

**City Of Vidor
Vidor City Council
Regular Meeting
June 9, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Administrative Personnel: Robbie Hood, City Manager; Chris Leavins City Attorney; Betty Strong, City Secretary; Katrina Jones, Finance Director; 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 7:00 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

Shaelyn Anderson 612 Greenbriar, addressed the council to state she had a meeting with the Mayor and Mr. Hood about the conditions on her road. While she does appreciate the answer given to her that her road is not on the current priority list, Ms. Anderson addressed Councilmember Ward 2, Nicole McGowan and asked her to drive the Lakewood area and see the damage for herself. Ms. Anderson stated the dust is bad and she is worried about the condition continuing and would like Councilmember Ward 2, Nicole McGowan to seek a permanent solution.

B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

B -1. Approval of Accounts Paid:

Paid Invoices:

**General Fund - \$105,589.67
MCBSF - \$150.00
Emergency Management - \$107.99
Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund - \$2,320.00
Juvenile Case Manager Fund - \$500.00
Judicial Efficiency Fee - \$200.00
Proprietary Fund - \$20,793.86
Employee Benefits Trust - \$63,173.62**

B -2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – May 26, 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:

May 26, 2022:	\$ 1,962.60
June 01, 2022:	\$ 1,338.26

B -4. Ratification of the payment of the monthly sales tax in the amount of \$6,444.22 for April 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 six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried

C. COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

C-1. Discussion and possible action to approve an Order granting authorized variants to the requirements under Chapter 62, Article III.-General Requirements, Section (d), of the Vidor Code of Ordinances requested by Harvey Lane Estates.

Jerry Crumley, Code Enforcement Supervisor, gave an overview of the handouts in the Councilmember's binders. Mr. Crumley explained the lot size variant request. Mr. Crumley informed council the lots meet the square footage even though the lots do not meet the length and width requirement.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember Aldridge, to **approve the ORDER**. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -2. Discussion and possible action to set a date & time for a Special Called meeting to canvass the June 18, 2022 Runoff Election

Betty Strong, City Secretary, gave an overview of the time period allowed for the Runoff Canvass.

Council set the Special Called meeting to Canvass the Runoff Election on Tuesday June 28, 2022 at 7:00p.m.

C -3. Consideration and possible action to approve AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VIDOR, TEXAS AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 70 – TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES TO PROVIDE FOR TRANSVERSING FLOODED STREET WITH VEHICLE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Chief Carroll explained the reasoning for requesting this amendment based on issues that occur during storms and floods.

Councilmember Ward 5, Gary Herrera asked about the amount of the potential fine.

Chris Leavins, City Attorney, explained the fine involved is up to \$500.00 maximum fine.

Councilmember Ward 3, Jerry Aldridge asked if this Ordinance would affect wreckers. Chief Carroll gave an explanation.

A brief discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Councilmember Herrera, seconded by Councilmember Barker, to **approve the ORDINANCE**. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -4. Consideration and possible approval of a Resolution approving and ratifying the execution of the Bank Depository Services Agreement – 2022 and all ancillary documents associated with opening and/or maintaining depository accounts with First Financial Bank, N.A.

Katrina Jones, Finance Director, gave the explanation for this agreement.

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Barker, to **approve the RESOLUTION**. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -5. Discussion and possible action to approve the selection of the City's Administration Professional Services for the GLO 2019 Tropical Storm Imelda CDBG-DR-4466

Katrina Jones, Finance Director, explained the review committee selected Traylor and Associates as the Administrator for this grant.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, to **approve the Review committee selection**. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -6. Discussion and possible action to approve the selection of the City's Engineering/Architectural/Surveying Services for the GLO 2019 Tropical Storm Imelda CDBG-DR-4466

Katrina Jones, Finance Director, explained the review committee selected Whiteley Oliver as the Engineer for this grant.

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Aldridge, to **approve the Review committee selection**. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C-7. Discussion and possible action to approve amendments to Resolution 1088, including adding work to cover the in-kind match related to Advanced Funding Agreement for Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation in the Texas Department of Transportation Highway State Bridge Program

Robbie Hood, City Manager, explained the amendment to Resolution 1088. Mr. Hood also explained the addition was the East Courtland bridge that was damaged and is under an insurance claim.

Councilmember Ward 3, Jerry Aldridge, asked about the insurance claim. Mr. Leavins explained the communication with the insurance company.

A brief discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Councilmember Barker, seconded by Councilmember Herrera, to **approve the**

RESOLUTION. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -8. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution appointing a member to the Planning and Zoning Commission

Councilmember Ward 5, Gary Herrera stated he would like to fill this position immediately and invited Nick Lagusis to the podium to introduce himself.

Mr. Lagusis came to the podium and stated his continued interest to be a part of the Planning and Zoning Commission and gave an overview of his qualifications from his past experience. Council thanked Mr. Lagusis for his time.

Councilmember Ward 4, Jessica Barker stated her concern is in previous meetings it was decided council will wait until election is over and she felt this would be a disservice for others that were interested.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Councilmember Herrera, seconded by Councilmember Carder, to **approve the RESOLUTION appointing Nick Lagusis as a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission.** ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilmember Carder, aye; Councilmember McGowan, aye; Councilmember Aldridge, aye; Councilmember Barker, nay; Councilmember Herrera, aye; and Councilmember Hill, aye. The Council voted five (5) for and one (1) opposed. The motion carried.

C-9. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code – Consultation with Attorney, regarding pending or contemplated litigation

Council did not convene into executive session.

C -10. Consideration and possible action arising or related to Agenda Item C- 9.

No action taken

C-11. Consideration of Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Barker, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, for **Consideration of Adjournment.** The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried, and the Regular Meeting of the Vidor City Council adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

These minutes approved June 23, 2022.


Misty Songe, Mayor

ATTEST:


Betty Strong, City Secretary