

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

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

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

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

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

#3. Visitors

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

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

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

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

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

The council entered into executive session.

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

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

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

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

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

seconded by Councilwoman Hitt.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

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

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

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

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

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

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

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez, Hitt

Nays: None

The motion carried.

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

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

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

This item was tabled.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The following votes were polled:

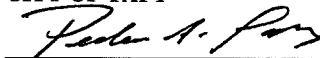
Ayes: Rodriguez, Riojas, Mayor, Vasquez,
Nays: None
Abstain: Hitt
The motion carried.

#18. Adjournment.

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

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

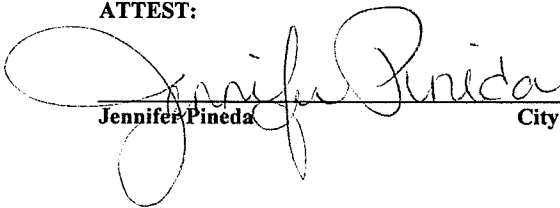
CITY OF TAFT



Pedro Lopez Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda City Secretary