

**City Of Vidor
Vidor City Council
Regular Meeting
March 24, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Misty Songe
Councilmember Kelly Carder
Councilmember Jerry Aldridge
Councilmember Jessica Barker
Councilmember Gary Herrera
Councilmember Jane Hill

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Nicole McGowan

Administrative Personnel: Chris Leavins City Attorney; Betty Strong, City Secretary; Cheryl Ray, Supervisor of Finance & Accounting; and, Rod Carroll, Police Chief

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

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

A -3. Citizen Comments

No citizen comments.

B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

B -1. Approval of Accounts Paid:

Paid Invoices:	General Fund - \$102,031.79
	Emergency Management - \$156.36
	Disaster Fund - \$12,230.29
	Proprietary Fund - \$32,689.27

B -2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – March 10, 2022

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 11, 2022:	\$ 3,234.97
March 16, 2022:	\$ 2,761.80

B -4. Ratification of the payment of the monthly sales tax in the amount of \$6,349.40 for February out of General Account/Pooled Cash

B -5. Ratification of the transfer for funds from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CLFRF) to the Disaster fund in the amount of \$22,363.15 to cover two checks written out of the disaster fund as we never received our CLFRF Fund checks. We have cancelled the previously ordered checks and put a stop payment on that check range and ordered new checks again.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember Aldridge, 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. Discussion and possible action to approve the selection of the City's Bank Depository.

Cheryl Ray, Supervisor of Finance & Accounting explained that RFPs were sent requesting for proposals and only First Financial responded. She recommends continuing with First Financial as the City's Bank Depository.

A motion was made by Councilmember Aldridge, seconded by Councilmember Barker, to **approve the selection of First Financial**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -2. Discussion and possible action to approve AT&T's request to bury fiber optic cable within City's right-of-way of Hickory Ln. and N. Main St.

Jane Hill, Councilmember Ward 6, asked if AT&T will pay the city for this request. Chris Leavins, City Attorney explained they do not pay to bury the cable; however we do receive payment at a later time for transmission in the line.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember Aldridge, to **APPROVE AT&T to bury fiber optic cable within the City's right-of-way**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -3. Consideration and/or possible approval of amending ORDINANCE 1414 calling for the elections of three (3) Council members in a City Elections to be held on May 7, 2022, and setting up the procedures for the election, the provisions for the officers of the election, establishing a voting precinct and polling place, and ordering a Runoff Election, if necessary, to be held on June 25, 2022.

Consideración y/o posible aprobación de enmendar la ORDENANZA 1414 que llama a las elecciones de tres (3) miembros del Concejo en una Elección de la Ciudad que se llevará a cabo el 7 de mayo de 2022, y establece los procedimientos para la elección, las disposiciones para los funcionarios de la elección, estableciendo un precinto de votación y lugar de votación, y ordenando una Elección de Desempate, si es necesario, para celebrarse el 25 de junio de 2022.

Betty Strong, City Secretary, explained the reason for amending the election ordinance was to remove the Orange County Airport as an early voting location and add the Bridge City ISD Building in place of the Airport.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember Aldridge, to **APPROVE THE amended Election Ordinance**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -4. Discussion and possible action to approve an Order Granting an Authorized Variant under Section 62-160 of the Vidor Code of Ordinances relating to the dimensions of a residential Lot under Section 62-152 of the Vidor Code of Ordinances, as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Jerad Spencer, Chairman for the Planning & Zoning Commission, gave an overview of the lots not meeting the existing required dimensions, however they do meet the square footage of 7800 square foot, except for the existing lots 1 and 2.

Kelly Carder, Councilmember Ward 1, asked if they brought this to them specifically for the lots. Mr. Spencer clarified it is the variance being requested.

Jerry Aldridge, Councilmember Ward 3, asked if lots are on W. Tram. Mr. Spencer explained this.

Chris Leavins, City Attorney, explained the lots and gave an overview of how this plat has been in development for a while. Mayor Songe explained she spoke to Code and believes council should go with the Planning & Zoning commission's recommendation.

