanimous settlement agreement, setting rates and establishing tariffs for the provision of natural gas service by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., D/B/A CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas Company within the City of Taft; declaring this ordinance to be a final determination of rates; requiring acceptance by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., D/B/A CenterPoint Energy Entex and CenterPoint Energy Texas Gas Company of the rates prescribed herein; and establishing an effective date.

Denise explained to the council that this is an ordinance to adopt the settlement agreement with CenterPoint Energy.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 989, an ordinance adopting unanimous settlement agreement, setting rates and establishing tariffs for the provision of natural gas service by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

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

#12. Consider, discuss and possible action to provide staff direction on water park repairs.

Denise explained that there is an issue in the pump room due to the chlorine being left open.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to take action to provide staff direction on water park repairs. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

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

#13. Consider, discuss and take action to approve the use of funds not to exceed \$1,000 from the Building Security Fund to provide courtroom security.

Jennifer explained that it is mandated by law to have courtroom security and the court would like to use the \$1,000 to provide courtroom security.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve the use of funds not to exceed \$1,000 from the Building Security Fund to provide courtroom security. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

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

Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

#14. Consider, discuss and take action to engage Santos McBain Management and Planning to provide a preliminary feasibility study for viability and funding mechanisms for potential park improvements.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to take action to engage Santos McBain Management and Planning to provide a preliminary feasibility study for viability and funding mechanisms for potential park improvements. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

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

#15. Consider, discuss and take action to either receive requests for qualifications or advertise for a building inspector.

Denise stated that Mr. Fonville gave notice that May 30th would be his last day as building inspector.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to seek qualifications for a building inspector. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

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

#16. City manager's report on: Fema; Sidewalk; EMS Building.

Fema – Category A was completed again today. Category B is in its final phases of being completed and reviewed. Denise is currently working on the labor portion for street signs.

Sidewalks – the city is waiting for a project number from TX Dot.

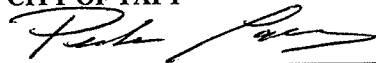
EMS Building – city started to remove and demolish some of the inside of the building. The building needs a new roof and new bedrooms.

#17. 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, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

CITY OF TAFT



Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jennifer Pineda", is written over a horizontal line.

Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 8th day of May, 2018, 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 Joined in by Skype
(6:30 p.m. – 7:25 p.m.)
Leonard Vasquez Mayor Pro-tem
Felipe Rodriguez, III
Donnie Riojas
Lolo Hernandez

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

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:35 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 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. Property taxes for the city is at a collection of 86.60% and the de-annexed area is at 68.18%. She updated the council on the long term debt and the short term debt.

#5. Consider and discuss Ordinance No. 976 an ordinance prescribing rules, regulations, rates, and fees and application process for water, sewer and garbage service.

Denise explained that this ordinance was on the agenda for review. She stated that the city started billing the apartment complexes per unit as per the ordinance states.

Chris Montalvo of the Quad and Fonville apartments, Malynn Wahlen of the Taft Terrace apartments, and Melissa Mutschler of the Peacock apartments addressed the council on this item. They stated that they would like the council to reconsider this ordinance and make changes if possible.

#6. Consider, discuss and take possible action on approving survey for property to be used by the Taft Library.

There was no action on this item.

#7. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Resolution No. 606, a resolution of the City of Taft, Texas finding that AEP Texas Inc.'s application to amend its distribution cost recovery factors to increase distribution rates within the city should be denied; finding that the city's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the company; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to the company and legal counsel.

Denise explained that this resolution is in essence the same as the resolution for CenterPoint Energy in wanting a review of their rate increase.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution No. 606, a resolution of the City of Taft, Texas finding that AEP Texas Inc.'s application to amend its distribution cost recovery factors to increase distribution rates within the city should be denied. The motion was seconded

by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#8. Consider, discuss and take action to approve the request for proposals bid packet for sanitation services.

Denise informed the council what is currently included in the bid packed and asked to see if the council had any changes they would like included. Council stated that they would like to see about getting smaller toters for the elderly.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve the request for proposals bid packet with the changes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#9. Adjournment.

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

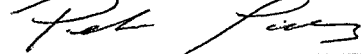
The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

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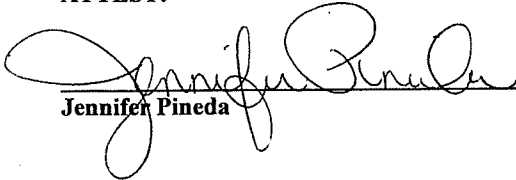


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 15th day of May, 2018, 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 Joined in by phone
(6:30 p.m. – 6:55 p.m.)
Leonard Vasquez Mayor Pro-tem
Felipe Rodriguez, III
Donnie Riojas
Lolo Hernandez

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

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.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 line relocation for Mr. Lackey at 4748 CR 3667 upon receipt of letter agreement document signed by both the City of Taft and GCJV.

Denise explained that this line needs to be relocated to the opposite side of the street.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to take action to approve line relocation for Mr. Lackey at 4748 CR 3667. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

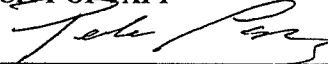
The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez
Nays: None
The motion carried.

#4. Adjournment.

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

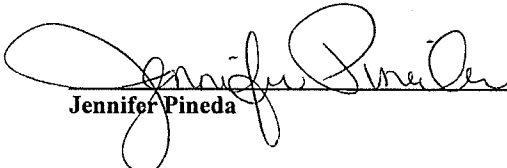
The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez
Nays: None
The motion carried.

CITY OF TAFT


Pedro Lopez Mayor



ATTEST:


Jennifer Pineda City Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 22nd day of May, 2018, 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 Joined in by Skype
(6:35 p.m. – 8:10 p.m.)
Leonard Vasquez Mayor Pro-tem
Felipe Rodriguez, III
Donnie Riojas
Lolo Hernandez

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

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

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

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

#3. Visitors.

There were no visitors.

