

**CITY OF VIDOR
VIDOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Kelly Carder
Councilmember Misty Songe
Councilmember Gary Herrera
Councilmember Jane Hill

MEMBERS ABSENT:

(Ward 2 Vacant)
Councilmember Julie Hannon
Councilmember Keith Buesing

Administrative Personnel: Robbie Hood, City Manager; Chris Leavins, City Attorney; Cheryl Ray, Supervisor of Finance & Accounting; and Rod Carroll, Chief of Police *(Vicki Watson, City Secretary, was out sick.)*

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

Rod Carroll, Chief of Police, gave the Invocation and led the Pledge to the United States Flag and the State of Texas Flag.

A -3. Proclamation - Career and Technology Awareness Month

Mayor Carder proclaimed the month of February, 2021, as Career and Technology Awareness Month in the City of Vidor and urged all citizens to become familiar with, support, and participate in the services and benefits offered by the career and technological education programs in this community. The Proclamation was accepted on behalf of Vidor Independent School District by Penny Singleton who briefly discussed all of the different programs available.

A -4. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

B -1. Approval of Accounts Paid:

Paid Invoices:	General Fund – \$277,117.04
	Municipal Court Building Security Fund – \$51.84
	Municipal Court Technology Fund - \$3,061.88
	Emergency Management - \$52.99
	Juvenile Case Management – \$104.94
	Sanitation Fund – \$46,259.88
	Employee Benefits Trust - \$57,100.92

B -2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – January 28, 2021

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 26, 2021:	\$ 15,681.78
February 1, 2021:	\$ 14,067.25
February 8, 2021:	\$ 51,784.90

B -4. Ratification of the payment of the quarterly City criminal costs and fees in the amount of \$46,592.54 out of General Account/Pooled Cash

A motion was made by Councilmember Songe, seconded by Councilmember Herrera, to **APPROVE THE COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**. The Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C. COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

C -1. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution for the appointment of a member to the Planning & Zoning Commission

Robbie Hood, City Manager, stated he has spoken with Ms. Webb and Ms. Hannon. A brief discussion ensued. No action was taken.

C -2. Discussion and possible action on MK Constructors Pay Request #2 for work performed in January, 2021 on the Lamar Street Drainage Project

Robbie Hood, City Manager, explained he accompanied Percy (*Flanigan, Street/Drainage Supervisor*) and Michelle (*Falgout, Falgout Consulting*) on a walk-through, and MK Constructors is just about finished with the project on Lamar. Mr. Hood stated all that remains is putting down the sod. Mr. Hood stated they also checked on it today after all of the heavy rains, and with their work and the work done behind them by our Street Department, the water is moving well. Mr. Hood stated it is Michelle's recommendation to pay them.

A motion was made by Councilmember Herrera, seconded by Councilmember Songe, to **approve MK Constructors' Pay Request #2**. The Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -3. Discussion and possible action to approve AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VIDOR, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 42, MANUFACTURED HOMES, MOBILE HOMES AND MANUFACTURED HOME PARKS, ARTICLE II. – MANUFACTURED HOMES, MOBILE HOMES AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, REGARDING REMOVAL OF THE PROCESS FOR REQUESTS FOR AUTHORIZED VARIANTS; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Councilmember Songe moved to **approve Ordinance 1383**. Councilmember Herrera seconded. Mayor Carder stated she feels strongly that any tax-paying citizen that wishes to be heard by Council, should be able to do so, even if they understand it will not be approved

Chris Leavins, City Attorney, explained this will need to come back to Council at the next meeting since all of the Council members are not present. Councilmember Songe repeated her motion to **approve Ordinance 1383**. Councilmember Herrera seconded. ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilmember Hill, aye; Councilmember Songe, aye; and Councilmember Herrera, aye. The Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -4. Discussion and possible action authorizing the issuance of Request for Proposals (RFPs) for General Engineering Services

Robbie Hood, City Manager, explained Michelle Falgout has been working with and for the City of Vidor for about 20 years, but she has been hired as Jefferson County's first female engineer. Mr. Hood explained he is very proud of her, but her last day with the City of Vidor will be March 1, 2021, and this agenda item is to find a replacement for her.

