

**City Of Vidor
Vidor City Council
Regular Meeting
April 14, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Misty Songe
Councilmember Kelly Carder
Councilmember Nicole McGowan
Councilmember Jerry Aldridge
Councilmember Gary Herrera
Councilmember Jane Hill

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Jessica Barker

Administrative Personnel: Robbie Hood, City Manager; Chris Leavins City Attorney; Betty Strong, City Secretary; and, Rodney Johnson, Police Captain

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 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

No Citizen Comments

B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

B -1. Approval of Accounts Paid:

Paid Invoices:	General Fund - \$293,296.19
	MCBSF - \$61.72
	Emergency Management - \$107.99
	Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund - \$12,020.00
	Disaster Fund- \$331,726.00
	Juvenile Case Manager Fund - \$478.32
	Judicial Efficiency Fee - \$36.00
	Proprietary Fund - \$37,419.31
	Employee Benefits Trust - \$65,089.10

B -2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – March 24, 2022
Special Called Meeting – April 7, 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 25, 2022: \$ 1,581.00
April 1, 2022: \$ 2,434.32

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, 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 a Resolution appointing a member to the Planning And Zoning Commission.

Robbie Hood, City Manager explained the vacancy is the result of Veronica Webb moving out of the city limits of Vidor. Ms. Webb's term is up in May 2022. Mr. Hood asked if anyone had any candidates in mind to let him know.

No Action was taken on this item.

C-2. Consideration and/or possible approval of Residential Homestead Exemptions regarding Property Tax for the Tax Year 2022:

- 1. Local Option Percentage Homestead**
- 2. 65 Years of Age**
- 3. Disability**

Betty Strong, City Secretary explained this is an approval requested each year. Ms. Strong informed council it is recommended that the tax rate be 20% with \$15,000 for the portion of value for each the 65 years of Age and Disability exemptions.

Council asked if this is the max. It was verified that the amounts are the max.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, to **approve the Residential Homestead Exemptions as presented for the 2022 tax year**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C-3. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing an independent contract with Cheryl Ray for consulting and assistance with finance and accounting.

Robbie Hood, City Manager explained Cheryl Ray left the City for a job in Beaumont TX. This contract would allow Ms. Ray to assist in training the new Finance Director, Katrina Jones on an as needed basis only at \$41.63hr.

Councilmembers Kelly Carder, Ward 1 and Gary Herrera, Ward 5 asked if there is a cap on this agreement.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Songe informed council if they would like to put a cap on the agreement, they could do so. Chris Leavins, City Attorney, informed council this agreement is terminable by either party at will. Mr. Leavins stated the agreement is drafted as an as needed basis only. He also informed council it is terminable by the City Manager at any time.

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Aldridge, to **approve the Resolution authorizing the Independent Contract with Chery Ray**. The Council voted three (3) for and two (2) opposed. (Councilmember Carder and Councilmember Herrera were the nay votes.) The motion carried.

C-4. PUBLIC HEARING regarding Jeff Moore's application for approval of a license to operate an RV Park located at 19261 IH 10.

Mayor Songe opened the public hearing at 7:07pm.

Council asked if Mr. Jeff Moore was in attendance. He was not.

Mayor Songe closed the public hearing at 7:08pm.

C-5. Discussion and possible action to approve Jeff Moore's application for a license to operate RV Park located at 19261 IH 10.

Gary Herrera, Councilmember Ward 5 asked if the plan presented is for drainage or the whole plan. Robbie Hood, City manager responded with details on this plan and stated this is not the finalized plan and informed council this is just for the approval of the license. Kelly Carder, Councilmember Ward 1 then asked if council did not approve the application, would this stop the process. Mayor Songe informed Ms. Carder it would stop the process. Jane Hill, Councilmember Ward 6 asked if this must come back to council once application is approved. Mr. Hood explained the process. Mr. Herrera explained he believes this is a good idea for our city to move forward and approve the application.

A motion was made by Councilmember Herrera, seconded by Councilmember Aldridge, to **approve the application for Jeff Moore's RV Park**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

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

Mayor Songe switched C – 6 and C -7 order. Proceeded to C – 7.

Chris Leavins, City Attorney, explained the RFP in the council's binders.

A motion was made by Councilmember Herrera, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, to **approve the City manager to seek and request competitive proposals for ambulance services within the city**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C-7. Consideration and possible action to approve 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.

Chris Leavins, City Attorney explained the Ordinance and the changes specifically removing the interlocal verbiage throughout the document. Mr. Leavins also explained that verbiage about the requirement for a public hearing were also removed. He went on to explain other changes requested by Chief Carroll including the rotor wing service could be provided or coordinate in section 21.35. In section 21.54, instead of two (2) attendants one (1) Paramedic and one (1) EMT certificate it would read a paramedic and a certified individual.

Gary Herrera, Councilmember Ward 5 asked about the requirement of a paramedic and EMT on 21.54B and stated he wants verbiage to revert to the previous requirement stating a paramedic and EMT must be on board.

Discussion ensued.

Provisions discussed:

Section 21.54B- one (1) Paramedic and one (1) EMT using the original language.

Section 21.60A- Transport services- two (2) individuals should be EMT basic, will use the original language.

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Herrera, to **approve the Ordinance with the provisions discussed**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

Mayor Songe went back to C-6.

C -8. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code – Consultation with Attorney, regarding pending or contemplated litigation and settlement offer.

Chris Leavins, City Attorney explained he did not have any new information about this litigation and settlement offer. Council chose not to go into Executive Session

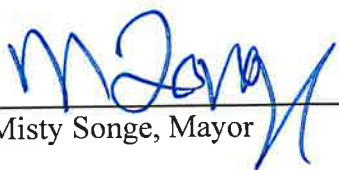
C -9. Consideration and possible action arising or related to Agenda Item C- 8.

None-Council did not go into Executive Session.

B -10. 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 7:33 p.m.

These minutes approved April 28, 2022.


Misty Songe, Mayor

ATTEST:


Betty Strong, City Secretary