#4. Public Hearing: Application for variance request which, if approved, would allow the placement of a portable structure to remain on the premises where placed at 896 McIntyre Ave, Taft, Tx, with legal description BLK 1 (300X320) TAFT-F G GABRIEL S/D.

The public hearing was opened at 6:39 p.m.
There were no public comments
The public hearing was closed at 6:40 p.m.

#5. Discuss and take action on whether to approve a variance request which, if approved, would allow the placement of a portable structure to remain on the premises where placed at 896 McIntyre Ave, Taft, Tx, with legal description BLK 1 (300X320) TAFT-F G GABRIEL S/D.

This item was tabled.

#6. Public Hearing: Application for variance request which, if approved, would allow an addition to the front porch at 639 Victoria Ave, Taft, Tx, with legal description N40 LT 22 BLK 37 TAFT.

The public hearing was opened at 6:41 p.m.
Romeo and Aida Martinez addressed the council and stated that the porch is already there and they want to add a covering over it.
Denise explained that this would go against the zoning ordinance and would need a variance to continue the work.
The public hearing was closed at 6:58 p.m.

#7. Discuss and take action on whether to approve a variance request which, if approved, would allow an addition to the front porch at 639 Victoria Ave, Taft, Tx, with legal description N40 LT 22 BLK 37 TAFT.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve a variance request for the front porch being 10 foot by 25 foot at 639 Victoria, Taft, Texas. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

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

#8. Public Hearing: Application for variance request which, if approved, would allow the placement of a portable type building on land and build the inside to a residence at 219 Calle St, Taft, Tx, with legal description LT 2 BLK 6 TAFT-2ND HIDALGO 0.115 ACRES.

The public hearing was opened at 7:00 p.m.
Denise explained that the zoning ordinance does not allow for this type of building to be placed at this property and would require a variance.
Mr. Jesus Hinojosa Jr addressed the council on this item and provided pictures of what the portable building looked like and what the specs were for the inside.
The public hearing was closed at 7:14 p.m.

#9. Discuss and take action on whether to approve a variance request which, if approved, would allow the placement of a portable type building on land and build the inside to a residence at 219 Calle St, Taft, Tx, with legal description LT 2 BLK 6 TAFT-2ND HIDALGO 0.115 ACRES.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve the variance requested with the understanding that it will be put on beams and inspected and with windstorm certification. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

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

#10. Consider, discuss and take action to approve the April 7, 2018, Special Meeting minutes, April 24, 2018, Regular Meeting minutes, May 8, 2018, Regular Meeting minutes, and May 15, 2018, Special Meeting minutes.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve the April 7, 2018, Special Meeting minutes, April 24, 2018, Regular Meeting minutes, May 8, 2018, Regular Meeting minutes, and May 15, 2018, Special Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

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

#11. Consider, discuss and take action on Ordinance No. 976 an ordinance prescribing rules, regulations, rates, and fees and application process for water, sewer and garbage service.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to continue the way it is written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

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

#12. Consider, discuss and take possible action on approving survey and/or agreement for property to be used by the Taft Library.

This item was tabled.

#13. Consider and discuss Resolution 329 a resolution superseding Resolution 304 allowing for the continuance of health insurance benefits for retirees until they become eligible for Medicare.

Mary Alice addressed the council on this item. She explained that Resolution 329 has a typo of the word "or" instead of "of". This item will be an action item at the next meeting.

#14. Consider, discuss and take action to approve the purchase of 2 airpacs for the Taft Volunteer Fire Department.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve the purchase of 2 airpacs for the Taft Volunteer Fire Department with the accessories. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#15. Consider, discuss and take action on purchasing or leasing a new or used pumper truck for the Taft Volunteer Fire Department.

This item was tabled.

#16. 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: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

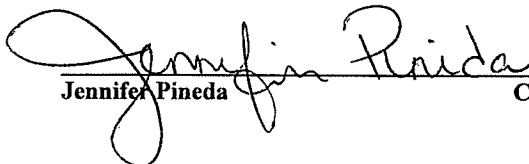
CITY OF TAFT



Pedro Lopez

Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary



MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 12th day of June, 2018, 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
Felipe Rodriguez, III
Donnie Riojas
Lolo Hernandez

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

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

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

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

#3. Visitors.

Mr. Marshall Holybee updated the council on the Firework Extravaganza.

Rob Tully from GCVC informed the council that he will be retiring at the end of June and introduced Paul Gillfoial.

#4. Recognition of Councilman Leonard Vasquez.

Fr. Pete Stanley spoke about the award that Councilman Vasquez received from the Corpus Christi Diocese. Denise also said a few words.

#5. Mayoral Proclamation designating June 14, 2018 as National Flag Day.

Council read the proclamation out loud and presented it to the Holy Family Society and Catholic Family Fraternal of Texas.

#6. Consider, discuss and take action to approve the Annual Financial Report for the year ended September 30, 2017.

The city's CPA of record Raul Hernandez stated that the city was doing great on expenditures but needs to see about increasing revenues. He reviewed some of the highlights of the audit with the council.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve the Annual Financial Report for the year ended September 30, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

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

#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 city financials.

#8. Public Hearing: Application for variance request which, if approved, would allow the placement of a portable structure to remain on the premises where placed at 896 McIntyre Ave, Taft, Tx, with legal description BLK 1 (300X320) TAFT-F G GABRIEL S/D.

Opened the public hearing at 7:17 p.m.

Rick Freeman explained what the portable structure will be used for.

Dianne Garcia stated that she is against it due to the rodent problems and the visual of the building.

Closed the public hearing at 7:57 p.m.

#9. Discuss and take action on whether to approve a variance request which, if approved, would allow the placement of a portable structure to remain on the premises where placed at 896 McIntyre Ave, Taft, Tx, with legal description BLK 1 (300X320) TAFT-F G GABRIEL S/D.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve the variance with the following conditions: building is tied down, reviewed and approved by the fire marshal, review and reevaluate in 12 months with a plan of action and control the trash issue The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor

The motion carried.

