



230 Green Avenue, Taft, Texas 78390

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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
October 15, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN THE CITY OF TAFT MUNICIPAL BUILDING
230 GREEN AVENUE, TAFT, TX. 78390

Notice is hereby given of a Regular Meeting of the City Council on the 15th day of October 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at which time business will be conducted in accordance with Texas Government Code 551 as follows:

Opening Agenda

1. Call City Council meeting to order
2. Call Roll and establish quorum is present
3. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge
4. Prayer
5. Citizen Comments: 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 it is requested that they 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.

6. **Consent Agenda**

This section shall provide for items that require action by the Council, but where little or no discussion is anticipated. By a single motion, second and affirmation majority vote. Items under this section are approved without further discussion or action.

Interim Finance Officer – Finance Report

Ordinance/ Resolution/ Other Action Items:

7. Discuss, consider and necessary action to approve Ordinance 241001 An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Taft, Texas, amending the location of the regular council meeting and procedures for preparing the meeting agenda, repealing conflicting ordinances, providing, severance, notice, and penalty, and declaring an effective date.



8. Discuss, consider, and necessary action in reference to the Audit for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year
9. Discuss, consider, and necessary action in reference to comp time request by Andrea Gomez
10. Discuss, consider, and necessary action on freezing all expenses with the exception of essential personnel hiring
11. Discuss, consider, and necessary action on approving resolution 241010 allowing the city to open a Texpool account for the City of Taft General Fund
12. Discuss, consider, and necessary action on approving resolution 241011 allowing the city to open a Texpool account for the City of Taft Street Fund
13. Discuss, consider, and necessary action on approving resolution 241012 allowing the city to open a Texpool account for the City of Taft Water and Sewer Fund
14. Discuss, consider, and necessary action on approving resolution 241013 allowing the city to open a Texpool account for the City of Taft Hot Fund
15. Discuss, consider, and necessary action in reference to the Social Media Policy adopted by the City in 2023.
16. Discuss, consider, and necessary action in reference to City Council and Mayor interactions with employees in their official and or personal capacity.
17. Discuss, consider, and necessary action in reference to the Type A EDC opening their own PO Box
18. Discuss, consider, and necessary action in reference to the safety and security of our utility clerks and staff.
19. Discuss, consider, and necessary action in reference to the P&Z's request to hire Jennifer Lopez as a consultant for the P&Z committee.
20. Discuss, consider, and necessary action to add the following individuals as authorized Card Holders and remove all others
 - a. Ryan Smith, City Manager
 - b. Jessica Gonzales, City Secretary
 - c. Gabriel Morales, Public Works Director
 - d. Jerry Perkins, Public Works Secretary



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- e. Rikki Medina, Court Clerk
- f. John Landreth, Chief of Police
- g. Michael Vasquez, Taft Fire Chief

21. Discuss, consider, and necessary action to add the following signers to the Bank Account and remove all others

- a. Ryan Smith, City Manager
- b. Jessica Gonzales, City Secretary
- c. Alonzo Molina, Alderman
- d. Chris Keeney, Alderman
- e. Isaiah Garza, Alderman
- f. Rolando Rodriguez, Alderman
- g. Leonard Vasquez, Alderman

Executive Session

22. **Closed Session:** City Council will meet in Closed session pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, in accordance with the authority contained in:

- *Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters)* To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment of duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint or charge against officer or employee
 - Finance Director – LeeAnn Goben
- Texas Government Code § 551.071, consultation with attorney on matter involving pending or contemplated litigation or other 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 the Texas Open Meetings Act. Thomas A. Gwosdz, City Attorney

23. **Open Session:** The City Council will reconvene in Open Session at which time action on the matter(s) discussed in Closed Session may be considered.

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24. Council and staff comments: Comments may be made by staff or council but no action will be taken.

25. Items to consider for placement on future agendas.

26. Announcements of Community interest and/or upcoming events.

27. Adjourn.


Special Accommodations

This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's office at (361) 528-3512 or FAX (361) 528-3515 or email agomez@tafttx.gov for further information. Braille is not available.

The City Council of the City of Taft reserves the right to convene in Executive Session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code: Section 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney), Section 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters), Section 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), or Section 551.087 (Deliberations Regarding Economic Development Negotiations) on any of the above items.

Certification

I, Ryan Smith certify that the above notice of this Regular Meeting of the City Council was posted at the front doors to the City Hall, 230 Green Avenue, Taft, Texas on the 11th day of October 2024 by 5:00 p.m.



Ryan Smith – City Manager