

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
MINUTES
JULY 16, 2013**

REGULAR MEETING

The July 16, 2013, regular joint meeting of the Taft City Council/Taft Successor Agency, held in the Council Chamber at Taft City Hall, 209 East Kern Street, Taft, CA 93268, was opened by Mayor Linder at [6:06:25 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Krier, followed by invocation given by Rodney Wycoff, West Hills Church of the Nazarene.

PRESENT: Mayor Paul Linder; Mayor Pro Tem Orchel Krier.
Council Members Dave Noerr, Randy Miller and Orchel Krier.
City Manager Craig Jones; City Attorney Tom Ebersole;
City Clerk Louise Hudgens.

1. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Della St. Claire and Pam Noyes announced the 5th annual Tumbleweed Festival in Derby Acres scheduled for Saturday, July 27, 2013, 7:00 a.m. to late evening. The festival will have games, food and entertainment.

2. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)

Krier encouraged everyone to support local business, enjoy movies at the Fox Theater, and that the Fox needs a new digital projector.

Noerr commented on a national issue where an individual was being tried in the media. He emphasized that a person needs to trust his/her peers, and when that person is upset with the outcome, he/she is free to voice their opinion but without violence.

Miller indicated that the Chamber of Commerce had a banner project to honor past and present military personnel. Cost of the banners is \$250 and they will be placed on light standards around town until the end of the year.

Waldrop remarked that in regards to the recent trial of George Zimmerman in Florida: hats off to people who organized their protests and did things correctly.

3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS [6:15:51 PM](#)

Police Chief Whiting displayed new crime mapping on the City's web site. Crime graphics are only being used by a number of cities so Taft is fortunate to have the program. Krier wanted to know about using cameras in alleyways to help reduce crime on Center Street. Whiting said that only infrared cameras would be effective at night (and they are expensive). Whiting stated that it is more about prevention and that citizen patrols need to be re established.

4. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS [6:32:20 PM](#)

Jones stated that the City's web site was up and running and staff would appreciate public comments. The Zoning Ordinance and maps were recently added.

Jones stated that he had a feeling that if a business approached the Police Dept. for a security audit, they would send an officer out. Whiting confirmed that If any business or property owner wants a security audit, an officer would assess the situation and suggest measures that could be taken to reduce possibility of crime to the property.

5. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS - None.
6. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS - None

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 7 - 13

Moved by Noerr, seconded by Krier, to approve consent calendar items 7-12.

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder

7. MINUTES
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Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

8. PAYMENT OF BILLS
Warrant # 07052013 Check No. 75632-75645 \$ 61,472.86
Warrant # 07052013A Check No. 75646-75700 \$ 66,556.57

Recommendation – Approve payment of bills.

9. SECOND READING - ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 9.13-4 OF TAFT MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE TAFT CITY SKATE PARK

Recommendation – Motion to adopt an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AMENDING SECTION 4 OF CHAPTER 13 OF TITLE 9 OF THE CITY OF TAFT MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE TAFT CITY SKATE PARK. (*Ordinance No.800-13*)

10. PURCHASE OF NEW SECURITY CAMERAS FOR CITY HALL

Recommendation – Motion to approve the purchase of new security cameras for City Hall and to appropriate funds from capital reserves in the amount of \$7,900.

11. REJECT ALL BIDS, MODIFY THE SCOPE OF WORK, AND REBID THE PROJECT TO COMPLETE THE CHLORINATION/DECHLORINATION SYSTEM FOR THE FEDERAL WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT.

Recommendation – Motion to reject all bids received for the Federal Wastewater Treatment Plant Chlorination/Dechlorination System project and direct City staff to modify the scope of work and rebid the project. Funding for this work will be obtained from the Federal Waste Water Treatment Plant Capital Reserves.

12. APPROVAL OF THE TAFT UNION HIGH SCHOOL – SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER (SRO) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

Recommendation – Motion to approve the 2013-2014 Taft Union High School MOU for a School Resource Officer.

13. ACCEPTANCE OF THE WORK PERFORMED BY BOWMAN ASPHALT TO CONSTRUCT RAILS TO TRAILS PHASE II FROM HILLARD ST. TO 100 FEET EAST OF SANDY CREEK (APPROXIMATELY 1900 L.F.)

- Miller requested this item be removed from the consent calendar.

Miller inquired about the bushes and stated that they were being eaten by rabbits. He also commented that it appeared that the asphalt had been scrapped by a front loader to remove the dirt and that the black surface of the asphalt had been damaged. Jones stated that in time city crews would replace the Boxwood bushes with trees and that the Street Department was to have washed the dirt off with the water truck.

Moved by Noerr, seconded Krier, to accept the improvements completed by Bowman Asphalt on the Rails to Trails Phase II and authorize the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion with the county recorder.

AYES: Krier, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder
NOES: Miller

The meeting recessed to Closed Session at [6:42:52 PM](#).

CLOSED SESSION

- A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – POTENTIAL LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(b) – 1 case.
 - No reportable action.
- B. CONFERENCE WITH PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR, CRAIG JONES, CITY MANGER,
Government Code 54956.8 – various locations.
 - No reportable action.
- C. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, CRAIG JONES, CITY MANGER,
Government Code 54957.6 – All units.
 - No reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM with no further business to conduct.

Louise Hudgens, CMC
City Clerk

Paul Linder, Mayor