#10. Consider, discuss and take action to select a plan and carrier for the City of Taft's annual windstorm insurance coverage.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve the carrier for the City of Taft's annual windstorm insurance coverage with Mt. Hawley Insurance Co option 1. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor

The motion carried.

#11. Consider, discuss and take action upon selecting financing for the City's windstorm insurance and authorizing the execution of documents related thereto.

This item was tabled.

#12. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Resolution No. 607 to approve the submission of the grant application for the Local Border Security Program to the Office of the Governor.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution No. 607 to approve the submission of the grant application for the Local Border Security Program. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Mayor

The motion carried.

#13. Consider and discuss Resolution 608 a resolution superseding Resolution 329 allowing for the continuance of health insurance benefits for retirees until they become eligible for Medicare.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve Resolution 608 a resolution superseding Resolution 329. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

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

#14. Consider, discuss and take action to approve repairs to the Taft Volunteer fire truck in the amount of \$5,605.86.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve repairs to the Taft Volunteer fire truck in the amount of \$5,605.86. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

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

#15. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Resolution 609 a resolution of the City of Taft approving cooperation with the cities served by AEP to review AEP Texas Inc.'s requested approval of an adjustment to its energy efficiency cost recovery factor; hiring legal and consulting services to negotiate with the company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to legal counsel.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve Resolution 609. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

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

#16. Adjournment.

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

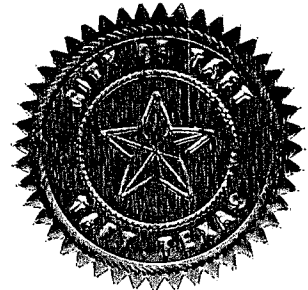
The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Riojas, Hernandez
Nays: None
Absent: Mayor
The motion carried.

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Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:

Jennifer Pineda

Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 10th day of July, 2018, 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
Felipe Rodriguez, III
Donnie Riojas
Lolo Hernandez

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

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:35 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 to approve the hosting of a Color Run in the City of Taft on August 11, 2018.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to allow the Color Run in the City of Taft on August 11, 2018. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Vasquez

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 finances for the city. She stated that the revenues were at 94.11% and the expenditures were only 72.25%.

#6. Consider, discuss and take action upon selecting financing for the City's windstorm insurance and authorizing the execution of documents related thereto.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to accept the Premium Finance Agreement for the city's windstorm. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried.

#7. Consider, discuss and take action to approve a quote for repairs to the Taft Police Department roof.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve Topview as the company to repair the Taft Police Department roof. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

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

#8. Consider, discuss and take action to approve a quote for repairs to the Taft City Hall roof.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to table item #8 which is to approve a quote for repairs to the Taft City Hall roof. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

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

#9. Consider, discuss and take possible action on selecting the proposal most advantageous to the City from the Municipal Solid Waste Services Request for Proposal Process and authorizing the City Manager to complete the necessary negotiations with the selected proponent.

Mayor drew names to see in what order the vendors would be speaking in and allowed them 2 minutes to speak. Each vendor spoke for 2 minutes. A concern was brought up and the Mayor moved to item #10 until the attorney could be reached by phone.

Council returned to item #8 after item #11.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to enter into executive session for consultation with the city attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

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

Council entered into executive session at 8:04 p.m.
Council reconvened into regular session at 8:18 p.m.

Mayor opened the bid packets. The council expressed wanting to review the bid packets closer to be able to rate each one.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to table item #9. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

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

The council moved to item #11.

#10. City manager's report on: Harding Street; Fireworks Extravaganza.

The city manager let the council know about possible funding through Rebuild Texas for repairs to Harding Street.

The city manager thanked the council for the city sponsorship of the Fireworks Extravaganza.

#11. Budget workshop for FY 2018-2019.

The council received the preliminary budget.

Council went back to item #9.

Council came back to item #11.

City manager answered questions from the council.

#12. 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:

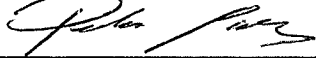
Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried.

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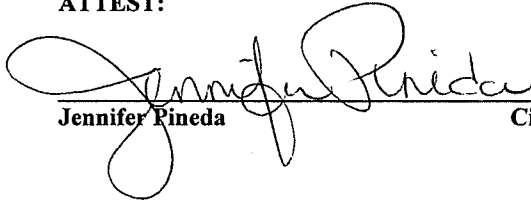


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 24th day of July, 2018, 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
Felipe Rodriguez, III
Donnie Riojas
Lolo Hernandez

Others present: Denise Hitt, 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. 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:

- **James Easley vs. City of Taft, Texas, Klaus Mansion Individually, and Denise Hitt, Individually Cause No. S-18-5248CV-B in the 156th Judicial District Court, San Patricio County, Texas.**
- **Shawn Wilson vs. City of Taft, Texas, Klaus Mansion Individually, and Denise Hitt, Individually Cause No. S-18-5150CV-A in the 36th Judicial District Court, San Patricio County, Texas.**
- **Devon Armstrong vs. City of Taft, Texas and Klaus Mansion Individually Civil Action No. 2:17-CV-377 in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Corpus Christi Division.**

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

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

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

There was no action taken on this item.

#6. Consider, discuss 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 6, 2018.

Councilman Hernandez 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 6, 2018. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

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

Nays: None
The motion carried.

**#7. Consider and discuss possible relocation of EMS from the Taft Housing Authority.
(Councilman Rodriguez, Councilman Vasquez)**

Councilman Rodriguez stated that he would like the council to look for a place where it would be more visible. He also stated that the housing unit could be used for someone in need.
Councilman Vasquez stated he would like the council to see if there are any available fund to combine the EMS with the volunteer fire department.

Mayor instructed the city manager to set up a meeting with the fire department to be able to look into this option.

