

**City Of Vidor
Vidor City Council
Regular Meeting
August 11, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councilmember Kelly Carder
Councilmember Nicole McGowan
Councilmember Michael Thompson
Councilmember Jessica Barker
Councilmember Gary Herrera
Councilmember Jane Hill

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mayor Misty Songe

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 Pro Tem Nicole McGowan presiding.

A -2. Invocation and Pledge to the United States Flag and the State of Texas Flag

Michael Thompson, Councilmember Ward 3 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 - \$249,291.39
	MCBSF - \$87.04
	Emergency Management - \$3,039.30
	Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund - \$184.48
	Disaster Fund - \$22,777.61
	Juvenile Case Manager Fund - \$104.07
	Proprietary Fund - \$31,610.90
	Employee Benefits Trust - \$64,176.29

B -2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – July 28, 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:

July 25, 2022:	\$ 790.15
August 01, 2022:	\$ 424.75

A motion was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, 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 the selection of disaster catering service.

Robbie Hood, City Manager explained the bid process. Mr. Hood informed council the first deadline of Wednesday July 13, 2022, was extended to Friday July 29, 2022 2pm. The city received a bid from Jimmy Nick's and a late bid (past the deadline) from McFarland's. McFarland's application was rejected due to being received past the deadline. Jimmy Nick's is the only bid and the staff's recommendation.

Gary Herrera, Councilmember Ward 5 asked about the City's back up plan for food, water, and supplies needed. Mr. Hood and Rod Carroll, Police Chief explained the City will always have a back up plan to feed the employee's working during a disaster. Kelly Carder, Councilmember Ward 1 asked if this cost was in the budget. Mr. Hood explained this is in the disaster fund.

A brief discussion took place.

A motion was made by Councilmember Herrera, seconded by Councilmember Barker, to **approve the Staff's selection of Jimmy Nick's for disaster catering service**. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -2. Discussion and possible action to create a Board of Directors for the Vidor Visitor Center

Betty Strong, City Secretary explained staff would like to create a board of directors consisting of five (5) individuals that either live or work in the City of Vidor. Mrs. Strong explained the members would need to be motivated about growth for the city and tourism. This board would also promote activities in the city including Music Friendly events and concerts.

Gary Herrera, Councilmember Ward 5 asked if he has the name of a person that is interested does he send the names to Mr. Hood. Robbie Hood, City manager informed him this will be the process and council will approve the selections.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, to **approve the Creation of a Board of Directors for the Vidor Visitor Center**. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -3. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the execution of the Extension of Master Services Agreement for Professional Consulting Services – Debris Monitoring Services between the City and Tetra Tech, Inc. with respect to debris monitoring services

Robbie Hood, City Manager gave an overview of the monitor service and informed council the service is required by FEMA.

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

C -4. Discussion and possible action to approve an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 58 – Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places, Article IV. – Public Parks, Section 58-73. – Hours of Operation to change park hours to Dawn to Dusk

Robbie Hood, City Manager informed council the change to the hours were approved in a previous meeting. This request is to change the Code of Ordinances to reflect the approved hours Dawn to Dusk.

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

C -5. Discussion and possible action to approve a Vidor High School Student liaison.

Robbie Hood, City Manger explained this will help reach out to the youth of our community and have them sit in on the meetings as a non-voting member. Mr. Hood explained this will help our youth better understand the day-to-day process of the City.

Gary Herrera, Councilmember Ward 5 asked how the selection process will work. Mr. Hood explained we will work with Ms. Lapray at the Vidor High School to help with the selection.

Kelly Carder, Councilmember Ward 1, and Mr. Herrera stated they would like this by semester to ensure different students have a chance for this opportunity.

A brief discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, to **approve the Vidor High School Liaison**. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -6. Discussion and possible action to approve an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 10 - Buildings and Building Regulation, Article II. – Electrical Code, Division 4. – Electrical Standards to remove Section 10.194.1 in accordance with the National Electrical Code

Jerry Crumley, Code Enforcement Supervisor explained removing section 10.194.1 would align our Code to the National Electrical Code.

A brief discussion ensued.

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

C -7. Budget Presentation

Katrina Jones, Finance Director presented a budget presentation to the Council and audience. Ms. Jones reviewed how the City of Vidor gets Revenue, the sales tax breakdown, property taxes, franchise fees, and fines and fees from the court. Ms. Jones then gave an overview of the tax rates and taxing entities and informed council and the audience what the City offers using these tax dollars.

Ms. Jones explained the tentative budget process and future requests for council to consider.

Gary Herrera, Councilmember Ward 5 asked about Joe Hopkins Park. Mr. Herrera wanted to know how long the City will continue to own the park and if the city can relinquish this Park at some time in the future. Ms. Jones explained the Certificate of Obligation for Joe Hopkins Park will be paid off in 2023. Robbie Hood, City Manager stated he will follow up on this.

Discussion ensued.

C -8. Certification of the 2022 Anticipated Collection Rate & 2021 Excess Debt Collections as presented by the Orange County Tax Assessor-Collector

Katrina Jones, Finance Director covered the rates.

Mayor Pro Tem Nicole McGowan read: *“The Certification of the 2022 Anticipated Collection Rate & 2021 Excess Debt Collections as presented by the Orange County Tax Assessor-Collector is as follows: ‘I, Karen Fisher, Collector for the City of Vidor solemnly swear that the anticipated collection rate for the year 2022 for the City of Vidor (Debt Service) has been estimated to be 97.70% and the amount of excess debt service funds collected in the year 2021 has been determined to be \$(12,101.00)’ signed by Karen Fisher on 7/17/2022. City of Vidor is required to receive the certification from Karen Fisher.”*

A motion was made by Councilmember Herrera, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, to **approve the Rates as presented by the Orange County Tax Assessor-Collector**. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -9. Certification of the 2022 Property Values as presented by Orange County Tax Assessor-Collector

Katrina Jones, Finance Director explained the property values.

Mayor Pro Tem, Nicole McGowan read: *“The Certification of the 2022 Property Values as presented by Orange County Appraisal District states the following: ‘I, Scott W. Overton, Chief Appraiser for Orange County, solemnly swear that I have made or caused to be made a diligent inquiry to ascertain all property in the District subject to appraisal by me and that I have included in this summary the market and taxable values of all property that I am aware of, at an appraised value determined, as required by law.’ The City of Vidor’s Total Taxable Value is \$493,576,410 and the Freeze Adjusted Taxable (Net Taxable minus Freeze Taxable minus Transfer Adjustment) is \$436,422,154.00.”*

A motion was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember Herrera, to **approve the Property Values as presented**. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -10. Consideration and possible action on establishing a proposed Maintenance and Operation tax rate and an Interest and Sinking tax rate and giving notice of public hearings, if necessary

Katrina Jones, Finance Director explained the rates presented to council and informed council the staff suggests keeping the tax rate the same as last year. Ms. Jones informed council this is just the proposed rates. Once the rates are set you cannot go up on them. A brief discussion ensued.

Mayor Pro Tem Nicole McGowan read: Mayor stated, "*Council approves using .691900 as the maximum total tax rate at this time. The breakdown of the proposed tax rate is as follows: \$.579498 for Maintenance & Operation, \$.112402 for Interest and Sinking with a combined proposed tax rate of \$.691900; a public hearing is required and will be held on August 25, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.*"

A motion was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember Barker, to **approve the Proposed Maintenance and Operation tax rate and an Interest and Sinking tax rate and giving notice of public hearings**. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

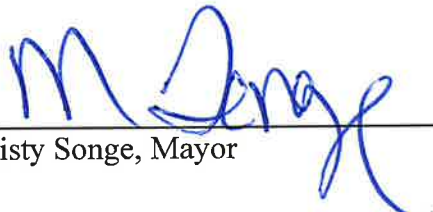
C -11. Discussion of the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2022- 2023 (corrected from 2021-2022 on original agenda)

No discussion on this item. This was covered in C-10.

C-12. Consideration of Adjournment


A motion was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, 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 7:45 p.m.

These minutes approved August 25, 2022.



Misty Songe, Mayor

ATTEST:



Betty Strong, City Secretary