

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

On the 9th day of January, 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
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 6:30 p.m.

#2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

#3. Visitors.

Vic Medina, with CC Disposal Service, stated that he was just wanting to introduce himself and his company to the council.

#4. Project update on Cheniere- Corpus Christi Liquefaction by Will Nichols.

Will Nichols did a PowerPoint presentation and stated that he would like to come in every quarter of the project to give an update.

#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 finance condition. The revenues for TQIC are \$39,531.61 and the revenues for the street fund are \$70,290.64. Dalia Sanchez's office has collected 47.55% of the taxes for the city and 24.16% of the taxes in the deannexed area.

#6. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve Resolution No 605 a resolution of the city council of the City of Taft, Texas authorizing a project of the Taft Economic Development Corporation; and, providing an effective date (Second Reading).

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to approve Resolution No. 605. The motion was seconded by Councilman Hernandez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#7. Consider, discuss and take action to approve or deny Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Engineering Services for Hurricane Harvey Recovery Assessment and Restoration.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to table. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#8. Consider, discuss and take action to approve or deny a Resolution authorizing a five year extension of the Republic Services Solid Waste Franchise Agreement.

Councilwoman Riojas made a motion to deny a Resolution authorizing a five year extension of the Republic Services Solid Waste Franchise Agreement. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Riojas

Nays: Mayor, Hernandez

The motion carried.

#9. Consider, discuss and take action to appropriate the necessary funds and authorize the City Manager to solicit bids for the replacement of the heating and cooling units located at the Taft Police Department.

Denise explained that the units are not fixable.

Councilman Vasquez made a motion to approve to appropriate the necessary funds and authorize the City Manager to solicit bids for the replacement of the heating and cooling units located at the Taft Police Department. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#10. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Ordinance No 984, an ordinance repealing Ordinance 171 of the City of Taft and authorizing the city manager of the City of Taft to hire and remove the chief of police with the consent of the city council and to approve the hiring of all subordinate officers by the chief of police; repealing conflicting provisions of the city's code; and providing for severability and an effective date.

Councilman Hernandez made a motion to approve Ordinance No 984, an ordinance repealing Ordinance 171 of the City of Taft and authorizing the city manager of the City of Taft to hire and remove the chief of police with the consent of the city council and to approve the hiring of all subordinate officers by the chief of police; repealing conflicting provisions of the city's code; and providing for severability and an effective date. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vasquez.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

#11. City manager's report on: Budget; Personnel; Electrical work in park.

Budget: Denise stated that staff is currently working on the 2018 budget. Her goal is to have the budget approved in June.

Personnel: Denise stated that there have been three positions eliminated. The positions were from the police department, administration, and public works.

Electrical work in part: Denise stated that she is getting bids for 3 phases of a project in the park. The first phase would be for moving the electrical panel to another pole. The second phase would be to rewire all the plugs with a heavier gauge so that the breaker will not trip. The third phase would be to install additional outlets by the trees.

#12. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Vasquez to adjourn the

meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Riojas.

The following votes were polled:

Ayes: Rodriguez, Vasquez, Mayor, Riojas, Hernandez

Nays: None

The motion carried.

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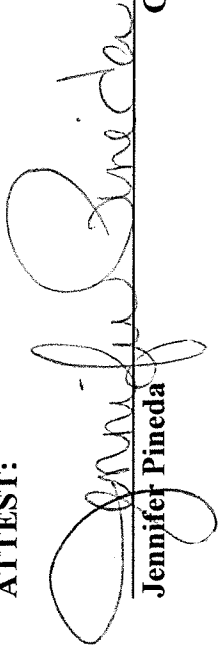


Pedro Lopez

Mayor



ATTEST:



Jennifer Pineda

City Secretary