**#8. Consider and discuss adopting an ordinance requiring a permit for garage sales.
(Councilman Rodriguez)**

Councilman Rodriguez stated that he would like the council to consider a garage sale ordinance to help beautify the city.

**#9. Consider, discuss and take action to approve a request for proposal for repairs to the
Taft City Hall roof.**

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to go with Cobar Roofing in the amount of \$19,832 based on the contingent of the outcome from the city attorney. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

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

**#10. Consider, discuss and take possible action on selecting the proposal most advantageous
to the City from the Municipal Solid Waste Services Request for Proposal Process and
authorizing the City Manager to complete the necessary negotiations with the selected
proponent.**

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to accept the proposal once a week through Absolute. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

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

#11. Budget workshop for FY 2018-2019.

Noel Snedeker spoke to the council about the options to generate more revenue.

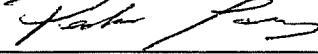
#12. Adjournment.

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: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez
Nays: None

The motion carried.

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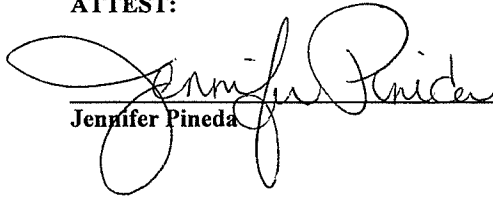


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 2nd day of August, 2018, 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
Felipe Rodriguez, III
Donnie Riojas
Lolo Hernandez

Others present: Denise Hitt, 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. Budget workshop for FY 2018-2019.

Items discussed during the workshop were the optimum fund balance, total revenues for this year versus the previous years, the police department budget increases, and the parks department capital outlay line item.

#4. Consider and act upon the proposed tax rate for the City of Taft and take record vote.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve the effective tax rate of .889263. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#5. Consider and act upon the proposed tax rate for the City of Taft Deannexed SW and take record vote.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve the effective tax rate of 0.256813 for the deannexed area. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#6. 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: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

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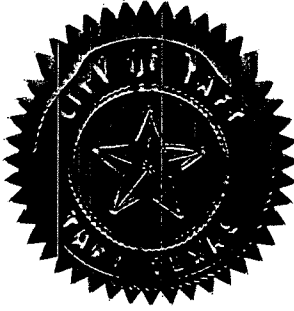
Mayor

ATTEST:

Jennifer Pineda

Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary



MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 14th day of August, 2018, 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 Arrived at 6:36 p.m.
Felipe Rodriguez, III
Donnie Riojas
Lolo Hernandez

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

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:34 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. Public Hearing: Rezoning of a piece of property which, if approved, would rezone the property from 1st Residence District to 2nd Business District as defined by the Taft Code of Ordinances with the legal description of ABST 135 John Gibbs Sur.

Mayor Lopez opened the hearing at 6:37 p.m.

Denise explained the reason that the owner wants to change the zoning.

Mayor Lopez closed the hearing at 6:39 p.m.

#5. Discuss and take action on whether to approve a rezoning request which, if approved, would rezone the property from 1st Residence District to 2nd Business District as defined by the Taft Code of Ordinances with the legal description of ABST 135 John Gibbs Sur.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve the rezoning request to rezone the property from 1st Residence District to 2nd Business District as defined by the Taft Code of Ordinances. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#6. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Ordinance No. 992 an ordinance amending the zoning map to reclassify a property with the legal description of ABST 135 John Gibbs Sur from 1st Residence District (R-1) to 2nd Business District (B-2).

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 992 an ordinance amending the zoning map to reclassify a property with the legal description of ABST 135 John Gibbs Sur from 1st Residence District (R-1) to 2nd Business District (B-2). The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#7. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Resolution 610 a resolution of the city council of the City of Taft, Texas accepting the local option election petition submitted by registered voters of the City of Taft and making a determination as to the validity of said petition according to the Texas Election Code Chapter 501.

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to approve Resolution 610 a resolution of the city council of the City of Taft, Texas accepting the local option election petition submitted by registered voters of the City of Taft and making a determination as to the validity of said petition according to the Texas Election Code Chapter 501. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#8. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Ordinance No. 990, an ordinance of the City of Taft, Texas calling and ordering a general election to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 for the purpose of electing one Alderman for Ward One and one Alderman for Ward Two; authorizing the execution of a joint election contract with San Patricio County for election services; establishing Saturday, July 21, 2018, as the first day to file for a place on the official ballot and Monday, August 20, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. central standard time as being the last day to file for a place on the ballot; directing the San Patricio County Election Administrator and/or City Secretary to prepare the official ballot form; adopting a voting system for use in the general election on November 6, 2018, and for early voting by personal appearance beginning October 22, 2018 and ending November 2, 2018, which includes two twelve-hour days of voting as required by state law; ordering publication and posting of notice for the general election; appointing an early voting clerk; providing for early voting dates, times, and polling places; providing for early voting by mail; providing for appointment of a presiding judge, alternate presiding judge and clerks; creating an early voting ballot board; proving for the general election day polling places; providing for canvassing of the general election results; providing a repealing and severability clause; providing an effective date; and ordaining other related matters.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 990. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#9. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Ordinance No. 991, an ordinance of the City of Taft, Texas calling and ordering a special election to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 for the purpose to legalize the sale of all alcoholic beverages including mixed beverages in the City of Taft; authorizing the execution of a joint election contract with San Patricio County for election services; directing the San Patricio County Election Administrator and/or City Secretary to prepare the official ballot form; adopting a voting system for use in the special election on November 6, 2018, and for early voting by personal appearance beginning October 22, 2018 and ending November 2, 2018, which includes two twelve-hour days of voting as required by state law; ordering publication and posting of notice for the special election; appointing an early voting clerk; providing for early voting dates, times, and polling places; providing for early voting by mail; providing for appointment of a presiding judge, alternate presiding judge and clerks; creating an early voting ballot board; proving for the special election day polling places; providing for canvassing of the special election results; providing a repealing and severability clause;

providing an effective date; and ordaining other related matters..

