

**City Of Vidor  
Vidor City Council  
Special Called Meeting  
September 15, 2022**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Misty Songe  
Councilmember Kelly Carder  
Councilmember Nicole McGowan  
Councilmember Michael Thompson  
Councilmember Jessica Barker

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Councilmember Gary Herrera  
Councilmember Jane Hill

**Administrative Personnel:** Robbie Hood, City Manager; Chris Leavins, City Attorney; Katrina Jones, Finance Director; Betty Strong, City Secretary 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 Special Called Meeting of the Vidor City Council began at 7:00 p.m., Mayor Songe presiding. Mayor Songe asked for a moment of silence.

**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**

Robbie Hood, City Manager expressed his appreciation for Officer Brittany Haley and her actions to save a life today. Mr. Hood read a letter presented from Sergeant Laredo.

**B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA**

**B -1. Approval of Accounts Paid:**

<b>Paid Invoices:</b>	<b>General Fund - \$179,227.84</b>
	<b>MCBSF - \$70.58</b>
	<b>Emergency Management - \$156.34</b>
	<b>LEOSE - \$199.00</b>
	<b>Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund - \$2,504.48</b>
	<b>Disaster Fund - \$8,911.00</b>
	<b>Juvenile Case Manager Fund - \$104.07</b>
	<b>Proprietary Fund - \$18,196.30</b>
	<b>Employee Benefits Trust - \$70,382.09</b>

**B -2. Approval of Minutes:  
Approval of Minutes:**

**Regular Meeting – August 25, 2022  
Regular Meeting – September 8, 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:**

<b>August 22, 2022:</b>	<b>\$ 1,509.84</b>
<b>August 29, 2022:</b>	<b>\$ 507.99</b>
<b>August 31, 2022:</b>	<b>\$ 1,022.04</b>

**B-4. Ratification of the payment of the monthly sales tax in the amount of \$6,378.23 for July out of General Account/Pooled Cash**

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, 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. Public Hearing – Discussion and presentation of applicants/applications seeking hotel occupancy tax funds for fiscal year 2022-2023 in accordance with Chapter 351 of the Texas Tax Code**

*(Presentations of the applicants will be limited to one representative per application and limited to three minutes. Questions and/or comments by Council members do not count towards the three-minute time limit.)*

Mayor Songe opened the public hearing at 7:04p.m. Ms. Songe explained a representative for each application will be allowed a total of three (3) minutes to make their presentation.

- a) American Checker Federation District 8 of the ACF (\$10,000.00) – Jonathon Franks spoke on behalf of Mr. Watson Franks. Mr. Franks explained the American Checkers Federation application and the success from last year and how the tournament has grown and is nationwide. Mr. Franks explained players from all over came and stayed in Vidor. Mr. Franks states this next year they will hold a world qualifier tournament in June or July 2023. Mayor Songe expressed her excitement to see people from all over the world in Vidor.
- b) Eastgate Bible Quiz – Shannon Burke spoke about the application for this year and the success of last year. Mr. Burke explained they hosted two (2) tournaments last year. Mr. Burke stated they would like to do two (2) more tournaments this year and try to attract a regional tournament that would include 70-80 teams.
- c) Kingdom Works – Shannon Burke spoke about the application and explained it is an entrepreneurship conference. Mr. Burke expects 150-200 individuals from all over the US to attend and explained this conference is open to all the public not just Eastgate Church members. Jessica Barker, Councilmember Ward 4 asked what type of advertising they will do for this event. Mr. Burke explained they will send mailouts and local news spots. Mayor Songe asked if the Vidor Hotel information is on the flyers and Mr. Burke verified this is the case. Nicole McGowan Councilmember Ward 2 asked about the log in sheet for the hotels. A brief discussion ensued.

Robbie Hood, City Manager addressed all the Hotel Occupancy Tax applicants and explained the rules for “heads in beds” and how each Hotel should be included in all advertisements. Mr. Hood stated the hotels will block off rooms and give the best rates for these events. Guests should mention the event when booking the hotel rooms.

- d) Greater Orange Chamber of Commerce – Ida Schossow explained the BASS Master Elite Tournament set for June 1-4, 2023 and the cost of the event. Ms. Schossow explained how an economic impact survey is done each year after these events and covered some of the numbers with Council and the audience for a past event.
  - e) I Scream Shop, LLC – Ettie Thompson explained last year’s success and how she would like to move forward with this year’s show as a Western Theme. Ms. Thompson explained how the food for the 4-course meal for the show was catered in from Vidor. Ms. Thompson stated one hundred fifty-five (155) individuals attended. She explained fifty (50) individuals stayed in Vidor. Ms. Thompson did state there was some issues with the twenty (20) rooms she had booked for the event and was unable to prove any stays for last year’s event. Jessica Barker, Councilmember Ward 4 asked Ms. Thompson what kind of advertising she will do and if the Hotels are listed on them. Ms. Thompson explained she will do radio, mail, billboards, yard signs and Facebook/social media. She explained the Hotels are on the mail outs and Facebook posts.
  - f) Music By the Stars – Donna Little explained all the entertainment booked over the past few years and the exciting line up for this next year. Ms. Little explained the events do put “heads in beds” and boosts the local restaurants, gas stations and shopping. Ms. Little explained 60% of ticket sales are outside of Vidor resulting in overnight stays including the artists at six (6) rooms per artist.
  - g) Qing for a Cause – Mayor Songe covered the information for this applicant. Mayor Songe explained this is a 6<sup>th</sup> annual State Championship Cookoff and money from the event will help the Christian Care Center in Vidor.
  - h) TX Star Music Festival – Johnnie Andrus explained the upcoming show in March 2023 and that Tracy Byrd will be the entertainment. Ms. Andrus expects about thirty (30) rooms this year.
  - i) Vidor Chamber of Commerce – Jared Spencer explained the application and how it will help with the Light up Vidor Christmas Cruise and Christmas Tree lighting. Mr. Spencer explained this year with the help of Robbie Hood, City Manager we will expect a three (3) day weekend for the Christmas Cruise instead of the two (2) days prior. Mr. Spencer stated he believed there were nineteen (19) rooms for last year.
- Mr. Hood explained the rules of the follow up report that will be due within sixty (60) days after the event. Mr. Hood will ensure this is received. If not an application will not be accepted for the next year.
- j) FFA – This applicant was in attendance on September 8, 2022, and was unable to make it tonight.

