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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY OF TAFT CITY COUNCIL
TAFT CITY HALL, 230 GREEN AVE., TAFT, TEXAS
FEBRUARY 4, 2025 – 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 Council announcements
- b. City Staff announcements
 - i. Update on January 13th Workshop Meeting

6. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

The public is invited to address the City Council on any matter of City business. Please note that all comments should be made at this time. Unless an agenda item is listed as a "public hearing," comments will not be taken elsewhere. Also, Council members cannot respond to comments if the topic is not on this agenda. Each speaker will be allowed three minutes. If you wish to speak, please sign up with the City Secretary before the meeting begins.

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. 2024 Racial Profiling Report (Police Chief)
- b. Status of Old City Hall Building (City Manager)
- c. Current and future regional water supply issues affecting the City (City Manager)
- d. Taft Pride involvement with Taft Independent School District to have a competition to repaint street signs (Alderman Molina)
- e. Monthly Department Reports (Provided in Written Form)
 - i. Library
 - ii. Public Works
 - iii. Municipal Court
 - iv. Animal Control
 - v. Code Enforcement
 - vi. Police Department
 - vii. Finance

8. 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. Approve Ordinance 2025-1300 establishing fees and procedures for handling credit and debit card chargebacks and disputes; providing a mechanism to recover financial losses resulting from disputed transactions; providing for supersession of conflicting

- ordinances; providing for severability; providing for codification; authorizing enforcement; and declaring an effective date.
- b. Approve Ordinance 2025-1301 establishing fees and procedures for commercial brush removal services provided by city staff; providing for supersession of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; providing for codification; authorizing enforcement; and declaring an effective date.
 - c. Approve Ordinance 2025-1302 regulating smoking and tobacco use near public building entrances; providing a penalty; providing for codification; and establishing an effective date.
 - d. Approve Ordinance 2025-1303 establishing a Code of Conduct for elected officials and boards created and governed by the City of Taft, Texas; providing for supersession of conflicting ordinance; providing for severability; providing for codification; and declaring an effective date.
 - e. Authorizing the City Manager to enter an agreement with Tyler Technologies on Tyler Output Processor
 - f. Authorizing the City Manager to purchase security equipment for the Public Library from Ubiquity.
 - g. Approve the resignation of Glen Searcy from the Taft Quality Improvement Corporation board.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

All items listed in this section will be deliberated in a closed session. Members of the public are not generally permitted to attend a closed session. Executive session items may be considered as an action item at the discretion of the Mayor; however, City Council will not take any action in closed session

- a. Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.087: To discuss or deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the City has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the City and with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations.
- b. 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:
 - i. City Manager, Ryan Smith

10. ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Council will reconvene in open session and may take action on any item listed in the Executive Session action of this agenda.

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11. 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, in compliance with Chapter 551, Texas Government.

Posted on:

Date: Jan. 31, 2025

Time: 4:30pm



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 for further information. Braille is not available.