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 911. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

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

#10. Proclamation proclaiming the City of Taft a Purple Heart City.

The council read the proclamation out loud.

Mike Mendoza with the VFW was the master of ceremony for the Purple Heart City ceremony.

#11. Adjournment.

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

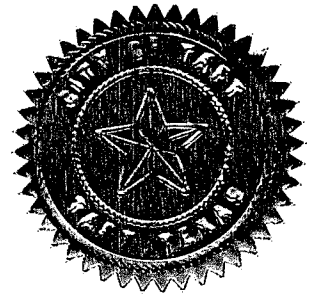
The following votes were polled:
Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez
Nays: None
The motion carried.

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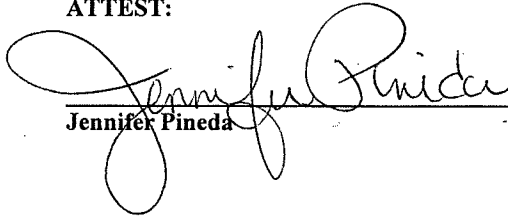


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 23rd day of August, 2018, 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
Felipe Rodriguez, III
Donnie Riojas
Lolo Hernandez

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

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

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

#3. Budget workshop for FY 2018-2019.

Mary Alice explained the discrepancy in the sanitation fund.
Noel Snedeker stated that there is not a lot that can be cut in expenses.
Denise informed the council that the code enforcement and animal control was split into two different departments.

#4. Consider, discuss and take action to amend the budget for FY 2017-2018.

This item was tabled.

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

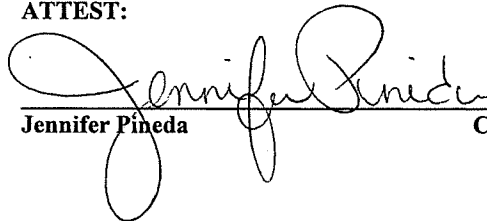
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Pedro Lopez

Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary



MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 28th day of August, 2018, 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
Felipe Rodriguez, III
Donnie Riojas
Lolo Hernandez

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

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

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

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

#3. Visitors.

Marshall Holybee requested the council to consider adopting rules for golf carts on city streets and to make them legal.

#4. 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 and stated that the revenues were at 101.58% and the expenditures were at 88.72%.

#5. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Resolution No. 611 a resolution of the City of Taft approving the San Patricio County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve Resolution No. 611 a resolution of the City of Taft approving the San Patricio County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried.

#6. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Resolution No. 612 a resolution of the City of Taft, Texas approving entering into an Advance Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the 2017 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program project number 0916-28-073.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Resolution No. 612 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, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

Absent: Vasquez

The motion carried.

#7. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Resolution No. 613 a resolution of the city council of the City of Taft, Texas authorizing the city manager to sign an interlocal

agreement with the Taft Independent School District for the purpose of setting out a common understanding of the policies and procedures that the Taft Police Department will follow in providing service to the Taft ISD schools located within the City of Taft, Texas incorporated city limits.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve Resolution No. 613 a resolution of the city council of the City of Taft, Texas authorizing the city manager to sign an interlocal agreement with the Taft ISD. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

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

#8. City manager's report on: Town Hall Meeting, Fema, EMS.

Denise let the council know that the Town Hall Meeting has been advertised in the paper and in the local businesses.

Denise let the council know that we have received \$64,000 from FEMA.

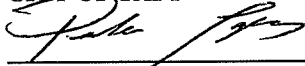
Denise let the council know that the old police department building is being working on to transform it to the new EMS building.

#9. 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, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez
Nays: None
Absent: Vasquez
The motion carried.

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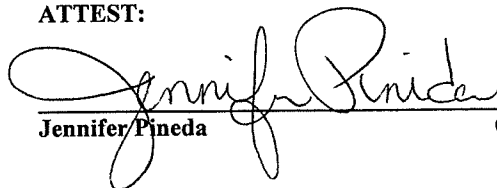


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 11th day of September, 2018, 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
Felipe Rodriguez, III
Donnie Riojas
Lolo Hernandez

Others present: Denise Hitt, City Manager, 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 and discuss update regarding the city's financial condition as it relates to bonded debt, past dues, recurring payments, revenues and expenditures.

Denise updated the council on the city's financial condition.

#5. Consider, discuss and take action to approve upon request from the Taft Chamber of Commerce for the use of city property and approval of parade in support of the 2018 Taft Christmas Festival to be held on Saturday, December 1, 2018.

Ricardo Trevino with the Taft Chamber requested the use of the park and Kiva Hut.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve upon request from the Taft Chamber of Commerce for the use of city property and approval of parade in support of the 2018 Taft Christmas Festival to be held on Friday November 30th and Saturday, December 1st. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#6. Consider, discuss and take action to approve upon request from the Friends of the Taft City Parks for the use of the Taft Little League Park to run a pumpkin patch and fall festival beginning October 1, 2018.

Ryan Trevino with the Friends of the Taft City Parks requested to use the Taft Little League Park for the entire month of October.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve a request from the Friends of the Taft City Parks to use the Taft Little League Park for a pumpkin patch and fall festival beginning October 1, 2018 with the submission of the insurance and the non-profit status. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#7. Consider, discuss and take action to approve a contract with Absolute Waste Services, Inc. for solid waste services.

Bill Davis answered questions from the council.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve a contract with Absolute Waste Services, Inc. for solid waste services. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#8. Consider, discuss and take action to approve an engagement letter from Raul Hernandez & Company, P.C. for auditing services.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve an engagement letter from Raul Hernandez & Company, P.C. for auditing services. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#9. Consider, discuss and take action to approve an engagement letter from Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech for legal services.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve an engagement letter from Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal & Zech for legal services. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#10. Presentation and discussion on feasibility study for viability and funding mechanisms for potential park improvements by Santos McBain Management and Planning.

Ray De Los Santos of SMMP did the presentation and stated that he is wanting to get feedback from the council.

