

**TAFT CITY COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 2020**

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

The February 4, 2020, 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 Dave Noerr at [5:59:56 PM](#). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Jeff Eveland, followed by an invocation given by Police Chief Damon McMinn.

PRESENT: Mayor Dave Noerr, Mayor Pro Tem Orchel Krier
Council Members Josh Bryant, Jeff Eveland and Ed Whiting
City Manager Craig Jones and City Attorney Jason Epperson
City Clerk Yvette Mayfield

- 1. PROCLAMATION - SAFE SURRENDER BABY AWARENESS MONTH**
- 2. PUBLIC HEARING ON COSTS AND PLACEMENT OF LIENS ON ABATED PROPERTIES**

The public hearing was opened to hear from proponents and opponents at [6:10:46 PM](#). Seeing none, the public hearing was closed.

Motion:

Moved by Bryant, seconded by Eveland to adopt resolutions entitled:

- **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING AND CONFIRMING THE COSTS FOR THE ABATEMENT OF THE NUISANCE AT 401 WOODROW STREET, TAFT, CA, APN# 031-330-12-9 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$487.80. (Resolution No. 3999-20)**
- **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING AND CONFIRMING THE COSTS FOR THE ABATEMENT OF THE NUISANCE AT 108 7TH STREET, TAFT, CA, APN# 031-200-10-8 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$488.30. (Resolution No. 4000-20)**
- **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING AND CONFIRMING THE COSTS FOR THE ABATEMENT OF THE NUISANCE AT 708 2ND STREET, TAFT, CA, APN# 031-402-04-3 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$481.50. (Resolution No. 4001-20)**
- **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAFT APPROVING AND CONFIRMING THE COSTS FOR THE ABATEMENT OF THE NUISANCE AT 311 WOODROW STREET, TAFT, CA, APN# 031-320-30-2 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$650.30. (Resolution No. 4002-20)**

AYES: Krier, Bryant, Eveland Whiting, Noerr
PASSED: 5-0

3. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Amanda Posey, Director of the Taft All Star Band, brought a few band members to perform the National Anthem and then shared with the Council about their upcoming trip to Washington DC.

Jeff Fariss, Program Manager of Emergency Medical Services for Kern County Public Health Services, addressed the Council and offered his assistance with the drafting of the Emergency Operations Plan for the City.

4. COUNCIL STATEMENTS (NON ACTION)

Council Member Eveland spoke about the recent chemical release event that Taft experienced and cautioned people against social media sharing of inaccurate information at such times.

Council Member Bryant said he agreed with all the points made by Eveland, commended City Staff for getting what information was available out to the public and encouraged citizens to sign up and utilize Ready Kern alert system.

Mayor Pro Tem Krier spoke of the many things happening in Taft, reminding everyone that keeping their spending local supports the local businesses that donate locally and also keeps their tax dollars local.

Mayor Noerr spoke on all the unknowns during the recent chemical release event and the chemical itself. He spoke on the need to educate and know more about the threats of the chemical.

5. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Chief of Police, Damon McMinn reported on the Police Department statistics and Code Enforcement activities for the month of January.

6. CITY MANAGER STATEMENTS

City Manager Jones talked about the debriefing happening due to the chemical release and shared that there will be a community meeting February 13th for citizens to be able to educate themselves and ask questions of City and County Emergency Services.

7. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS

There were none.

8. FUTURE AGENDA REQUESTS

There were none.

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS 9-12

➤ Bryant abstained from Item 9

Motion: Moved by Bryant, seconded by Krier to approve consent calendar items 9 – 12.

AYES: Krier, Bryant, Eveland Whiting, Noerr
PASSED: 5-0

9. MINUTES

January 21, 2020 regular

Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

10. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Warrant#012420 Check No.91877-91980 \$947,932.11

Recommendation – Approve payment of the bills.

11. ACCEPT THE COMPLETED WORK BY NSM RECYCLING, INC. FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 720 KERN STREET AND 421 LUCARD STREET

Recommendation – Motion to accept the completed work by NSM Recycling, Inc. for the demolition of buildings located at 720 Main Street and 421 Lucard Street and authorize the City Clerk to file the Notices of Completion with the Kern County Recorder.

12. AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN INDEMNITY AGREEMENT INDEMNIFYING COUNTY OF KERN IN REGARDS TO EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN GRANT

Recommendation – Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the indemnity agreement indemnifying County of Kern regarding receiving grant assistance for an Emergency Operations Plan update.

Council Member Whiting spoke about the recent passing of former Police Chief, Bert Pumphery, and his years of dedicated service to the City of Taft.

At [6:54:05 PM](#) the regular meeting was recessed to closed session with the meeting being adjourned in honor and memory of Bert Pumphrey former Police Chief for the City of Taft.

CLOSED SESSION

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(b) – two (2) potential cases

- The City Council discussed in closed session those items agendized for closed session discussion and direction was given to staff and negotiators.

ADJOURNMENT - With no further business to conduct the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Yvette Mayfield, CMC
City Clerk

Dave Noerr
Mayor