

**CITY OF TAFT PLANNING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2016**

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

The September 21, 2016 regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Taft, held in the City of Taft Council Chamber at 209 E. Kern Street, Taft CA 93268, was opened by Chairman Orrin at [6:02:52 PM](#). The Commission was joined by Ellie Downy and Allie Barnachia who led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance. An invocation was given by Bob Jordan of the Lighthouse Foursquare Church.

PRESENT: Chairman Ron Orrin, Vice Chair Shannon Jones
Commissioners Bob Leikam, Jerry Livingston, and Robert Thompson
Planning and Community Development Director Mark Staples
City Attorney Jason Epperson and Recording Secretary Brenda Johns

1. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bob Jordan board member of the Cemetery District announced on behalf of the district that as of November 1, 2016 due to a decrease in tax revenue a 25% cost increase will be implemented. Mr. Jordan noted this had been the only increase in last four years. He also shared the cemetery would be remodeling and welcomes all to visit.

2. MINUTES

August 17, 2016 Regular

Motion: Moved by Jones seconded by Thompson to approve the Minutes as submitted.

AYES: Orrin, Jones, Livingston, Thompson
PASSED: 4-0-1
ABSTAIN: Leikam

3. CITY OF TAFT MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW UPDATE

Planning Director Staples presented his staff report and recommendation to adopt a Resolution recommending approval to the City Council of an amended City of Taft Municipal Service Review (MSR) for Kern County LAFCo (Local Agency Formation Commission).

Orrin asked if there would be another opportunity for public comment regarding the MSR.

Staples stated yes the item would go before City Council at their next regular scheduled meeting and at that time the public may give comment.

The Public Hearing was opened at [6:10:44 PM](#) to receive testimony from proponents and opponents.

Bob Jordan board member of the Cemetery District asked if the purple watermark was addressed within the MSR Update.

Staples stated the purple watermark is addressed through the West Kern Water District's (WKWD) and recommends Mr. Jordan meet with the WKWD for any questions regarding the purple watermark.

Public Hearing was closed at [6:12:45 PM](#).

Motion: Moved by Thompson seconded by Jones to adopt **A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TAFT RECOMMENDING**

APPROVAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF AN UPDATE TO THE CITY OF TAFT AND WESTSIDE RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW FOR KERN COUNTY LAFCO. (Resolution No. 2016-14)

AYES: Orrin, Jones, Leikam, Livingston, Thompson
PASSED: 5-0

4. PLANNING DIRECTOR REPORT

Director Staples presented a slide show on the City of Taft staff attendance at International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) Western Conference. He also provided slide show handouts to the Commissioners and public (a copy was submitted to the Clerk for the permanent file).

Staples also noted a future meeting would be approaching with Kern COG (Kern Council of Governments) regarding the bike trail.

5. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS

City Attorney Jason Epperson read the monthly code enforcement report to the Commission.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Orrin would like to know if there are grants available for rehabbing commercial buildings.

Jones shared:

- The annual car show will be held on October 1, 2016 at rails to trails.
- The Chamber is in search of a theme for the Christmas parade, they welcome any ideas.
- Okie dinner will be tomorrow at the Taft Historic Fort.
- A Town Hall meeting will be held by Assembly Woman Shannon Grove on October 4, 2016 at West Side Recreation District, its main focus will be education.
- The Alpha House will be selling Cinnamon Rolls tomorrow.

7. IDENTIFICATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Commissioner Livingston was selected to be the representative to the City Council on October 4, 2016 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct it was moved by Thompson seconded by Leikam and approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at [7:10:41 PM](#)

Brenda Johns, Recording Secretary

Ron Orrin, Chairman