#11. Discussion on the costs associated with the City of Taft collection station for metal, debris, and bulky items.

The council asked the city manager to explain the formula used to calculate the costs to dump at the collection station.

#12. Adjournment.

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

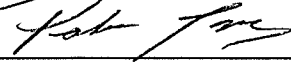
The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

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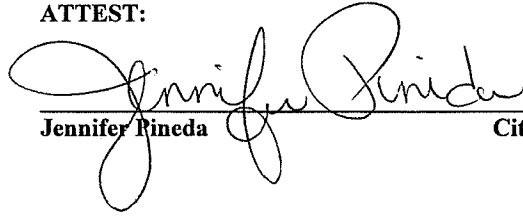


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 17th day of September, 2018, 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
Felipe Rodriguez, III
Donnie Riojas
Lolo Hernandez Absent

Others present: Denise Hitt, City Manager, Mary Alice Sandoval, Finance Director, Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary, Joe Sandoval, Public Works Director, Mary Griffin, Librarian, and Chief John Cornish, Police Chief.

#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. Conduct a public hearing to hear comments for and against the City's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, which begins October 1, 2018 and ends September 30, 2019.

Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:32 p.m.

The mayor read the agenda item out loud three time. There were no comments from the audience.

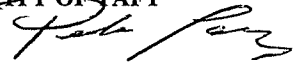
Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:43 p.m.

#5. Adjournment.

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

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

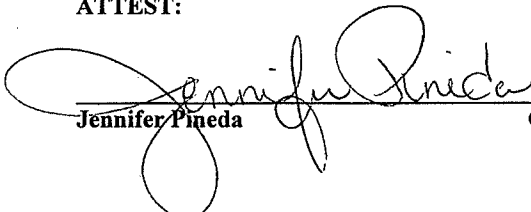
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Pedro Lopez Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda City Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 19th day of September, 2018, 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
Felipe Rodriguez, III	
Donnie Riojas	
Lolo Hernandez	Absent

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

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:54 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. Conduct a public hearing to hear comments for and against the City's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, which begins October 1, 2018 and ends September 30, 2019.

Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:56 p.m.

Mayor asked Mary Alice to do a briefing of the revenues and expenses. Mayor asked the city manager questions on the budget.

There was no public comments from the audience.

Mayor closed the public hearing at 7:01 p.m.

#5. Consider, discuss and take action to adopt Ordinance No. 993, an ordinance to approve the City's budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, which begins October 1, 2018 and ends September 30, 2019.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve to adopt Ordinance No. 993, an ordinance to approve the City's budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, which begins October 1, 2018 and ends September 30, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas

Nays: None

Absent: Hernandez

The motion carried.

#6. Consider, discuss and act to adopt Ordinance No. 994 to:

- (1) Approve and levy an ad valorem total tax rate of \$0.889263 for the use and support of the City for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 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 \$0.608464 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 \$0.280799 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 \$0.256813 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation on all taxable property within the Deannexed Southwest Taft area.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 994. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas

Nays: None

Absent: Hernandez

The motion carried.

#7. Consider, discuss and take action to amend the budget for FY 2017-2018.

Mary Alice explained the amendments and let the council know that the money would be moved from department to department.

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to approve the action to amend the budget for FY 2017-2018. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas

Nays: None

Absent: Hernandez

The motion carried.

#8. Adjournment.

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

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas

Nays: None

Absent: Hernandez

The motion carried.

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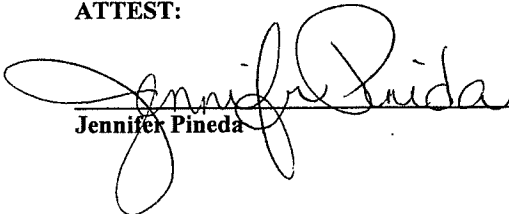


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 9th day of October, 2018, 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
Felipe Rodriguez, III
Donnie Riojas
Lolo Hernandez

Others present: Denise Hitt, 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.

Mrs. Jovita Martinez, from 220 W Escobedo, stated that there is a home that burned at 211 W. Escobedo and is in violation of city ordinances. She would like the council to place this on the next agenda to be discussed.

#4. 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.

#5. Presentation by Brandon Bischoff of Thornton, Musso & Bellemin Water Treatment Consultants on the chlorine conversion project.

Mr. Bischoff explained the chlorine conversion project and stated that he recommends this process to be done at least once a year.

#6. Presentation by Judge Carmel Herrera on the Taft Municipal Court operations.

Judge Herrera gave an overview on the court operations and stated that she only holds court once every other month. Judge Herrera answered questions from the council.

#7. Public hearing: City Council acting as the Board of Appeals to hear testimony and review evidence relevant to an unsafe building located at 545 McIntyre Ave, Taft, Texas 78390.

This item was tabled.

#8. Consider, discuss and take action to determine whether the building located at 545 McIntyre Ave, Taft, Texas 78390 is a dangerous building and issue an order stating such.

This item was tabled.

#9. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Ordinance No. 974, an ordinance of the City of Taft revising community center rates and rules and providing an effective date .