Mayor Songe closed the Public Hearing at 7:27p.m.

**C -2. Consideration and possible action of a request from District 8 Checkers Association for hotel occupancy tax funds for fiscal year 2022-2023, to include a schedule for releasing the funds to the applicant if approved**

Chris Leavins, City Attorney advised council if there will be any stipulations on how the money will be released to ensure this is part of the motion. Mr. Hood requested a two (2) week advance notice of a check request.

A motion was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, to **award \$10,000 in Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds to District 8 Checkers Association**. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

**C -3. Consideration and possible action of a request from Eastgate Church Bible Quiz Team for hotel occupancy tax funds for fiscal year 2022-2023, to include a schedule for releasing the funds to the applicant if approved**

A motion was made by Councilmember Barker, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, to **award \$10,000 in Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds to Eastgate Church Bible Quiz Team.** The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

**C -4. Consideration and possible action of a request from Eastgate Kingdom Works for hotel occupancy tax funds for fiscal year 2022-2023, to include a schedule for releasing the funds to the applicant if approved**

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, to **award \$5,000 in Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds to Eastgate Kingdom Works.** The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried

**C -5. Consideration and possible action of a request from Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce for hotel occupancy tax funds for fiscal year 2022-2023, to include a schedule for releasing the funds to the applicant if approved**

A motion was made by Councilmember Barker, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, to **award \$10,000 in Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds to Greater Orange Area Chamber of Commerce.** The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried

**C-6. Consideration and possible action of a request from I Scream Shop for hotel occupancy tax funds for fiscal year 2022-2023, to include a schedule for releasing the funds to the applicant if approved**

A motion was made by Councilmember Barker, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, to **award \$1,000 in Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds to I Scream Shop.** The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

**C -7. Consideration and possible action of a request from Music by the Stars for hotel occupancy tax funds for fiscal year 2022-2023, to include a schedule for releasing the funds to the applicant if approved**

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, to **award \$10,000 in Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds to Music by the Stars.** The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

**C -8. Consideration and possible action of a request from Q'ing for a Cause for hotel occupancy tax funds for fiscal year 2022-2023, to include a schedule for releasing the funds to the applicant if approved**

A motion was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, to **award \$10,000 in Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds to Q'ing for a Cause.** The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

**C-9. Consideration and possible action of a request from Texas Star Music Festival for hotel occupancy tax funds for fiscal year 2022-2023, to include a schedule for releasing the funds to the applicant if approved**

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, to **award \$10,000 in Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds to Texas Star Music Festival.** The Council voted four (4) for and

None (0) opposed. The motion carried.

**C-10. Consideration and possible action of a request from Vidor Chamber of Commerce for hotel occupancy tax funds for fiscal year 2022-2023, to include a schedule for releasing the funds to the applicant if approved**

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, to **award \$10,000 in Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds to Vidor Chamber of Commerce.** The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

**C-11. Consideration and possible action of a request from Vidor FFA Booster Club for hotel occupancy tax funds for fiscal year 2022-2023, to include a schedule for releasing the funds to the applicant if approved**

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, to **award \$5,000 in Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds to Vidor FFA Booster Club.** The Council voted four (4) for and None (0) opposed. The motion carried.

**C -12. Consideration and/or possible approval of a Resolution casting votes for the election of Places 6 – 9 of the Board of Trustees for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool.**

Chris Leavins, City Attorney explained this is a Ballot and went over the places up for election.

Robbie Hood, City Manager gave his recommendations for places 6-9.

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, to **select Allison Heyward as Place 6 Candidate.** The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion Carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, to **select James Hotopp as Place 7 Candidate.** The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion Carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, to **select Chris Coffman as Place 8 Candidate.** The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion Carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, to **select Carl Joiner as Place 9 Candidate.** The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion Carried.

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, **Approve the Resolution casting the votes for places 6-9 of the Board of Trustees for the TML Risk Pool.** The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion Carried.

**C -13. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing Jimmy Nicks as the Disaster Catering Service provider.**

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Barker, to **approve the Resolution authorizing Jimmy Nicks as the Disaster Catering provider.** The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried

**C -14. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code –  
Consultation with Attorney, regarding Conn Park**

Mayor Songe adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m. to convene into Executive Session.

Mayor Songe reconvened the meeting at 7:50 p.m.


**C -15. Consideration and possible action arising from or related to Executive Session under C-14.**

No Action taken

**C-16. Consideration of Adjournment**

A motion was made by Councilmember Barker, 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 7:50 p.m.

*These minutes approved September 22, 2022.*

  
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Misty Songe, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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Betty Strong, City Secretary

CITY OF VIDOR PUBLIC MEETING  
Thursday September 15, 2022 7 p.m.

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