Mr. Spencer did want to raise a concern about the flood zones being different than shown on the plat, however, does not believe this would cause any issues.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Councilmember Herrera, seconded by Councilmember Aldridge, to **APPROVE the Order granting an authorized variant for the lots as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Commission**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C-5. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VIDOR, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 21 – EMERGENCY SERVICES, INCLUDING EMERGENCY AND NONEMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY and providing for PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Songe explained the Ordinance is in the Council's books, however there are items that will need Chris Leavins, City Attorney, review. Mr. Leavins explained this will be cleaned up, revised, and brought back for council review.

Mayor Songe tabled this for the next meeting.

C -6. Discussion and possible action to authorize the City Manager to seek and request competitive proposals or bids for ambulance services within the City.

Citizen Comment: Lori Desormeaux 4660 Elliot, Administrator of Vidor Health and Rehabilitation. Ms. Desormeaux stated she is also speaking on behalf of Ashley Czajka of Oakwood Manor. Ms. Desormeaux explained the needs of the nursing homes and what she feels need to be included in the review for a new ambulance service provider. Mr. Herrera asked if this was a separate contract. Mayor Songe explained the example RFP given to council. Ms. Desormeaux stated this RFP seems to cover all the items needed for

the nursing homes. Mayor Songe explained time requirements and standards for response times for the new ambulance service provider.

Jerry Aldridge, Councilmember Ward 3, asked the question who will do evacuations. Ms. Desormeaux stated Acadian had done them in the past. She also stated the nursing homes will need a provider that will help with evacuations and mock evacuations.

Chief Carroll explained the RFP example given to council is a rough draft only and a key component will be evacuation due to our area and history with hurricanes.

Discussion ensued.

Gary Herrera, Councilmember Ward 5 asked if an approval is being based on this rough draft RFP. Chief Carroll explained it is a rough draft only.

Mayor Songe thanked Ms. Desormeaux.

Jessica Barker, Councilmember Ward 4, asked if the insurance is going to match our current Ordinance requirements. Chris Leavins, City Attorney, stated we need an approval for the RFP to go out and the Ordinance will supersede and require the provider to be bound by our Ordinance. Mr. Leavins explained the meaning of additional insured on page 5 of the example RFP.

Mr. Herrera stated he sees fines and insurance in this RFP, however, does not see anything for regulated prices and would like to see this as part of the RFP.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Leavins recommended to Council they allow the City Manager to go out for bids and that a fee schedule not be put in the RFP as this is not a common practice.

Chief Carrol explained the need for making the RFP broad to allow for competitive bidding.

Mr. Herrera stated he would like to see a complete RFP. Mayor Songe explained Council would usually not see a RFP.

Discussion ensued.

Chris Leavins, City Attorney, asked for clarification on bringing the RFP back before allowing staff to move forward with bids. Mr. Herrera stated he would like to see this brought back with the changes requested by the council before moving forward with the RFP.

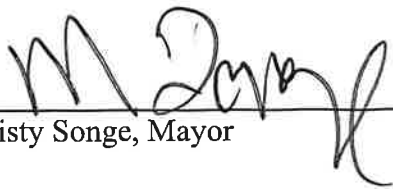
Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember Herrera, to **table this item to the next meeting on April 14, 2022. ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilmember Carder, aye; Councilmember Aldridge, aye; Councilmember Barker, aye; and Councilmember Herrera, aye; Councilmember Hill, aye.** The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -7. Consideration of Adjournment

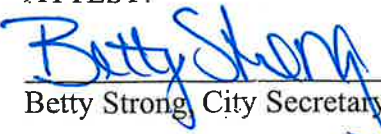
A motion was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember Herrera, for **Consideration of Adjournment**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried, and the Regular Meeting of the Vidor City Council adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

These minutes approved April 14, 2022.



Misty Songe, Mayor

ATTEST:



Betty Strong, City Secretary