

**CITY OF VIDOR
VIDOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Kimberly Stiebig
Councilmember Kelly Carder
Councilmember Angela Jordan
Councilmember Misty Songe
Councilmember Keith Buesing
Councilmember Gary Herrera
Councilmember Jane Hill

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Administrative Personnel: Rollie Burr, Interim City Manager; Chris Leavins, City Attorney; Vicki Watson, City Secretary; and Rod Carroll, Chief of Police (*Cheryl Ray, Supervisor of Finance & Accounting, was on vacation.*)

A. OPENING, PRESENTATIONS, AND CITIZENS COMMENTS

A -1. Call to order and the establishment of a Quorum

A quorum was present, and the Regular Meeting of the Vidor City Council began at 7:00 p.m., Mayor Stiebig presiding.

A -2. Invocation and Pledge to the United States Flag and the State of Texas Flag

Rollie Burr, Interim City Manager, gave the Invocation and led the Pledge to the United States Flag and the State of Texas Flag.

A -3. Presentation by Watson Franks regarding the upcoming World Checkers Championship to be held in Vidor

Watson Franks discussed the progression of the Checkers Tournaments over the past few years, thanks in part to the award of HOT (Hotel Occupancy Tax) grant funds by the City. Mr. Franks explained it started out as just the District 8 Championship, and then last year, it became the National Championship. Mr. Franks stated this year, it will be the W2T World Championship which includes 10-12 districts from around the world including Spain, China, Barbados, Pakistan and others. Mr. Franks explained the Championship, which will be held July 12-17, 2020, will be streamed worldwide. Mr. Franks stated there will be lots of publicity, which is good for Vidor and good for checkers. A brief discussion ensued regarding possible Chamber-sponsored gift baskets and "Welcome" signs on the marquis of local businesses.

A -4. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

B -1. Approval of Accounts Paid:

Paid Invoices:	General Fund – \$253,698.98
	Sanitation Fund – \$52,591.33

Juvenile Case Management – \$209.43
Municipal Court Building Security Fund – \$2,042.82
Emergency Management – \$326.99
LEOSE – \$101.44
Federal Forfeiture – \$8,418.50
Hotel Occupancy – \$2,020.00
TDA Grant – \$2,978.40
Disaster Fund – \$57,421.46

B -2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – January 23, 2020

B -3. Ratification of the transfer of funds from Interest & Sinking 2013 General Obligation Refunding Bonds-Capital One Bank account to Interest & Sinking 2008/2016 General Obligation Refunding Bonds-TexPool account in the following amounts:

January 22, 2020:	\$ 22,717.07
January 27, 2020:	\$ 34,280.07
February 3, 2020:	\$ 73,846.54
February 10, 2020:	\$ 62,096.67

B -4. Ratification of the payment of the quarterly criminal costs and fees in the amount of \$43,423.78 out of General Account/Pooled Cash

B -5. Ratification of the payment in the amount of \$85,800.00 for the City of Vidor, Texas General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016 - Interest Payment – TexPool account

B -6. Ratification of the payment in the amount of \$3,240.20 for the City of Vidor, Texas General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2013 - Interest Payment – First Financial Bank account

A motion was made by Councilmember Songe seconded by Councilmember Jordan, to **APPROVE THE COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C. COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

C -1. Consideration and/or possible approval of an **ORDINANCE** calling for the election of three (3) Council members in a City Election to be held on May 2, 2020, and setting up the procedures for the election, the provisions for the officers of the election, establishing a voting precinct and polling place, and ordering a Runoff Election, if necessary, to be held on June 20, 2020