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 974, an ordinance of the City of Taft revising community center rates and rules and providing an effective date. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

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

#10. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Ordinance 995, an ordinance of the City of Taft, Texas establishing a revised rate schedule for water and wastewater services in the City of Taft, Texas.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve Ordinance 995, an ordinance establishing a revised rate schedule for water and wastewater services in the City of Taft effective December 1st billing. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

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

#11. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Ordinance 996, an ordinance of the City of Taft, Texas establishing a revised rate schedule for solid waste collection, transportation, and disposal services in the City of Taft, Texas.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve Ordinance 996 establishing a revised rate schedule for solid waste collection, transportation, and disposal services in the City of Taft with the effective date of December 1st billing. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

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

#12. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Ordinance 997, an ordinance establishing the installation, use, maintenance, requirements, monitoring, and enforcement of grease traps and interceptors for commercial businesses generating fats, oils, and/or grease.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve Ordinance 997, an ordinance establishing the installation, use, maintenance, requirements, monitoring, and enforcement of grease traps and interceptors for commercial businesses generating fats, oils, and/or grease. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

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

#13. Consider, discuss and take action to approve an ordinance of the City of Taft, Texas prohibiting the use of engine brakes (also known as "Jake Brakes") and declaring such use and resulting noise a public nuisance.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve Ordinance 998 prohibiting the use of engine brakes (also known as "Jake Brakes") and declaring such use and resulting noise a public nuisance. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

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

#14. Consider, discuss and take action to approve an ordinance of the City of Taft, Texas regulating the use of golf carts on a public roadway.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 999 an ordinance of the City of Taft regulating the use of golf carts on a public roadway. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

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

#15. Consider, discuss and take action to move forward with site survey and topographical mapping of proposed area for a city owned r.v. park.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve to move forward with site survey and topographical mapping of proposed area for a city owned r.v. park. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

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

#16. Consider, discuss and take action to advertise to receive bids on surplus vehicles and equipment.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to take action to advertise to receive bids on surplus vehicles and equipment including the two mules. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

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

#17. City manager's report on: TNT Program, Code Enforcement, Animal Control

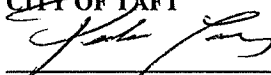
Denise explained the TNT program (Team Up and Tear Down) and stated that there was one house in the works.
Denise updated the council on the code enforcement progress and actions taken.
Denise stated that the city does not have an animal control officer at the moment.

#18. 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: Riojas, Rodriguez, Lopez, Vasquez, Hernandez
Nays: None
The motion carried.

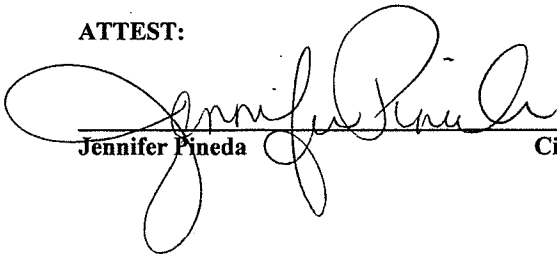
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Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda City Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 23rd day of October, 2018, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 501 Green Ave, at the City Hall, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez Mayor
Leonard Vasquez Mayor Pro-tem
Felipe Rodriguez, III
Donnie Riojas
Lolo Hernandez

Others present: Denise Hitt, 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.

Councilman Vasquez joined at 6:41 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. Presentation on health insurance benefit options by the City's broker of record Will Heavin.

Will Heavin gave the presentation and informed the council that Aetna was dramatically less than the rest of the quotes.

#5. Consider, discuss and take action to select an insurance carrier for employee medical, life, dental, vision, and supplemental insurance.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to select Aetna HMO with Paychex service carrier for employee medical, life, dental, vision, and supplemental insurance along with 50% of the gap. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Riojas, Rodriguez, Lopez, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#6. Consider, discuss and take action on hosting classes for English as a second language.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to host classes for English as a second language in the City of Taft. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Riojas, Rodriguez, Lopez, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#7. 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.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve the Taft Housing Authority to waive the City's ad valorem taxes in accordance with the payment in lieu of taxes program. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

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

#8. Consider, discuss and take action to appoint Marshall Holybee to the Taft Quality Improvement Corporation board of directors.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to appoint Marshall Holybee to the Taft Quality Improvement Corporation board of directors. The motion was seconded by Councilman Rodriguez.

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

#9. Consider, discuss and take action on the Police Chaplain Program.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to take action to initiate the Police Chaplain Program. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

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

#10. Consider, discuss and take action to purchase a fire engine for the Taft Volunteer Fire Department.

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to approve to purchase a fire engine for the Taft Volunteer Fire Department not to exceed \$300,000. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

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

#11. Consider, discuss and take action to do a feasibility study for a municipal complex.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to do a feasibility study for a municipal complex. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

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

#12. Discuss electrical usage at all buildings

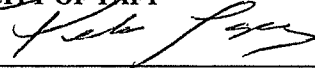
Councilman Rodriguez stated that he would like the city manager to look into the electrical usage at all buildings and see where we can save.

#13. Adjournment.

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

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

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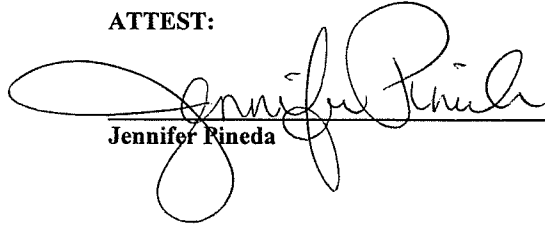


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Rineda

City Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 13th day of November, 2018, the City Council of Taft, Texas, convened in a regular session at 501 Green Ave, at the City Hall, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Pedro "Pete" Lopez Mayor
Leonard Vasquez Mayor Pro-tem
Felipe Rodriguez, III
Donnie Riojas
Lolo Hernandez

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

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:32 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. Plaque presentation to Randy Rachal.

Mayor read the plaque out loud and said a few words about Mr. Rachal. Mr. Rachal was not able to attend the meeting.

#5. Mayoral Proclamation for Ruben Trevino.

Mayor and council read the proclamation out loud and presented it to Mr. Trevino.

#6. 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 and stated that the revenues were at 6.76% and the expenditures were at 5.10%.

#7. Consider, discuss and take action to amend Ordinance 976 to allow for City Manager discretion on accounts with deceased owners.

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to table item #7, #10, and #11. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

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

#8. Consider, discuss and take action to approve the city manager to go forward with the annexation process on the South East side of the City of Taft.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to authorize the city manager to go forward with the annexation process on the South East side of the City of Taft. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

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

The motion carried.

#9. Consider, discuss and take action to approve or reject bids received for surplus vehicles and equipment.