Councilmember Songe made a motion to **authorize the issuance of RFPs for General Engineering Services**. Councilmember Herrera seconded. The Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -5. Discussion and possible action to create a Selection Review Committee, including appointments, for review of proposals received in response to the Request for Proposals for General Engineering Services

Robbie Hood, City Manager, recommended that the selection review committee consist of himself, Cheryl (*Ray, Supervisor of Finance & Accounting*), and an elected official. Mr. Hood asked for a volunteer from Council, and Councilmember Songe volunteered.

A motion was made by Councilmember Herrera, seconded by Councilmember Hill, to **approve the creation of the Selection Review Committee as discussed**. The Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -6. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the application and operation of the 2022 BG-Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant

Aleta Cappen, Vidor Police Captain and Emergency Management Coordinator, explained this is for the protection for the officers against long guns and rifles and stated this grant is 100% funded by the State. Captain Cappen explained they have 33 from two years ago, and they will be asking the State for 6.

A motion was made by Councilmember Songe, seconded by Councilmember Hill, to **approve Resolution 966 for the body armor grant**. The Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -7. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the application and operation of the 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant

Aleta Cappen, Vidor Police Captain and Emergency Management Coordinator, explained this is the annual EMPG (Emergency Management Performance Grant) that we have been getting since 1986. Captain Cappen stated we are asking for \$33,000 but will probably get around \$28,000 if we are lucky.

A motion was made by Councilmember Songe, seconded by Councilmember Herrera, to **approve Resolution 967 authorizing the application**. The Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -8. Discussion and possible action to create and allow a student advisory position with the City

Robbie Hood, City Manager, explained he recently attended a strategic planning session at the School District a couple of weeks ago. Mr. Hood stated they are trying to create a new vision and mission statement, and he is part of that process. Mr. Hood discussed creating a student advisory position sponsored through Texas Municipal League (*TML*) and explained there are only 40 cities in the State of Texas that are

taking advantage of this program. Mr. Hood stated he will leave it in the hands of the counselors at the High School to select the students. Mr. Hood explained this would be an advisory position only and a chance for the students to discuss their vision for the City. Councilmember Herrera stated it is a good idea and gives students a chance to see how local government works. Mr. Hood stated he was unable to get TML on the phone, but he will investigate further and bring back to Council.

C -9. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution approving the transfer of the license for a Hud-Code Manufactured Home park known as Tall Timbers, located at 19701 IH-10, to Kevin Gary

Robbie Hood, City Manager, explained the park meets all of the qualifications for a park transfer. Mr. Hood stated he has instructed Code Enforcement that parks have to come into compliance before any transfers will be approved and he has been instructed that this park is up to code. Councilmember Herrera discussed issues in the past trying to get parks to come into compliance.

A motion was made by Councilmember Songe, seconded by Councilmember Herrera, **to approve the license transfer to Kevin Gary**. The Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C-10. Discussion and possible action to approve AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VIDOR, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 42, MANUFACTURED HOMES, MOBILE HOMES AND MANUFACTURED HOME PARKS, ARTICLE III. – PARKS, REGARDING REMOVAL OF REQUIREMENT TO BRING ALL LICENSE TRANSFERS TO CITY COUNCIL BEFORE CLOSING; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE


Chris Leavins, City Attorney, explained this requirement was probably put in the Ordinance for many of the reasons Councilmember Herrera just discussed. Mr. Leavins stated this would allow the City Manager, or his designee, the ability to approve transfers providing they meet all of the requirements of the Ordinance. Mr. Leavins stated if they are denied, there is still an appeal procedure to show why they feel it was improper. A brief discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Councilmember Songe, seconded by Councilmember Herrera, **to approve Ordinance 1384 (first reading)**. The Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C-11. Consideration of Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Herrera, for **Consideration of Adjournment**. The Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried, and the Regular Meeting of the Vidor City Council adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

These minutes approved February 25, 2021.



Kelly Carder, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vicki Watson, City Secretary