

**City Of Vidor
Vidor City Council
Regular Meeting
October 13, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Misty Songe
Councilmember Nicole McGowan
Councilmember Michael Thompson
Councilmember Jessica Barker
Councilmember Gary Herrera
Councilmember Jane Hill

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Kelly Carder

Administrative Personnel: Robbie Hood, City Manager; Betty Strong, City Secretary; Katrina Jones, Finance Director; Chris Leavins, City Attorney 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 Special Called 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. Proclamation – Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor Songe read the proclamation and paused for pictures.

A -4. Citizen Comments

No Citizen Comments

B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

B -1. Approval of Accounts Paid:

Paid Invoices:

**General Fund - \$140,398.61
MCBSF - \$42.72
Emergency Management - \$917.99
Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund - \$184.48
Disaster Fund - \$30,610.00
Juvenile Case Manager Fund - \$54.07
Proprietary Fund - \$23,409.24**

B -2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – September 22, 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:

September 22, 2022:	\$ 363.67
September 29, 2022:	\$ 283.93
October 5, 2022:	\$ 890.58

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, 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 authorizing the City Manager to sign a contract with The Payment Group

Katrina Jones, Finance director explained the contract with The Payment Group.

A motion was made by Councilmember Barker, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, to **Approve the Resolution**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -2. Discussion and possible action to approve a RESOLUTION for Funding Rail Programs in the 2023 Texas Legislative

Mayor Songe explained the Funding Rail Program.

A motion was made by Councilmember Herrera, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, to **Approve the Resolution**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -3. Discussion and possible action to approve a RESOLUTION adopting the 2023 Holiday Schedule

Betty Strong, City Secretary gave council an overview of the schedule and explained nothing changed from last year's holiday schedule.

A motion was made by Councilmember Barker, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, to **Approve the Resolution**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -4. Consideration and possible action to approve AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF VIDOR, TEXAS, DENYING ENTERGY TEXAS, INC.'S STATEMENT OF INTENT AND APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO CHANGE RATES FILED ON JULY 1, 2022; FINDING THAT THE MEETING COMPLIES WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Chris Leavins, City attorney explained this Ordinance is to deny a rate increase from Entergy.

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, to **Approve the**

Ordinance denying Entergy Texas, Inc's statement of intent. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -5. Consideration and possible action to approve RESOLUTION awarding a contract for demolition services of 26 residential properties as part of the City's CDBG-DR Infrastructure Grant (#20-065-120-C407) to C&C Works, Inc. in the amount of \$204,575.00.

Katrina Jones, Finance Director explained the City received one bid for this project. Councilmember Herrera, Ward 5 asked about the no bid properties on the document. Ms. Jones informed council we will need to go out for bids on those four (4) properties at a later date.

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, to **Approve the Resolution.** The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -6. Consideration and possible action to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the City manager to create a Board of Directors for the Vidor Visitor Center.

Chris Leavins, City Attorney explained in the previous meeting it was discussed about creating a Board of Directors for the Vidor Visitor Center. Mr. Leavins explained this should be called an Advisory Committee instead. Councilmember Herrera, Ward 5 asked about the terms of the members. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Herrera, to **Approve the Resolution authorizing the City manager to create an Advisory Committee.** The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -7. Consideration and possible action to approve Board Members to the Vidor Visitor Center Board of Directors.

Robbie Hood, City Manager explained the Advisory Committee will be made up of five (5) members. Mr. Hood has found four (4) of the five members and gave council the names: Atasha Quebedeaux, John Nickum, Jerry Aldridge and Judy Hannon. Mr. Hood told council he will bring the fifth name to them once someone is interested. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Barker, **Approve the Four (4) members named to the Advisory Committee of the Vidor Visitor Center.** The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -8. Consideration and possible action to approve a RESOLUTION amending action items in the Orange County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan

Rodney Johnson, Police Captain explained the fifth review of the Hazard Mitigation Action Plan with the region. Captain Johnson informed council this is updated every five (5) years. Chris Leavins, City Attorney explained the plan can be amended as needed for disasters. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Herrera, to **Approve the Resolution.** The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C-9. Consideration of Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Barker, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, 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 7:15 p.m.

These minutes approved October 27, 2022.


Misty Songe, Mayor

ATTEST:


Betty Strong, City Secretary