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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF TAFT CITY COUNCIL  
TAFT CITY HALL, 230 GREEN AVE., TAFT, TEXAS  
DECEMBER 3, 2024 – 6:30 P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL AND CERTIFY A QUORUM**

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND TEXAS PLEDGE**

**4. INVOCATION**

**5. PROCLAMATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND COUNCIL AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*This item will also include any announcements of community interest and/or upcoming events.*

- a. City Staff Announcement
- b. City Council Announcements

**6. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

*At this time, the public is invited to address the City Council and speak on any matter not specifically listed for public hearing elsewhere in this agenda. Please note that the City Council members may not respond to comments or deliberate on topics if they are not included on this agenda. 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. 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.*

**7. STAFF REPORTS AND OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS**

*Items in this section are not expected to require action by City council and are generally for information only. However, all items in this section may become action items on request of any Council Member, and City Council may take action on any item listed in this section without further notice.*

- a. Planning & Zoning Commission
- b. Update on Time Capsule Project
- c. City Owned Vehicles
- d. Procedure to enforce City ordinances
- e. Delivery Methods for Monthly Departmental Reports
- f. Update on all City Grants
- g. Beautification Committee

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

*At this time, the Mayor will invite members of the public to address each item listed in this section. Please limit your comments to the topic of that public hearing. If more than one public hearing is being held, you will be allowed to speak during each topic.*

- a. TMRS 20- Year Retirement Eligibility
  - i. Public Hearing on authorization of 20 year retirement eligibility
  - ii. Approve Ordinance regarding the City of Taft Texas Municipal Retirement System Benefits, authorizing 1) 20 Year retirement eligibility; 2) Non-retroactive repeating COLAs, for retirees and their beneficiaries under TMRS Act §853.404(f)

and (F-1); and 3) annually accruing updated service credits and transfer updated service credits

## 9. ACTION ITEMS

*City council will discuss, consider, and take any action deemed necessary on items listed in this section, including the adoption of a minute order, a resolution or an ordinance.*

- a. Authorize the City Manager, City Secretary, Mayor, and Mayor Pro Tem to be signers on the City of Taft bank account
- b. Authorize the City to enter an agreement with NDS Leasing for the lease of office equipment
- c. Authorize the City to enter a finance agreement with Government Capital Corporation to finance two of the newly purchased police vehicles
- d. Authorizing Interim Finance Director Lindsay Koskiniemi to perform an internal financial audit of all City departments
- e. Authorize publication of a Request for Qualifications for Independent Financial Auditing Services
- f. Approve a Resolution to adopt a consolidated financial policy statement for the City of Taft
- g. Approve to move money from the Certificate of Deposit Account to the General Fund account and close the Certificate of Deposit account
- h. Approve to close City Hall on Friday, December 20, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., for city staff holiday luncheon

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

### Certification

I, Jessica Gonzalez, certify that the above notice of this Regular Meeting of the City Council was posted on the City Hall bulletin board, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and to the City's website, [www.tafttx.gov](http://www.tafttx.gov), in compliance with Chapter 551, Texas Government.

Posted on:

Date: 11/27/24

Time: 4:45 pm

  
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Jessica Gonzalez, City Secretary

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.

### 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 [jgonzalez@tafttx.gov](mailto:jgonzalez@tafttx.gov) for further information. Braille is not available.