

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.

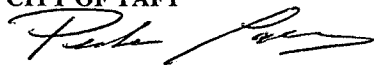
EMS Building – city started to remove and demolish some of the inside of the building. The building needs a new roof and new bedrooms.

#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 black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Pineda", written over a horizontal line.

Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary