

**CITY OF VIDOR
VIDOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 8, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

(Ward 2 Vacant)
Councilmember Keith Buesing

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

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 Steptoe, Sunday's Kind of Country, explained they are running about six weeks behind with the City's advertising campaign. Mr. Steptoe stated they have filmed at City Hall and the school and will be starting the series of interviews soon. Mr. Steptoe explained due to the delays, the City's advertising package will run from May to May.

B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

B -1. Approval of Accounts Paid:

Paid Invoices:	General Fund - \$307,070.51
	Municipal Court Building Security Fund - \$73.22
	Emergency Management - \$57.99
	LEOSE - \$1,119.00
	Disaster Fund - \$2,632.17
	Sanitation Fund - \$16,547.81
	Employee Benefits Trust - \$58,205.91

B -2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – March 25, 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:

March 29, 2021:	\$ 4,601.04
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April 05, 2021: \$ 2,303.71
April 05, 2021: \$ 2,409.86

B-4. Ratification of the signature of certain FEMA forms for Hurricane Laura and Texas Severe Winter Storms: TDEM Grant Terms and Conditions, Direct Deposit Authorization Form, and Designation Of Subrecipient Agency

A motion was made by Councilmember Songe, seconded by Councilmember Hannon, 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. Consideration and possible action to approve AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VIDOR, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 74 – VEHICLES FOR HIRE, ARTICLE III. – TOW TRUCKS, REGARDING PROHIBITING INTERFERENCE AT ACCIDENT SITE AND OTHER NON-PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (*Second Reading*)

Chris Leavins, City Attorney, explained this is the same Ordinance that Council approved at the last meeting, but there were a couple of small changes (typos) to the subsections referenced under Section 74-85(n). Mr. Leavins stated this was brought back for a second reading due to the fact that all Council members were not present at the last meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Songe, seconded by Councilmember Herrera, to **approve Ordinance 1387**. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -2. Consideration and possible approval of the final payment to MK Constructors for City of Vidor 2020 Drainage Improvement Project – Lamar Street

Robbie Hood, City Manager, stated he mentioned at the last meeting that they just had a couple of weeks left to make sure the grass that they had planted along the right-of-way on Lamar Street had taken hold. Mr. Hood stated everything is good to go and recommended approving the final payment.

Councilmember Songe moved to **approve the final payment to MK Constructors**. Councilmember Hannon seconded. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -3. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VIDOR, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 10 – BUILDING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE I. – IN GENERAL, SECTION 10-10, PERMIT FEES, REGARDING PERMITTING FEES IN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Linda Cathey, Code Enforcement Officer, reviewed the proposed changes to the permit fees. Ms. Cathey explained the plumbing inspectors out of Bridge City are paid \$40, and they would like to make them all the same across the board. Ms. Cathey stated when we had to hurry to change the building permits to square footage, we did not realize this did not apply to commercial properties. Ms. Cathey stated the residential permits were left the same and discussed the commercial valuation process. Robbie Hood, City Manager,

stated when a permit is taken out, the fee is based on the value they write in. Ms. Cathey stated some of the fees for residential repairs were also lowered. A brief discussion ensued.

Chris Leavins, City Attorney, explained this will have to come back at the next meeting for a second reading as all Council members are not present.

A motion was made by Councilmember Songe, seconded by Councilmember Hill, to **approve Ordinance 1388**. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -4. Consideration of Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Songe, 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 7:10 p.m.

These minutes approved April 22, 2021.



Misty Songe, Mayor Pro-tem

ATTEST:



Vicki Watson, City Secretary