There were only 2 bids that were received for the mules. The first bid was from Matthew Banda in the amount of \$200 and the second bid was from Margie Guzman for \$75.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to accept the bid for \$200 for the 2 mules from Banda. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Riojas, Rodriguez, Lopez, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#10. Consider, discuss and take action on evaluating pay rates for each job description and the cost of living increase for hourly employees. (Councilman Rodriguez).

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to table item #7, #10, and #11. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Riojas, Rodriguez, Lopez, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#11. Discuss job descriptions. (Councilman Rodriguez).

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to table item #7, #10, and #11. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Riojas, Rodriguez, Lopez, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#12. Adjournment.

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

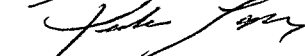
The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Riojas, Rodriguez, Lopez, Vasquez, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

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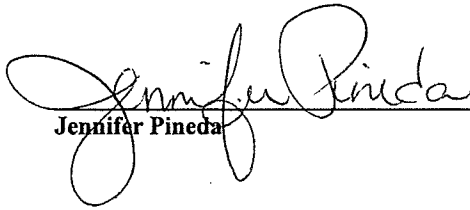


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:

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Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary

MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

On the 15th day of November, 2018, 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
Felipe Rodriguez, III
Donnie Riojas
Lolo Hernandez

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

#1. There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 6:32 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. 1000, an ordinance of the City of Taft, Texas to canvass the returns and declare the results of the General Election held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 for the purpose of electing one Alderman for Ward One and one Alderman for Ward Two for a term of two years.

Mayor read the results out loud.

Councilman Rodriguez made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1000, an ordinance of the City of Taft, Texas to canvass the returns and declare the results of the General Election held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 for the purpose of electing one Alderman for Ward One and one Alderman for Ward Two for a term of two years. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#4. Consider and take action to approve Ordinance No. 1001, an ordinance of the City of Taft, Texas to canvass the returns and declare the results of the Special Election held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 for the purpose to legalize the sale of all alcoholic beverages including mixed beverages in the City of Taft.

Mayor read the results out loud.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1001, an ordinance of the City of Taft, Texas to canvass the returns and declare the results of the Special Election held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018 for the purpose to legalize the sale of all alcoholic beverages including mixed beverages in the City of Taft. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

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

Jennifer swore in the newly elected officials.

#6. Adjournment.

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

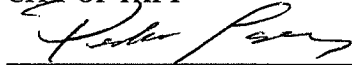
The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

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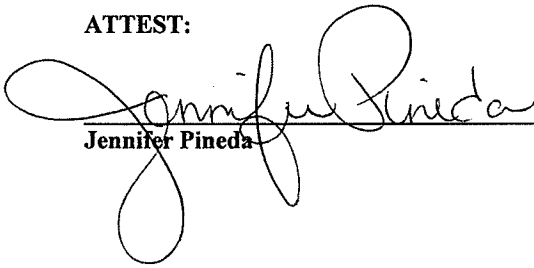


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



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Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 11th day of December, 2018, 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
Felipe Rodriguez, III
Donnie Riojas
Lolo Hernandez

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

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

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

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

#3. Visitors.

Lolo Hernandez, 732 McIntyre, asked the council if they would be interested in donating to Mr. Elmer Fleener in appreciation for his services as Santa Claus.

Alonzo Cantu, 307 Fetick, addressed the council in regards to complaints he has on the trash pick-up.

#4. Proclamation for Manuel P Ozuna, Purple Heart recipient.

Mayor and council read the proclamation out loud and Mayor presented the proclamation to Mr. Ozuna.

#5. Unity in the COMMUNITY presentation by Pastor Scott.

Pastor Scott passed out a book called "The Art of Neighboring" and encouraged the council read the book and give input on how something can be created.

#6. Discussion with all city organizations where members are appointed by the council or city organizations that have any discussion items. (Mayor Lopez).

Mayor stated that he would like the presidents of each organization to receive a letter to make sure that they are following their by-laws.

#7. Consider, discuss and take action to approve the May 22, 2018, Regular Meeting minutes and June 12, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes.

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to approve the May 22, 2018, Regular Meeting minutes and June 12, 2018 Regular Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#8. 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.

#9. Consider, discuss and take action on withdrawing from PayChex. (Mayor Lopez).

Councilman Riojas made a motion to take no action. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#10. Consider, discuss and take action upon the City of Taft 2019 Holiday Schedule.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve the City of Taft 2019 Holiday Schedule. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#11. Discuss Ordinance No. 976, rules and regulations for water, sewer and garbage services. (Mayor Lopez).

The council discussed the garbage pickup and the complaints that have been received.

#12. Consider, discuss and take action to amend Ordinance 976 to allow for City Manager discretion on accounts with deceased owners

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

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#13. Discuss Ordinance No. 956, animal control ordinance. (Mayor Lopez)

Council discussed the ordinance and asked questions in regards to dogs running at large and the animal traps.

#14. Discussion on road pot holes. (Mayor Lopez)

Council discussed this item and Denise will be putting a plan into action for pot holes.

#15. Discussion on brush pick up schedule with progress to date with a progress map. (Mayor Lopez)

Denise let the council know that the city crew does the brush pick up and provided an updated progress map.

#16. Consider, discuss and take action to approve a proposed ordinance that would allow for City Manager discretion in cases for exceptions to any ordinance with good cause and approval of Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem.

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

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#17. City manager's report on:

- **Fema update**
- **Gazebo update**
- **Fire Truck**

Denise advised the council that she is in the process of getting a bid packet together.
Denise informed the council of the updates to the gazebo.
Denise updated the council on the progress with Fema.

#18. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Pursuant to Section 551.074 Government Code, Vernon's Civil Statutes of Texas, the City Council may go into executive session to discuss personnel matters involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of an officer or employee, to wit: City Manager Denise Hitt

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

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#19. Reconvene into Regular Session and consider action, if necessary, on any item(s) discussed in Executive Session

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to for no action. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#20. Adjournment.

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


The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

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Pedro Lopez

Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary

