

**CITY OF VIDOR
VIDOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Misty Songe
Councilmember Kelly Carder
Councilmember Nicole McGowan
Councilmember Jerry Aldridge
Councilmember Jessica Barker
Councilmember Gary Herrera

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Jane Hill

Administrative Personnel: Robbie Hood, City Manager; Chris Leavins, City Attorney; Vicki Watson, City Secretary; Betty Strong, City Secretary Appointee; Cheryl Ray, Supervisor of Finance & Accounting; and, Rodney Johnson, Police Captain-Operations

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 7:01 p.m., Mayor 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. Citizen Comments

Lanny Brown, 1685 Redbud, thanked new Ward 4 Councilmember for getting some things straightened out in Cloverleaf about the abandoned houses and going to extra ordinary lengths to take care of the situation. Mr. Brown also thanked Mayor Misty Songe and Robbie Hood, City Manager, for following up on his concerns.

B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

B -1. Approval of Accounts Paid:

Paid Invoices:	General Fund - \$ 43,693.88
	Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund - \$30,000.00
	Sanitation Fund - \$3,065.12

B -2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – October 14, 2021

B -3. Ratification of the payment of the monthly sales tax in the amount of \$6,022.64 for September out of General Account/Pooled Cash

A motion was made by Councilmember Aldridge, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, to **APPROVE THE COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C. COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

C -1. Renewal of the tax abatement guidelines

Chris Leavins, City Attorney, explained this must be approved every 2 years and is about to expire. Mr. Leavins stated in order to keep doing tax abatements the guidelines must be renewed.

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Aldridge, to **APPROVE Renewal of the tax abatement guidelines**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -2. Consideration and possible action to approve AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VIDOR, TEXAS AMENDING THE VIDOR CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 54 – SOLID WASTE, ARTICLE III – PRIVATE COLLECTORS, TO REMOVE THE ALLOWANCE PERMITS FOR RESIDENTIAL PRIVATE COLLECTION OF SOLID WASTE IN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE (*Second Reading*)

Mayor, Misty Songe stated this was approved at last meeting and is the second reading.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, to **APPROVE the Ordinance**. (Councilmember Barker abstained, which is a nay vote.) The Council voted four (4) for and one (1) opposed. The motion carried.

C -3. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution appointing a member to the Planning and Zoning Commission

No names were presented. No action taken.

C -4. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the submittal of one or more DR-4586 HMGP applications to the Texas Division of Emergency Management, authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to act as the City's authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the application, and committing matching funds

Cheryl Ray, Supervisor of Finance & Accounting, explained 4586 HMGP hazard mitigation grant program will be used for a warming station for winter storms and the start of a multi-use building. She also explained a 1-million-dollar budget with \$300-\$400k in HOT funds allocated over a period of seven years.

Jeff Leavins, Grant Engineer, stated the 1st grant is for the development of this multipurpose building.

A motion was made by Councilmember Aldridge and then withdrawn. Councilmember McGowan then made the motion, seconded by Councilmember Herrera, to **APPROVE the Resolution**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -5. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the submittal of one or more DR-4572 HMGP applications to the Texas Division of Emergency Management, authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to act as the City's authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the application, and committing matching funds

Jeff Leavins, Grant Engineer, stated this is the second project being considered and is for two generators, one for the City Hall to replace the existing large generator and the other for the transportation barn.

A motion was made by Councilmember Herrera, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, to **APPROVE the Resolution**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -6. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the City's application and participation in the DJ-Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program for a server, a grant through the State of Texas, and designating Captain Rodney Johnson as the authorized official in regard to the grant

Rodney Johnson, Police Captain-Operations, explained the grant was approved last year and per the State needs to be redesignated due to the retirement of Captain Cappen.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, to **APPROVE the Resolution appointing Rodney Johnson as the authorized official**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -7. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the City's application and participation in the BG-Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant Program for rifle resistant vests and accessories, a grant through the State of Texas, and designating Captain Rodney Johnson as the authorized official in regard to the grant

Rodney Johnson, Police Captain-Operations, explained the grant was approved last year and per the State also needs to be redesignated due to the retirement of Captain Cappen.

A motion was made by Councilmember Herrera, seconded by Councilmember Carder, to **APPROVE the Resolution appointing Rodney Johnson as the authorized official**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -8. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the City's application and participation in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Division-Juvenile Assistance Grant for in-car video camera system, a grant through the State of Texas, and designation Captain Rodney Johnson as the authorized official in regard to the grant

Rodney Johnson, Police Captain-Operations, explained the grant was approved last year and per the State needs to be redesignated due to the retirement of Captain Cappen.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, to **APPROVE the Resolution appointing Rodney Johnson as the authorized official**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -9. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution selecting and awarding the contract for review appraisal services for the City's Hurricane Harvey CDBG-DR Buyout grant to The Ambrose Group

Cheryl Ray, Supervisor of Finance & Accounting, explained she went out for bids for review appraisal services and would like Council to appoint the Ambrose Group as the provider of these.

A motion was made by Councilmember Herrera, seconded by Councilmember Carder, to **APPROVE the Resolution**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C-10. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution selecting and awarding the contract for abstracting, title and related real estate services for the City's Hurricane Harvey CDBG-DR Buyout grant to Security Abstract & Title Co.

Cheryl Ray, Supervisor of Finance & Accounting, explained this is the same situation as C-9. Ms. Ray stated Security Abstract & Title Co. are the only ones in Orange County who will provide these services.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, to **APPROVE the Resolution**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C-11. Consideration and possible approval of the certification of the 2021 assessed tax roll for the City of Vidor as certified and submitted by Karen Fisher, Tax Assessor Collector

Cheryl Ray, Supervisor of Finance & Accounting, stated this is an annual process. Ms. Ray explained Karen has certified as our 2021 tax roll.

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Carder, to **APPROVE the Certification**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C-12. Consideration and possible approval of the certification of the 2021 delinquent tax roll for the City of Vidor as certified and submitted by Karen Fisher, Tax Assessor Collector

Cheryl Ray, Supervisor of Finance & Accounting, stated this is the same thing as C-11, only for the delinquent tax roll.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, to **APPROVE the Certification**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.


C-13. Discussion and possible action to cancel the November 11, 2021 and November 25, 2021 regular scheduled Council meetings due to Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving Day holidays and schedule a special called Council meeting for November 18, 2021.

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Barker, to **APPROVE the Action**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C-14. Consideration of Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Carder, for **Consideration of Adjournment**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried, and the Regular Meeting of the Vidor City Council adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

These minutes approved November 18, 2021.


Misty Songe, Mayor

ATTEST:


Betty Strong, City Secretary