

**City Of Vidor  
Vidor City Council  
Regular Meeting  
December 8, 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:** Betty Strong, City Secretary; Katrina Jones, Finance Director; Jerry Crumley, Code Enforcement Supervisor; Chris Leavins, City Attorney; Ed Martin, 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 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 Pledges

**A -3. Presentation to city council from Sleep in Heavenly Peace from Jack Seeley**

Jack Seeley gave an overview of the organization and gave a history of the origin. Mr. Seeley informed council and the audience the organization has delivered over 2,000 beds. The goal for this coming year is 1,000 beds. Mr. Sealey went on to explain how the beds are built on the second Saturday of each month in Beaumont and delivered the following Saturday after to age groups of three (3) to seventeen (17). So far ninety-one (91) beds have been delivered to Vidor addresses. Mr. Sealey asked if there could be more outreach in the schools and the city. Mayor Songe stated she will call the interact teachers with the school.

**A -4. Citizen Comments**

No Citizen Comments

**B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA**

**Paid Invoices:**

**General Fund - \$522,437.01  
MCBSF - \$620.01  
MC Technology Fund - \$29.99  
Emergency Management - \$1,399.19  
Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund - \$16,761.41  
Juvenile Case Manager Fund - \$878.66  
Judicial Efficiency Fee - \$61.00  
Proprietary Fund - \$81,598.49**

**B -2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – November 10, 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:**

November 8, 2022:	\$ 4,508.18	November 30, 2022:	\$4,604.70
November 14, 2022:	\$ 4,472.98		
November 17, 2022:	\$ 6,006.39		

**B -4. Ratification of the payment of the monthly sales tax in the amount of \$6,366.05 for October 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 five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried

**C. COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA**

**C -1. Discussion and possible action related to the Pride and Progress program within the City**

Jerry Crumley, Code Enforcement Supervisor explained the changes requested to the current resolution regarding the tax abatement and number of dumpsters per property verbiage. Mr. Crumley gave an overview of the new verbiage being changed to footprint of the property and only one (1) roll off dumpster per property. Chris Leavins, City Attorney explained the abatement requirements and why the verbiage needs to be changed. Discussion ensued.

**C -2. Presentation and discussion regarding the Orange County EDC, membership benefits from Megan Layne**

Megan Layne, Executive Director for the Orange County Economic Development Corporation gave an overview of the organization. Ms. Layne explained the upcoming Chevron plant has piqued interest from new developers in the County. Ms. Layne also covered the Enterprise terminal project. She explained her goal is to increase the tax base of the County by utilizing marketing strategies. The Orange county EDC is currently using Retail Strategies as a retail consultant. Retail Strategies gave a report for the city of Vidor showing potential interests from eight (8) restaurants and fast-food companies and six (6) retail shopping companies. Ms. Layne did state the details of this information is confidential. Ms. Layne went on to give an overview of trade shows that the Orange County EDC attends to get the county information in front of potential businesses. Local and regional contacts throughout Southeast TX and the County attend as well. Part of the membership with the Orange County EDC comes with site selection and recruitment reports. Gary Herrera, councilmember ward 5, expressed concern the city of Vidor is not seeing the potential that the membership should provide. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Layne covered a report that shows minimum population requirements from certain retailers. Jessica Barker, councilmember ward 4, asked for a report from Retail Strategies on what companies will accept for certain populations. Ms. Layne stated she will get this information for council.

Commissioner Viator approached the podium and expressed his thanks to Council for hearing from the Orange County EDC and explained Vidor is taking the proper steps to get where the City would like to be.

**C-9. Consideration of Adjournment**

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Herrera, 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 7:54 p.m.

*These minutes approved December 22, 2022.*

  
Misty Songe, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Betty Strong, City Secretary