

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.

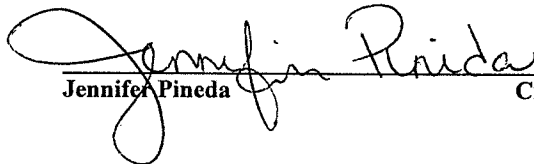
CITY OF TAFT



Pedro Lopez

Mayor

ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary

