

**CITY OF VIDOR
VIDOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 8, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Kelly Carder
Councilmember Julie Hannon
Councilmember Angela Jordan
Councilmember Gary Herrera
Councilmember Jane Hill

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Misty Songe
Councilmember Keith Buesing

Administrative Personnel: Robbie Hood, 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 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

There were no citizen comments.

B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

B -1. Approval of Accounts Paid:

Paid Invoices:	General Fund – \$101,540.02
	Municipal Court Building Security Fund – \$30.72
	Library Fund – \$1,061.00
	Emergency Management – \$52.99
	CDBG Fund – 101,550.00
	Hotel Occupancy – \$2,020.00
	Disaster Fund – \$4,303.17
	Juvenile Case Management – \$131.93
	Judicial Efficiency – \$20.24
	Sanitation Fund – \$13,295.21
	Employee Benefits Trust – \$48,889.55

B -2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – September 24, 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:

September 28, 2020: \$ 1,281.00
October 05, 2020: \$ 3,539.35

B-4. Ratification of the payment of the quarterly criminal costs and fees in the amount of \$33,215.87 out of General Account/Pooled Cash

A motion was made by Councilmember Hannon, seconded by Councilmember Jordan, to **APPROVE THE COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C. COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

C -1. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution approving the submittal of a CDBG-MIT HMGP Supplemental application to the Texas General Land Office and authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to act as the City's representatives in all matters pertaining to the application

Cheryl Ray, Supervisor of Finance & Accounting, explained this is for the submittal of the application for the CDBG HMGP supplemental and is the money for the two grants we did not get under HMGP, so it looks like we might be able to get them funded under this grant.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jordan, seconded by Councilmember Herrera, to **approve the submittal of the application**. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -2. Consideration and possible action to approve of a Resolution approving the contract with MK Constructors for the 2020 Drainage Improvement Project

Chris Leavins, City Attorney, explained there were a couple of issues, one with the 1295 Form and the other with the insurance, which has already been corrected this afternoon. Mr. Leavins recommended approval pending legal review. Robbie Hood, City Manager, stated he and Dino (*Madena Rose, Interim Street/Drainage Supervisor*) will be out on Lamar Street next week putting out doorhangers.

Councilmember Jordan made a motion to **approve the Resolution pending legal review/consent**. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hannon. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -3. Consideration and possible approval of a temporary pay increase for the interim street and drainage supervisor

Robbie Hood, City Manager, reminded Council that Romeo Lingad retired, and Madena Rose, Romeo's assistant, is doing a great job with the increase of duties. Mr. Hood explained he is moving forward with hiring Romeo's replacement and he has a candidate in mind who has been offered the position. Mr. Hood requested Council's approval of a pay increase to \$25 per hour while she is acting as the Interim Street/Drainage/Parks Supervisor. Councilmember Herrera agreed that when people take on more responsibility, they need more money, but asked for the City Manager to continue to oversee and give an evaluation in a couple of meetings. Councilmember Jordan stated she has witnessed Dino working, and she does a good job.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jordan, seconded by Councilmember Herrera, to **temporarily increase the pay to \$25**. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -4. Consideration and possible action to create a Walk of Fame recommendation committee

Robbie Hood, City Manager, stated at the last meeting, Council discussed creating a three-person committee to include Johnnie Andrus, a Council Member, and the City Manager or his designee. Councilmember Jordan nominated Councilmember Hannon for the committee. Councilmember Herrera stated he would like to see it scratched and started all over because the process is too vague. Discussion ensued regarding the qualifications for future nominees and finding people we can say we are proud of and who will be proud to be on it.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jordan, seconded by Councilmember Herrera, **to appoint Councilmember Julie Hannon and the City Manager or his designee to the recommendation committee.** The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -5. Consideration and possible action on updates and possible redesign to the City’s webpage

Robbie Hood, City Manager, stated we experienced some lack in information being put out during Hurricane Laura and explained our current IT person has acquired a new position. Mr. Hood discussed the importance of information being put out in a timely manner (within an hour’s time) and the possible redesign of our website and Facebook page. Mr. Hood expressed his appreciation of the Mayor and Councilmember Songe stepping up to get information out. Discussion ensued.

Chris Leavins, City Attorney, stated he does not think we need action for the City Manager to do research. Discussion ensued regarding the costs. Councilmember Jordan stated once it is up and running, we can get photos of what is going on in town with the school, etc. Mr. Leavins stated if a city has a website, they are required to post Ordinances, minutes, etc.

C -6. Discussion and possible action on the City’s street sign program

Robbie Hood, City Manager, discussed his idea to change the color of the street signs from green and white to the school colors (*black and gold*). Mr. Hood distributed a printout showing several different options. Mr. Hood explained the material will be reflective and stated it will be dark at the next meeting, so he can have samples out back for Council to see as they pull into the parking lot. Mr. Hood stated the cost will be the same as it is for the current green and white signs and explained his idea is to start by replacing just the faded or missing signs, and then if neighborhoods want to get together and purchase signs, they can do so. Discussion ensued.

No action was taken.

C -7. Consideration of Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Jordan, seconded by Councilmember Hannon, for **Consideration of Adjournment.** The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried, and the Regular Meeting of the Vidor City Council adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

These minutes approved October 22, 2020.


Misty Songe, Mayor Pro-tem

ATTEST:


Vicki Watson, City Secretary