Considerar y posiblemente aprobar UNA ORDENANZA DE LLAMAR A LA ELECCIÓN DE TRES (3) MIEMBROS DEL CONSEJO EN UNA ELECCIÓN DE LA CIUDAD QUE SE CELEBRARÁ DEL 02 DE MAYO, 2020, Y CONFIGURACIÓN DE LOS PROCEDIMIENTOS PARA LA ELECCIÓN, LAS DISPOSICIONES DE LA MESA DE LA ELECCION, SE ESTABLECE UNA VOTACIÓN RECINTO ELECTORAL Y CENTROS ELECTORALES, Y OTRA ORDENANZA DE UNA SEGUNDA VUELTA ELECTORAL, SI ES NECESARIO, QUE SE CELEBRARÁ DEL 20 DE JUNIO 2020

A motion was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember Herrera, to **approve the Ordinance calling the May 2, 2020 Election**. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -2. Consideration and possible approval of a Resolution authorizing the execution of an Orange County Election Services Contract between the City of Vidor and Orange County Elections Administrator

Councilmember Songe moved to **approve the Resolution authorizing the Election Services contract.** Councilmember Carder seconded. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -3. Consideration and possible approval of an ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VIDOR, TEXAS AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE I. – IN GENERAL, TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY SECRETARY TO TERMINATE THE CAMPAIGN TREASURER APPOINTMENT OF AN INACTIVE CANDIDATE

Vicki Watson, City Secretary, explained many candidates, including those who are no longer in office or were never even elected, fail to file their final campaign finance reports. Ms. Watson explained this means that those Campaign Treasurer appointments remains active and must be kept on file forever. Ms. Watson stated this Ordinance is creating a process and establishing guidelines, similar to the Ethics Commission's, that will allow us to terminate the appointment so that the forms do not have to be kept indefinitely. Chris Leavins, City Attorney, explained he basically copied what the Ethics Commission does. Mr. Leavins stated the City Secretary will provide written notice at least 30 days before the date it is to be brought to Council for approval. Ms. Watson advised she will wait until after the election to bring these back to Council.

A motion was made by Councilmember Songe, seconded by Councilmember Hill, **to approve the Ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances authorizing the termination of inactive treasurers.** The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -4. Consideration and possible approval of a Resolution approving an Interlocal Cooperation Contract Failure to Appear (FTA) Program between the City of Vidor and the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas (DPS)

Chris Leavins, City Attorney, explained the new contract incorporates a change in the law. Councilmember Carder made a motion **to approve the Resolution**, which was seconded by Councilmember Songe. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -5. Consideration and possible approval of a Request for Modification for the City's CDBG contract on behalf of OCWCID#1 (#7217480)

Mayor Stiebig stated no action is needed on this item and explained according to Beth with Traylor & Associates, Chris Seares, Orange County Water Control & Improvement District #1, had a meeting with JET this week, and they have advised they can do the hand digging themselves, so we no longer need the performance statement modification to include force account.

C -6. Consideration and possible approval of a Resolution authorizing the City of Vidor's application and participation in the Homeland Security Grant Program for Interoperable Communications Continuing Project

Captain Aleta Cappen, Emergency Management Coordinator, explained this is for 2 mobile radios for the Chief and Operations Captain and is 100% funded by the Homeland Security grant.

A motion was made by Councilmember Songe, seconded by Councilmember Herrera, **to approve the Resolution authorizing the application.** The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -7. Consideration and possible approval of a Resolution authorizing the City of Vidor's application and participation in the Homeland Security Grant Project for Interoperable Communications Radios

Captain Aleta Cappen, Emergency Management Coordinator, explained these radios are for patrol and are 100% funded by the grant. Councilmember Songe moved **to approve the Resolution**, and Councilmember Hill seconded. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -8. Consideration and possible approval of a Resolution authorizing the City of Vidor's application and participation in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Division Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for in-car video camera systems

Captain Aleta Cappen, Emergency Management Coordinator, explained this is another grant for car video camera systems. Captain Cappen advised we are slowly getting them switched over to one camera company for the in-car video, and body-worn, cameras. Captain Cappen stated this grant is also 100% funded.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember Songe, **to approve the Resolution authorizing the application**. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -9. Consideration and possible of a Resolution approving and ratifying the 2019 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Grant through the Texas Water Development Board

Captain Aleta Cappen, Emergency Management Coordinator, explained the FMA grant is a flood mitigation grant, and there are still four houses in the same area they have been working on that were not put on the other grants. Captain Cappen stated this grant is also 100% funded and explained it lists the Emergency Management Coordinator as the authorized agent, the one who submits, accepts, and/or makes changes to the grant.

