

**CITY OF VIDOR
VIDOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Kelly Carder
Councilmember Julie Hannon
Councilmember Angela Jordan
Councilmember Misty Songe
Councilmember Keith Buesing
Councilmember Gary Herrera
Councilmember Jane Hill

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Administrative Personnel: Robbie Hood, City Manager; Chris Leavins, City Attorney; Vicki Watson, City Secretary; Cheryl Ray, Supervisor of Finance & Accounting; Rod Carroll, Chief of Police; and Aleta Cappen, Police Captain/Emergency Management Coordinator

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 7:06 p.m., Mayor Carder 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 Pledge to the United States Flag and the State of Texas Flag.

A -3. Citizen Comments

Robbie Hood, City Manager, asked to speak as a citizen and not as City Manager. Mr. Hood explained in the last 6-7 days, the City has endured a lot. Mr. Hood stated he is very proud of all of the City employees who have worked hard taking care of the greater needs of the citizens and keeping their lives and property safe. Mr. Hood thanked all of the employees, and especially Captain Aleta Cappen who was sitting in the back. *(Council and staff gave Captain Cappen a standing ovation.)* Councilmembers and the Mayor also thanked the City Manager for his hard work in the City of Vidor after sustaining damage to his own home in Pinehurst.

B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

B -1. Approval of Accounts Paid:

Paid Invoices:	General Fund – \$129,178.26
	Sanitation Fund – \$19,380.60
	Municipal Court Building Security Fund – \$41.36
	Municipal Court Technology Fund – \$4,293.00
	Emergency Management – \$159.80
	Disaster Fund – \$364.10
	Juvenile Case Management – \$73.31

B -2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – August 13, 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:

August 19, 2020: \$ 1,160.33
August 24, 2020: \$ 1,256.82

B -4. Ratification of the payment of the monthly sales tax in the amount of \$5,950.96 out of General Account/Pooled Cash

B-5. Ratification of the payment of quarterly unemployment tax in the amount of \$1,079.12 out of General Account Pooled Cash

A motion was made by Councilmember Songe, seconded by Councilmember Hannon 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 possible action to approve CDBG-MIT HMGP Supplemental application for posting for 14-day comment period as required by the Texas General Land Office

Chery Ray, Supervisor of Finance & Accounting, explained these are the grants we received that we did not expect to get. Ms. Ray stated they have to go out for a 14-day comment period in order to satisfy the requirements of the grant.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jordan, seconded by Councilmember Herrera, to **approve the CDBG-MIT HMGP Supplemental application for posting for the 14-day comment period**. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -2. Consideration and possible approval of waiving certain building and inspection fees to facilitate recovery from Hurricane Laura

Robbie Hood, City Manager, stated staff requests to waive fees related to Hurricane Laura but will keep up with them and document it for Council. A brief discussion ensued.

Councilmember Buesing moved to **waive the building and inspection fees related to Hurricane Laura**. Councilmember Songe seconded. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -3. Consideration and possible approval of waiving certain Sanitation late fees to facilitate recovery from Hurricane Laura

Robbie Hood, City Manager, stated staff requests the authority to waive fees related to Sanitation. Mr. Hood explained this is a way to show the citizens that we care and are here. Mr. Hood advised Council the sanitation carts were secured prior to the storm and asked Aleta Cappen, Police Captain/Emergency Management Coordinator, to discuss the state of the City.

Captain Cappen discussed the mandatory evacuation which became effective at 6:00 a.m. on August 25, 2020, and the evacuation hub set up at Vidor Elementary. Captain Cappen explained 48 residents from

Vidor ISD were loaded up and sent out on two charter buses on Tuesday to San Antonio, and another 60-something residents (and pets) were sent out on 3 buses and a handicap bus on Wednesday to Mesquite. Captain Cappen stated the last bus left at 1 o'clock on Wednesday, and they hope to bring them back over the weekend if power and water/sewer are restored. Captain Cappen thanked the City Manager and Council for their kind words but explained she did not do it by herself. Captain Cappen stated Captain Rodney Johnson, Chief Carroll, the City Manager, and Animal Control all helped.

A motion was made by Councilmember Songe, seconded by Councilmember Buesing, to **waive the Sanitation late fees**. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -4. Consideration of Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Songe, seconded by Councilmember Buesing, for **Consideration of Adjournment**. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried, and the Special Called Meeting of the Vidor City Council adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

These minutes approved September 10, 2020.



Kelly Carder, Mayor

ATTEST:



Vicki Watson, City Secretary