

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 18, 2014**

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

The November 18, 2014, 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 Paul Linder at 6:05 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Linder, followed by an invocation given by the Reverend Heather Mueller.

PRESENT: Mayor Paul Linder and Mayor Pro Tem Orchel Krier
Councilmembers Randy Miller, Dave Noerr and Ron Waldrop
City Manager Craig Jones and City Attorney Jason Epperson

1. RESIGNATION OF CITY CLERK

Motion: Moved by Miller, seconded by Krier, to accept the resignation letter of City Clerk Alina Megerdom.

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder

Motion: Moved by Miller, seconded by Noerr, to interview Ms. Gonzales and Ms. Mayfield and not put out a Notice of Vacancy or hold a Special Election.

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder

Mayor Linder asked Ms. Gonzalez and Ms. Mayfield to share their experience and why they would want to hold the position of City Clerk.

Mayor Linder polled each council member for their nomination. The nominations were as follows:

Councilmember Miller:	Mayfield
Councilmember Waldrop:	Mayfield
Councilmember Noerr:	Mayfield
Mayor Pro Tem Krier:	Mayfield
Mayor Linder:	Mayfield

Motion: Moved by Miller, seconded by Waldrop to appoint Yvette Mayfield to the position of Taft City Clerk to complete the unscheduled vacancy, expiring December 4, 2016.

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder

Mayor Linder administered the Oath of Office to the newly appointed City Clerk.

- Mayor Linder advanced to item 3

2. PROCLAMATION

Councilmember Miller presented a proclamation to Mr. Royce Foreman recognizing his 100th birthday.

- Mayor Linder recessed the meeting to closed session at 6:48 PM and reopened at 7:04 PM.

3. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

- The Reverend Heather Mueller, of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church spoke and asked the council for a letter of recognition for the Church's 80th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone.
- Dr. Kathy Orrin, Executive Director of the Taft Chamber of Commerce presented on behalf of Houchin Blood Bank 12 gallon recognition to Mel Hannon and presented the awards to the winners of the Chamber's postcard photo contest. She also reminded everyone of the upcoming Christmas Parade, First Friday and pictures with Santa.

CLOSED SESSION

A. PERFORMANCE EVALUATION – Government Code Section 54957 – City Attorney

- No reportable action.

4. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)

Council Member Waldrop

- Praised Taft Sportsman's Club at last Sunday's Pheasant Hunt.
- Reminded everyone about collections being held for Toy's for Taft.

Council Member Miller

- Wanted to thank everyone for hard work on last Saturday's Cleanup of Sandy Creek.

Council Member Noerr

- Spoke on the successful cleanup of Sandy Creek thanking all those involved.

Mayor Pro Tem Krier

- Spoke on Sandy Creek Cleanup
- Attended Chamber Fishing Derby and thanked Kathy and Shannon from the Chamber for all their hard work.

Mayor Linder

- Being his last full meeting with the Council wanted to thank all the City employees, the voters, David Cothrun, and all the Council members. He enjoyed his time on the City Council.
- Recognized his wife of 36 years for all her support as it was their anniversary.

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

There were none.

6. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS

Mr. Jones thanked everyone who worked on the Sandy Creek Cleanup making it so successful.

7. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS

There were none.

8. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

Council Member Krier requested a proclamation or recognition letter for St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 9 - 13

➤ Item 11 removed by Linder and 12 removed by Miller

Motion: Moved by Krier, seconded by Noerr to approve consent calendar items 9, 10 and 13.

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder

9. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Warrant#	11-07-2014	Check No. 78608-78680	\$ 345,778.13
Warrant#	11-07-2014	Check No. 78681-78682	\$ 1,005.92

Recommendation – Approve payment of the bills.

**10. CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION
CONTRACT AMENDMENT NO. 3**

Recommendation – Motion to approve Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. 5600004097 with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and authorize the Mayor to execute the document.

13. APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Recommendation - Motion to approve **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT AMENDING THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN AND ESTABLISHING CORRESPONDING COMPENSATION RATES** (*Resolution No. 3636-14*)

11. APPROVAL OF CHANGE IN CITY ATTORNEY CONTRACT FROM COTA COLE LLP TO PRENTICE & EPPERSON LLP.

Motion: Moved by Waldrop, seconded by Miller, to approve contract for City Attorney services with Prentice & Epperson LLP.

Linder stated that he pulled the item for transparency and explained that Cota Cole LLP is moving in another direction and will not be representing small rural towns and that Mr. Prentice and Mr. Epperson amicably split from Cota Cole to their own company to represent small cities such as Taft.

Miller stated he was comfortable with the change. Noerr confirmed that the price and value would remain the same for the city.

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder

12. ANNEXATION AD HOC COMMITTEE – CONFIRM AND SET SCHEDULE

Motion: Moved by Waldrop, seconded by Miller, to form Annexation Ad Hoc Committee consisting of two Councilmembers with one alternate Councilmember, two Commissioners, and one California Resources Corporation representative.

Miller wanted to clarify for the record that OXY is now California Resources Corporation in California.

It was discussed that a meeting time and date to be set at another meeting once new council members are set.

Krier wanted to confirm that the resident positions would remain available in case someone was still to come forward and sit on the committee.

AYES: Krier, Miller, Noerr, Waldrop, Linder

ADJOURNMENT – With no further business to conduct, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Yvette Mayfield
City Clerk

Paul Linder
Mayor