

CITY OF TAFT
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING (REVISED)
AGENDA
JANUARY 8, 2019
KIVA HUT – 402 PARK STREET
5:00pm

In accordance with Section 551.041 of the Government Code, notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Taft will be held on the 8th day of January, 2019, at 5:00pm at the Kiva Hut, 402 Park Street, Taft, Texas 78390.

1. Call to order and quorum check.
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.
3. VISITORS – At this time, comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter. To address the Council, please sign the Opinion/Speaker Registration Form located on the table at the entrance of the meeting room and deliver to the City Secretary before the meeting begins. Should there be more than five (5) people who wish to speak on a particular issue they need to select one (1) representative to speak for them. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not discuss or take action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda. Citizens are to refrain from any personal attacks on the council or any member of the staff. Failure to abide by these policies could result in a charge of disorderly conduct.
4. Consider and discuss update regarding the city's financial condition as it relates to bonded debt, past dues, recurring payments, revenues and expenditures.
5. Consider, discuss and take action to designate a design and professional engineering provider for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) 2017 project.
6. Public Hearing: Application for a variance request which, if approved, would rezone the property from "1st business District" to "2nd Business District" as defined by the Taft Code of Ordinances at 702 HWY 181 with the legal description of Lt 6 Blk 29 Taft 0.207 Acres.
7. Discuss and take action on whether to approve a variance request which, if approved, would rezone the property from from "1st business District" to "2nd Business District" as defined by the Taft Code of Ordinances at 702 HWY 181 with the legal description of Lt 6 Blk 29 Taft 0.207 Acres.
8. Consider, discuss and take action upon adjusting water rates to reflect and incorporate rate increases from the San Patricio Municipal Water District
9. Consider, discuss and take action upon appointing a member of the City Council to serve as the City's Mayor Pro Tem for a term of one year pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 22.037.
10. Discuss, consider and act on naming a seven (7) member advisory board for the Hidalgo Community Center operations.
11. Discuss, consider and Act to lease the Hidalgo Park to the Friends of the Taft City Parks.
12. Discuss, consider and act, if necessary, to approve the employee job descriptions. (Councilman Rodriguez)
13. Consider, discuss and take action on evaluating pay rates for each job description. (Councilman Rodriguez)
14. Discuss on progress for the chlorine conversion project (Councilman Rodriguez)
15. Discuss, consider and act on approving the Pride of Taft Request to allow them to install a new flagpole and brick memory patio at Memorial Park. (Councilman Rodriguez)
16. Discuss suggestions for handling brush/bulk pickup for residents that do not pay for service. (Councilman Rodriguez)
17. Consider, discuss and take action on approving pay incentives for the Taft Police Department.
18. Discuss how to improve issues with sanitation collection. (Mayor Lopez)
19. Discuss, consider and Act to approve the City of Taft as a sponsor for the fireworks Extravaganza. (Councilman Vasquez.)
20. City manager's report on:
 - Housing Authority Meters
 - Electrical Usage
 - Update on ongoing projects

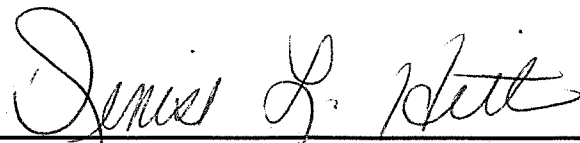
21. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the City of Taft will consult in closed session with its attorney to receive legal advice regarding pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, or a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter”, to include the following matters:
 1. Legal briefing on the status of an ongoing personnel investigation
21. Reconvene into Regular Session and consider action, if necessary, on any item(s) discussed in Executive Session.
22. Adjournment

A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:	
1. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.071	Contemplated or pending litigation or matters where legal advice is requested of the City Attorney.
2. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.072	The purchase, exchange, lease or value or real property , if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person.
3. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.073	A contract for a prospective gift or donation to the City, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person.
4. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.074	Personnel matters involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint against an officer or employee.
5. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.076	The deployment or specific occasion for the implementation of security personnel or devices .
6. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.087	Deliberations regarding economic development negotiations .

NOTICE

Persons with disabilities planning to attend this meeting who may need auxiliary aids or services are asked to contact the City offices at (361) 528-3512 by Monday noon.

DATED and POSTED this the 4th day of January, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.



Denise L. Hitt, City Manager