

**CITY OF VIDOR
VIDOR CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MAY 4, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councilmember Misty Songe
Councilmember Keith Buesing
Councilmember Gary Herrera
Councilmember Jane Hill

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mayor Kelly Carder
Councilmember Julie Hannon
(*Ward 2 Vacant*)

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 Special Called Meeting of the Vidor City Council began at 7:01 p.m., Mayor Pro-tem Songe 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. Proclamation – *School Lunch Hero Day*

Mayor Pro-tem Songe proclaimed Friday, May 7, 2021, as “School Lunch Hero Day” in the City of Vidor and encouraged all citizens of the community to offer support and appreciation for these hardworking heroes and their commitment to our children.

The Proclamation was accepted by Dr. Jay Killgo, Vidor Independent School District Superintendent, who thanked Council for the recognition. Dr. Killgo discussed the multiple meals provided to students throughout the past year and stated it is a testament to the Food Service Department whose service was unbelievable. Mary Ellen Vivrett, Child Nutrition Director, recognized the many employees and their family members in the audience who were given a standing ovation. Ms. Vivrett stated she is honored to work with this group who loves what they do, and they certainly do it from their hearts.

A -4. Proclamation – *National Nurses Week*

Mayor Pro-tem Songe proclaimed the week of May 6-12, 2021 as National Nurses Week in the City of Vidor and urged all individuals, employers, community leaders, and other health care professionals to recognize the vast contributions and positive impact of America’s 4 million registered nurses.

Robbie Hood, City Manager, stated one of our newly elected Council members and the current Mayor are registered nurses and commended nurses and hospital staff for their dedicated and tireless work, especially during the pandemic.

A -5. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

B -1. Consideration and/or possible approval of an ORDINANCE canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the City election of the City of Vidor, Texas, held on May 1, 2021

Consideración y/o posible aprobación de una ORDENANZA para el escrutinio de los beneficios y la declaración de los resultados de la elección municipal de la Ciudad de Vidor, Texas, llevada a cabo el 1 de mayo de 2021

Mayor Pro-tem Songe stated, “There came to be considered the returns of an election held on the 1st day of May, 2021, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and three (3) Council Members, and it appearing from said returns, duly and legally made, that there were cast at said election 713 valid and legal votes; that each of the candidates in said election received the following votes:

MAYOR

<u>NAME OF CANDIDATE:</u>	<u>TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES RECEIVED:</u>
SETH LAPRAY	145
MISTY SONGE	340
RONNIE HERRERA	227

FOR COUNCILMEMBER WARD 1

<u>NAME OF CANDIDATE:</u>	<u>TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES RECEIVED:</u>
JOSEPH WEBB	341
KELLY CARDER	344

FOR COUNCILMEMBER, WARD 4

<u>NAME OF CANDIDATE:</u>	<u>TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES RECEIVED:</u>
JESSICA BARKER	661

FOR COUNCILMEMBER, WARD 6

<u>NAME OF CANDIDATE:</u>	<u>TOTAL NUMBER OF VOTES RECEIVED:</u>
LARRY WILLIAMS	667

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VIDOR:

Section 1. That said election was duly called, that notice of said election was given in accordance with the law, and that said election was held in accordance with the law; **Kelly Carder, Jessica Barker, and Larry Williams** were duly elected Council Members for the positions referenced above of said City at said election, and said above named parties are hereby declared duly elected to said respective offices, subject to the taking of their oaths and other requirements as provided by the laws of the State of Texas.

Section 2. That no candidate for the position of Mayor received a majority of votes cast and a runoff election is hereby ordered, in accordance with the runoff election previously ordered under Ordinance No. 1385, for June 12, 2021, between Misty Songe and Ronnie Herrera for the position of Mayor.”

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

B -2. Swearing in of the newly elected Council members of the City Council

Jura los miembros del Concejo Municipal recientemente electos

Nicole McGowan was sworn in as Councilmember Ward 2, Jessica Barker was sworn in as Councilmember Ward 4, and Larry Williams was sworn in as Councilmember Ward 6 by Judge Michael Abbott.

B -3. Presentation of Certificate of Election to newly elected Council members of the City Council

Presentación del Certificado de elección y a los miembros del Concejo Municipal recientemente electos

Judge Michael Abbott presented Certificates of Election to Nicole McGowan, Jessica Barker, and Larry Williams, newly elected Council members of the City of Vidor. A few moments were taken for pictures, and the City Manager (*Robbie Hood*), Mayor Pro-tem Songe, Councilmember Herrera, and staff said a few words to the outgoing Council members and expressed their appreciation for their service.

B -4. Election of new officers of the Vidor City Council – Mayor Pro-tem, Treasurer

Elección de los nuevos funcionarios del Concejo Municipal de Vidor – Alcalde provisional, Tesorero

Mayor Pro-tem Songe stated this agenda item needs to be tabled, as we do not currently have a Mayor. A brief discussion ensued.

A motions was made by Councilmember Herrera, seconded by Councilmember Williams, **to table electing officers until a Mayor is elected.** The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

B -5. Discussion and possible action to appoint a member of the Council to the review committee for Request for Proposal (RFP) responses for American Rescue Plan (ARP) of 2021 grant administration

Cheryl Ray, Supervisor of Finance & Accounting, stated we are in line to receive \$2.8 million in grant funding, but we need a grant administrator to help us see how to spend that money, as there are no guidelines yet. A brief discussion ensued, and Councilmember McGowan volunteered.

Councilmember Herrera made a motion **to appoint Councilmember McGowan to the review committee**, and Councilmember Williams seconded. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

B -6. Discussion and possible action to appoint a member of Council to the committee to review Request for Proposal (RFP) responses for Management Services

Cheryl Ray, Supervisor of Finance & Accounting, explained this is the same thing but for the Hazardous Mitigation grant for Hurricane Laura. Ms. Ray stated we have gone out for proposals for different grant administration firms. Robbie Hood, City Manager, explained some grants require that an elected official serve on the committee. Councilmember Barker volunteered.

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Herrera, **to appoint Councilmember Barker to the committee to review RFPs for Management Services.** The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

B -7. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing signatories for all City of Vidor accounts

Cheryl Ray, Supervisor of Finance & Accounting, explained since we have an all-new Council, all Council members will need to sign each signature card. Ms. Ray stated she was unable to get the forms from the bank for all of the accounts, so there will be a few that have to be signed later.

Councilmember Herrera made a motion **to approve the Resolution approving and authorizing the signatories for all City of Vidor accounts**, and Councilmember Williams seconded. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

B -8. Consideration of Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Herrera, seconded by Councilmember Barker, for **Consideration of Adjournment**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried, and the Special Called Meeting of the Vidor City Council adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

These minutes approved May 13, 2021.


Misty Songe, Mayor Pro-tem

ATTEST:


Vicki Watson, City Secretary