

**CITY OF VIDOR
VIDOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 12, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Kimberly Stiebig
Councilmember Kelly Carder
Councilmember Angela Jordan
Councilmember Misty Songe
Councilmember Keith Buesing
Councilmember Gary Herrera (*arrived at 7:15 p.m.*)
Councilmember Jane Hill

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Administrative Personnel: Rollie Burr, Interim City Manager; Chris Leavins, City Attorney; Vicki Watson, City Secretary; Cheryl Ray, Supervisor of Finance & Accounting; and 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 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. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

B -1. Approval of Accounts Paid:

Paid Invoices:	General Fund – \$200,696.55
	Sanitation Fund – \$27,389.45
	Juvenile Case Management – \$155.69
	Municipal Court Building Security Fund – \$883.10
	Municipal Court Technology Fund – \$3,317.69
	Emergency Management – \$76.99
	Hotel Occupancy – \$1,470.00
	Disaster Fund – \$126,063.82

B -2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – February 27, 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:

March 02, 2020: \$ 2,394.18
March 09, 2020: \$ 6,505.81

A motion was made by Councilmember Songe seconded by Councilmember Carder, to **APPROVE THE COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C. COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

(Mayor Stiebig explained agenda item C-1 would be moved down so that Councilmember Herrera, who would be late due to a death in the family, could be present.)

C -2. Consideration and possible action regarding approval of Certificate of Deposit renewal with BBVA Compass, including approval to draw the balance down to \$240,000 to allow accrual of interest to be under \$250,000 federally insured amount

Cheryl Ray, Supervisor of Finance & Accounting, explained she started calling Compass last week to try and get the renewal rate. Ms. Ray stated she finally received an email from them today explaining due to economic conditions and things going on, they are not going to renew CDs for certain public fund clients who do not have depository contracts with them. Ms. Ray stated her recommendation would be to move the balance of that CD into the City's Texas Class fund.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember Songe, to **move the balance of the CD into the City's Texas Class fund**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -3. Discussion and possible action regarding required cybersecurity training, including participation by City Council

Cheryl Ray, Supervisor of Finance & Accounting, referred Council to their packets and information that was pulled off of the Comptroller's website discussing required cybersecurity awareness training for all employees and elected officials who have access to a local government computer system. Ms. Ray explained this training must be completed by all employees and elected officials by June 14, 2020.

Ms. Ray discussed a program called KnowBe4 which will be sending out information to us. Ms. Ray stated this company will also send out phishing emails to see if employees click on links they shouldn't. Ms. Ray encouraged Council to watch their City emails and stated she will try to keep them informed. A brief discussion ensued.

C -4. Discussion and possible approval of a Resolution authorizing the City's application and participation in the National Incident Based Management System for computer aided dispatch system (CAD), Reporting Management System (RMS), and Copsync which allows officers to run license plates and driver's licenses in the car

Aleta Cappen, Police Captain and Emergency Management Coordinator, explained this grant is 100% funded for the first year. Captain Cappen stated this \$115,000 grant covers the package and the software, and the unit will replace what we have along with an additional component, Copsync, which allows officers to run

license plates and driver's licenses from their patrol cars. Captain Cappen stated the system will be more robust than what we have and much easier and user-friendly. Captain Cappen explained it is fully funded for the first year, but there will be a maintenance fee after that.

Rod Carroll, Chief of Police, stated the maintenance fee for this system will be \$16,000 per year, an increase over the \$9,000 we are paying now, but can be budgeted. Chief Carroll explained this system will include visual mapping and Copsync. Chief Carroll explained even though I-10 travels through our town, and we are so close to the Louisiana border, we do not get alerts from Louisiana. Chief Carroll discussed recent stolen vehicle events which began in Louisiana and were recovered in Vidor and explained with Copsync, alerts would have gone out with descriptions

Captain Cappen stated we applied for this grant year before last but were denied, and explained Houston got most of the money.

Councilmember Songe moved **to approve the Resolution authorizing the application**. Councilmember Jordan seconded. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

(Councilmember Herrera arrived at 7:15 p.m.)

C -1. Consideration and possible approval of AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VIDOR, TEXAS REGULATING TRAFFIC AT THE INTERSECTION OF ORANGE STREET AND SARGENT STREET WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF VIDOR BY TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE (STOP SIGNS); PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Councilmember Herrera asked for an opinion from Rod Carroll, Chief of Police. Chief Carroll stated Orange Street is a long straightaway from South Main up to Concord. Chief Carroll stated while the speed limit is 30 m.p.h. in that area, many a vehicle has been stopped for speeds up to 60 m.p.h. Chief Carroll stated it has the makings for a tragedy and also discussed the heavy foot traffic on Orange Street. Chief Carroll reminded Council that Tommy Harrington spoke at a Council meeting a while back expressing his concerns with people walking at night from the apartments to Country Pantry and the lack of visibility at night.

Councilmember Herrera expressed his concerns with giving enough notification and stated the main goal is not to write tickets. Discussion ensued regarding school traffic, signage, lights, and other notification methods.

A motion was made by Councilmember Herrera, seconded by Councilmember Carder, **to approve the Ordinance placing stop signs on Orange Street at Sargent Street**. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -5. EXECUTIVE SESSION Deliberation pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney, and Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters, regarding the permanent City Manager position, including interviews of Gregory Parker, Miles Haynes, and William Linn

Mayor Stiebig explained William Linn has accepted another position and withdrawn his name. Mayor Stiebig recessed the Regular Meeting to go into **EXECUTIVE SESSION Deliberation pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney, and Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters, regarding the permanent City Manager position, including interviews of Gregory Parker and Miles Haynes** at 7:23 p.m.

Mayor Pro-tem Songe reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:50 p.m.


C -6. Consideration and possible action resulting from Executive Session under C-5 regarding the permanent City manager position

No action was taken.

C -7. Consideration of Adjournment


A motion was made by Councilmember Songe, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 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 8:51 p.m.

These minutes approved March 26, 2020.



Kimberly Stiebig, Mayor

ATTEST:



Vicki Watson, City Secretary