

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.

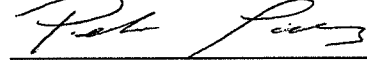
The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Vasquez, Rodriguez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

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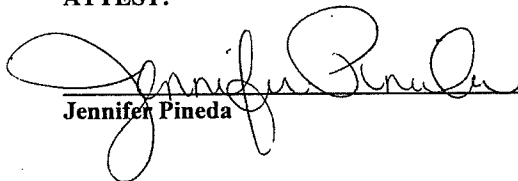


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary