

**City Of Vidor
Vidor City Council
Regular Meeting
June 23, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Misty Songe
Councilmember Jessica Barker
Councilmember Nicole McGowan
Councilmember Jerry Aldridge
Councilmember Jane Hill

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Kelly Carder
Councilmember Gary Herrera

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

No Citizen comments.

B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

B -1. Approval of Accounts Paid:

Paid Invoices:	General Fund - \$44,546.65
	Emergency Management - \$359.89
	Proprietary Fund - \$12,058.00

B -2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – June 09, 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:

06/20/2022:	\$5,169.03
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B -4. Ratification of the payment of the monthly sales tax in the amount of \$6,450.65 for May 2022 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 four (4) for and none (0)

opposed. The motion carried

C. COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

C-1. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the submittal of one or more DR-4485 HMGP applications to the Texas Division of Emergency Management, authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to act as the City's authorized representatives in all matters pertaining to the application, and committing matching funds.

Robbie Hood, City Manager gave an overview of the grant.

Jane Hill, Councilmember Ward 6 asked about the amount of the Grant. Mr. Hood explained this is up to four (4) million dollars.

Jessica Barker, Councilmember Ward 4 asked what the Grant was for. Mr. Hood gave the explanation of the Grant. A brief discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, to **approve the RESOLUTION**. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C-2. Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution authorizing signatories for contractual and financial documents for the City's CDBG-MIT HMGP Supplemental Contract (#22-119-013-D523).

Robbie Hood, City Manager gave an overview of this Grant being used for improvements to the OST crossing and a detention pond for Terry Gully for \$3,243,200.00.

A motion was made by Councilmember Aldridge, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, to **approve the RESOLUTION**. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C-3. Discussion and possible action to approve the staff's selection for Engineering Firm for Street Improvements 2022

Katrina Jones, Finance Director gave the overview of the selection made by staff for the Engineer Firm to be Whiteley Oliver.

Robbie Hood added an overview of the projects for West Davis and Jennings and why we selected Whiteley Oliver as the Engineer Firm.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Aldridge, to **approve the Staff's selection of Whiteley Oliver**. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C-4. Discussion and possible action to approve the staff's selection for Administrative Services for the FAST Grant 2022.

Katrina Jones, Finance Director gave an overview of the staff's selection of Traylor & Associates. Mr. Hood explained this grant will assist the Emergency Services District for \$750,000.00 at no cost to the city.

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Aldridge, to **approve the**

Staff's selection of Traylor and Associates. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C-5. Discussion and possible action to approve the use of American Rescue Plan Act funds for purchases for the Vidor Police Department.

Rod Carroll, Chief of Police gave an overview of the Police Department's budgetary needs and how they can be met with ARPA funds. Chief Carroll gave an overview of all the needs requested.

Robbie Hood, City Manager gave an overview of the amount of funds available in the ARPA funds.

A motion was made by Councilmember Aldridge, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, to **approve the use of ARPA funds for the Police Department.** The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C-6. Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution approving a contract with Aleta Cappen for Grant related activities.

Robbie Hood, City Manager explained the need for Aleta Cappen's assistance with past and future grant activities. Rod Carroll, Chief of police gave an overview of Ms. Cappen's experience with working with grants for the city. Mayor Songe added her experience working with Ms. Cappen.

Mr. Hood invited Aleta Cappen to speak. Ms. Cappen stated it is an honor to be asked to help and wants to follow up and see these grants through.

Jessica Barker, Councilmember Ward 4 asked about the grant service companies we currently use and how they are paid currently. Ms. Cappen gave that overview.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Councilmember Aldridge, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, to **approve the RESOLUTION.** The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C-7. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code – Consultation with Attorney, regarding pending or contemplated litigation and settlement

Mayor Songe recessed the regular meeting to go into **EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:22 p.m. - Deliberation pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney**

Mayor Songe reconvened the regular meeting at 7:32 p.m.

C -8. Consideration and possible action arising or related to Agenda Item C- 7.

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Aldridge, to **approve the Settlement with Brian Smith and the City of Vidor.** The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C-9. Consideration and possible action to approve AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VIDOR, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 6 – ANIMALS – REGULATIONS OF, ARTICLE IV. – DOGS AND CATS, DIVISION 1. – GENERALLY, SECTION

6.103 – DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Chris Leavins, City Attorney gave an overview of the amendment to the Ordinance Section 6.103 Dogs running at large adding subsection (d) and explained this provides defense if the dog is a qualified service animal under the ADA and control of its handler.

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

C-10. Present exiting Councilmember Ward 3 with Certificate of Appreciation

Mayor Songe read the certificate to Jerry Aldridge. Mr. Hood informed Mr. Aldridge that it has been an honor working with him.

A moment was taken for pictures and discussion ensued.

Jerry Aldridge expressed his thanks to the room.

C-11. Consideration of Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Aldridge, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, for **Consideration of Adjournment**. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried, and the Regular Meeting of the Vidor City Council adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

These minutes approved July 14, 2022.



Misty Songe, Mayor

ATTEST:


Betty Strong, City Secretary