Councilmember Songe moved **to approve Resolution approving and ratifying the FMA grant and authorizing the Emergency Management Coordinator (Aleta Cappen) to sign**. Councilmember Carder seconded. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

Rod Carroll, Chief of Police, addressed Council and stated that Captain Cappen was interviewed earlier this week by the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM). Chief Carroll stated due to her commitment, dedication and skill during Hurricane/Tropical Storm Harvey, she is going to be used in their presentation of things that were done right. Captain Cappen received a standing ovation from Council and staff.

C-10. Consideration and possible approval of the awarding of the bid for the Information Technologies (IT) services provider contract

Mayor Stiebig explained there will be no action taken on this item because there was no information in the Council packets regarding the bid information from the recommended vendors. Mayor Stiebig stated it will be brought back at the next meeting once Cheryl (Ray, Supervisor of Finance & Accounting) returns. Chris Leavins, City Attorney, stated by that point we might even have the proposed contract and may be able to do both on the same agenda.

C-11. Consideration and possible approval of a Resolution approving the transfer of a HUD Code Manufactured Park License for property located a 540 Highland from Dowers Rental Property to Sherrod Investments, LLC

Rollie Burr, Interim City Manager, explained Sherrod Investments, LLC purchased the manufactured park from Dowers Rental Property, and this is just transferring the license.

A motion was made by Councilmember Songe, seconded by Councilmember Jordan, **to approve the Resolution transferring the license for the property.** The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C-12. Report and discussion on amending Chapter 10 of the Vidor Code of Ordinances regarding adoption of 2015 International Residential Code, Building Code, Plumbing Code, Fuel Gas Code, Mechanical Code, Fire Code, Energy Conservation Code, Property Maintenance Code, Existing Building Code and 2014 National Electric Code

Mayor Stiebig stated this is a discussion item only and explained Linda has been working on updating the codes so that our insurance rates do not go up in March. Chris Leavins, City Attorney, stated Linda has gotten the draft ready and he is reviewing. Mr. Leavins explained the reason this was brought to Council tonight is since it is an Ordinance, it normally has to be brought back twice. Mr. Leavins stated, hopefully, we can get it passed at the next meeting, or if not, we will miss the March 1st deadline, and the insurance rates will go up.

C-13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- (a) EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Local Government Code – Consultation with Attorney, regarding ambulance service providers in the City and agreement with Orange County Emergency Services District #1 regarding ambulance services**
- (b) EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney, and Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters, regarding the City Manager position, including review of applications**

Mayor Stiebig recessed the Regular Meeting to go into **(a) EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Local Government Code – Consultation with Attorney, regarding ambulance service providers in the City and agreement with Orange County Emergency Services District #1 regarding ambulance services** and **(b) EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney, and Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters, regarding the City Manager position, including review of applications** at 7:24 p.m.

Mayor Stiebig reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:14 p.m.

C-14. Consideration and possible action resulting from Executive Session under C-13(a) regarding ambulance service providers in the City and agreement with Orange County Emergency Services District #1

Mayor Stiebig advised there will be no action on this item.

C-15. Consideration and possible action resulting from Executive Session under C-13(b) regarding the City Manager position

Mayor Stiebig stated applicants will be notified regarding interviews to be held at the March 12th meeting.

Councilmember Jordan moved **to remove the Indeed.com search**. Councilmember Songe seconded. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C-16. Consideration of Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Songe, seconded by Councilmember Carder, for **Consideration of Adjournment**. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried, and the Regular Meeting of the Vidor City Council adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

These minutes approved February 27, 2020.



Kimberly Stiebig, Mayor

ATTEST:



Vicki Watson, City Secretary