

**CITY OF VIDOR
VIDOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Kelly Carder
Councilmember Julie Hannon
Councilmember Misty Songe
Councilmember Keith Buesing
Councilmember Jane Hill

MEMBERS ABSENT:

(Ward 2 Vacant)
Councilmember Gary Herrera

Administrative Personnel: Robbie Hood, City Manager; Vicki Watson, City Secretary; Chris Leavins, City Attorney; 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

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. Citizen Comments

Michelle Falgout, Falgout Consulting, thanked Council and staff for all of the support they have shown her over the years and explained she will start her new position on Monday, March 1, 2021. Ms. Falgout stated she has worked with the City of Vidor for over 20 years, and the City is almost like family. Ms. Falgout stated she has grown so much and learned so much working with the City, and the City has great opportunities for the future with several grants for improvements.

Mayor Carder thanked Ms. Falgout on behalf of Council for all of her hard work over the years. Cheryl Ray, Supervisor of Finance & Accounting, explained a reception was held earlier today for Ms. Falgout, and she was given a "Making a Difference" award. Robbie Hood, City Manager, stated he has only been with the City for eight months, but Ms. Falgout has been a great asset. Mr. Hood explained Ms. Falgout will be the new Jefferson County Engineer and the first female to direct that department

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

**Correction: The Council Consent Agenda contained a scrivener's error in the amounts listed for Paid Invoices.*

The correct amounts are as follows:

Paid Invoices:
General Fund - \$96,095.47
Municipal Court Building Security Fund - \$68.40
Emergency Management - \$156.46
Juvenile Case Manager Fund - \$149.90
Sanitation Fund - \$16,273.24

- B -2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – February 11, 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:**
- February 16, 2021: \$ 57,906.03
February 22, 2021: \$ 18,472.75
- B -4. Ratification of the payment of the monthly sales tax in the amount of \$5,969.24 out of General Account/Pooled Cash**
- B -5. Ratification of the payment in the amount of \$80,700.00 for the City of Vidor, Texas General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016 - Interest Payment – TexPool account**
- B -6. Ratification of the payment in the amount of \$2,406.75 for the City of Vidor, Texas General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2013 - Interest Payment – First Financial Bank account**

A motion was made by Councilmember Songe, seconded by Councilmember Buesing, to **APPROVE THE COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED AND CORRECTED**. The Council voted four (4) 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**

Veronica Webb introduced herself to Council and explained she wants to be involved and become an active citizen. Ms. Webb stated before moving to Vidor, she lived in Sulphur and worked in Beaumont.

A motion was made by Councilmember Songe, seconded by Councilmember Buesing, to **appoint Veronica Webb to the open Planning & Zoning position**. ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilmember Hannon, aye; Councilmember Songe, aye; Councilmember Buesing, aye; and Councilmember Hill, aye. The motion carried.

- C -2. 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 (second reading)**

Chris Leavins, City Attorney, explained this was brought back because all Council members were not present at the last meeting. A brief discussion ensued.

Councilmember Songe moved to **approve Ordinance 1383**, and Councilmember Buesing seconded. The Council voted four (4) 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 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 (*second reading*)

Mayor Carder explained this is so manufactured home park transfers will not have to come to Council, and Councilmember Songe stated the City Manager will make sure they are up to code before approving.

A motion was made by Councilmember Songe, seconded by Councilmember Hannon, to **approve Ordinance 1384 removing the requirement**. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -4. Consideration and possible approval of a Resolution permitting Orange County Mosquito Control to fly at low altitudes in territory under their jurisdiction to abate mosquitos

Councilmember Songe moved to **approve the Resolution**, and Councilmember Hill seconded. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -5. Discussion and update on severe winter weather experienced in City

Robbie Hood, City Manager, stated the employees worked very, very hard during last week's winter event. Mr. Hood explained the City had a few busted lines and a frozen RPZ valve which Councilmember Buesing helped us out with. Mr. Hood stated there are some directors in the audience who were very vital to the cleanup.

Percy Flanigan, Street/Drainage Supervisor, explained this is his first time being a leader in such an event. Mr. Flanigan stated his department worked with the Police Department and the City Manager. Mr. Flanigan explained they put out sand at Main Street @ Interstate 10, Claiborne @ I-10, and the Bonner turnaround, and checked for downed trees, etc.

Rod Carroll, Chief of Police, stated cars, speed, and ice do not go together well. Chief Carroll stated his department got with the wreckers to move vehicles off the highway and explained officers were not doing reports during this time. Chief Carroll stated the Street Department and Water District worked together very well, and Captain Cappen did a great job.

Mr. Hood explained the trash service did not run for three days. Clifton Parker, Sanitation Supervisor, stated they knew this was coming the week before and prepared for it. Mr. Parker stated all four sanitation trucks were emptied on Friday but explained one truck was used for Saturday's commercial run, and the landfill was closed. Mr. Parker stated personnel were borrowed from the Street Department, so a total of 10 men and 4 trucks worked to pick up Thursday's and Monday's routes on Thursday, Friday and Tuesday's routes on Friday, and Wednesday's and Saturday's (commercial) route on Saturday. Mr. Parker explained there was a lot of extra trash due to people being at home, and due to the adjusted schedule, many cans were not at the street, so the employees went to the houses and got them as long as they could get to them. Councilmember

Songge stated the discussion on Facebook was 98% positive, and people were beyond happy that their trash can was pulled.

Mr. Hood stated when hurricanes, other natural disasters, and weather events hit, the citizens expect their governmental employees, City Councils, and staffs to step up and do a job. Mr. Hood stated everybody is part of a team, and when things are out their worst out there, the employees are at their best. Mr. Hood thanked the employees, and the Mayor and Council also thanked him for being out there every day.

C -6. Consideration of Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Songge, seconded by Councilmember Buesing, 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 7:24 p.m.

These minutes approved March 11, 2021.


Misty Songge, Mayor Pro-tem

ATTEST:


Vicki Watson, City Secretary