

**City Of Vidor
Vidor City Council
Special Called Meeting
May 16, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Misty Songe
Councilmember Nicole McGowan
Councilmember Michael Thompson
Councilmember Jessica Barker
Councilmember Gary Herrera
Councilmember Jane Hill

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Kelly Carder

Administrative Personnel: Robbie Hood, City Manager; Betty Strong, City Secretary; Katrina Jones, Finance Director, Chris Leavins, City Attorney; Rod Carroll, Chief of Police

A. OPENING, PRESENTATIONS, AND CITIZENS COMMENTS

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

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

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

Chris Leavins, City Attorney gave the Invocation and led the Pledges.

A -3. Citizen Comments

No Citizen comments.

B. COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

B -1. Consideration and/or possible approval of an ORDINANCE canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the City election of the City of Vidor, Texas, held on May 6, 2023.

Consideración y/o posible aprobación de una ORDENANZA que escrute las declaraciones y declare los resultados de la elección municipal de la ciudad de Vidor, Texas, celebrada el 6 de mayo de 2023

Mayor Songe stated, "There came to be considered the returns of an election held on the 6th day of May, 2023, for the purpose of electing the Mayor and three (3) Council Members, and it appearing from said returns, duly and legally made, that there were cast at said election 367 valid and legal votes; that each of the candidates in said election received the following votes:

MAYOR

NAME OF CANDIDATE:

TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES RECEIVED:

Misty Songe

290

FOR COUNCIL MEMBER WARD 1

<u>NAME OF CANDIDATE:</u>	<u>TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES RECEIVED:</u>
Mercedes Lee	265

FOR COUNCIL MEMBER, WARD 4

<u>NAME OF CANDIDATE:</u>	<u>TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES RECEIVED:</u>
Jessica Barker	270

FOR COUNCIL MEMBER, WARD 6

<u>NAME OF CANDIDATE:</u>	<u>TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES RECEIVED:</u>
Victoria M. Jones	47
Kathryn Weldon	230
Lisa Harris	52

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VIDOR:

Section 1. That said election was duly called, that notice of said election was given in accordance with the law, and that said election was held in accordance with the law; **Misty Songe** was duly elected Mayor, and **Mercedes Lee, Jessica Barker** and **Kathryn Weldon** were duly elected Council Members for the positions referenced above of said City at said election, and said above named parties are hereby declared duly elected to said respective offices, subject to the taking of their oaths and other requirements as provided by the laws of the State of Texas.

A motion was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, **to approve the Ordinance declaring the results.** The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

**B -2. Swearing in of newly elected Council members of the City Council
Juramento de los concejales recién elegidos del Concejo Municipal**

Mercedes Lee was sworn in as Councilmember Ward one (1), Jessica Barker was sworn in as Councilmember Ward four (4), Kathryn Weldon was sworn in as Councilmember Ward six (6) and Misty Songe was sworn in as Mayor by Judge Michael Abbot.

**B -3. Presentation of Certificate of Election to newly elected Council members of the City Council
Entrega de Acta de Elección a Concejales recién electos del Concejo Municipal**

Agenda Item B-3 was combined with Agenda Item B-2 and Judge Michael Abbott presented Certificates of Election to the newly sworn Mayor and Councilmembers. A few moments were taken for pictures.

**B -4. Election of new officers of the Vidor City Council-Mayor Pro-tem, Treasurer
Elección de nuevos funcionarios del Concejo Municipal de Vidor-Alcalde Interino, Tesorero**

A motion was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Herrera, **to nominate and approve Nicole McGowan as Mayor Pro-Tem.** The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, to **nominate and approve Kathryn Weldon as Treasurer**. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

B -5. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing signatories for all City of Vidor accounts

Chris Leavins, City Attorney explained this is to remove the councilmembers who completed their term from the bank as signatories and add in the newly elected officials.

A motion was made by Councilmember Barker, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, to **approve the resolution**. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

B -6. Present exiting Councilmembers Ward 1 and Ward 6 with certificates of appreciation.

This Agenda Item was combined with Agenda Item B-2 and Mayor Songe, the City Council and Staff presented Jane Hill with a certificate and plaque of appreciation. A few moments were taken for pictures. Kelly Carder was not present at the meeting to accept her certificate and plaque.

B-7. Consideration of Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, 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 7:14 p.m.

These minutes approved May 25, 2023.


Nicole McGowan, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:


Betty Strong, City Secretary