

**City Of Vidor
Vidor City Council
Regular Meeting
January 12, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Kelly Carder
Councilmember Nicole McGowan

Administrative Personnel: Katrina Jones, Finance Director; Robbie Hood, City Manager; Gary Coker, Legal Counsel; Rod Carroll, Chief of Police

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 7:03 p.m., Mayor Songe presiding.

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

Rod Carroll, Chief of Police gave the Invocation and led the Pledges.

A -3. Citizen Comments

Mayor Songe asked a member from TDEM to introduce themselves. Mr. Mike Rowell introduced himself and his team to council and the audience.

B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

B -1. Approval of Accounts Paid:

Paid Invoices:

**General Fund - \$400,167.23
MCBSF - \$182.26
Emergency Management - \$107.99
Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund - \$2,727.78
Disaster Fund - \$66,987.60
Juvenile Case Manager Fund - \$417.86
Judicial Efficiency Fee - \$350.00
Proprietary Fund - \$51,345.75
Employee Benefits Trust - \$76,448.64**

B -2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – December 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:

December 28, 2022: \$ 21,104.58
January 04, 2022: \$ 11,766.04

A motion was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Barker, 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 authorize the city Manager to solicit requests for qualifications (RFQs) for Engineering Services for the 2023-2024 TXCDBG grant if awarded.

Robbie Hood, City Manager explained this agenda item was previously tabled and explained the use of this Grant, the guidelines and timelines for this grant.

A motion was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Herrera, to approve the **The city manager's request to solicit request for qualifications**. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -2. Discussion and possible action to appoint a committee to review the requests for qualifications to select the engineering firm for the 2023-2024 TXCDBG.

Robbie Hood, City Manager explained the need for one councilmember to be a part of the committee.

A motion was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Herrera, to approve the **Gary Herrera-Councilmember Ward 5 to the committee with Jessica Barker being the backup**. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -3. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution approving the agreement with Schaumburg & Polk, Inc. for the engineering services related to the HMGP FEMA 4332-0131 Anderson Gully Crossings.

Steve Jordan explained the decision for choosing the specific crossings. Robbie Hood, City Manager added that these crossings will move more water out of the City and asked Mr. Jordan to elaborate on this. Councilmember Herrera Ward 5 asked for some clarification on the selection of the crossings and how they will help the City even if they are not within the immediate city limits. Discussion ensued.

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

C -4. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution approving the 100% engineering design for flood and drainage improvements in connection with the City's CDBG-DR Infrastructure grant from DR-4332 Hurricane Harvey through the General Land Office, Contract #20-065-120-C407, Elgie Street and Tiger Creek Crossing at Texas and Pine.

Steve Jordan spoke about the design and the adjustments made to stay within the specified budget and how 100% of the plans are done. Robbie Hood, City Manager spoke about the second round of Harvey Funding and the projects on Tiger Creek and the teamwork involved with the drainage district. Discussion ensued.

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

C -5. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution approving the appointment of 2 reserve officers to the Vidor Police Department Reserve Force

Cody Banken spoke to council about his years of service and how he is going to law school and asked council to consider approval for the reserve in the hopes he can serve for the Vidor Police Department. Rod Carroll, Chief of Police spoke about another officer interested as well and explained his qualifications. Chief Carroll discussed the staffing issue occurring all over the area. Chief Carroll explained we now have four (4) active reserve officers. A brief discussion ensued.

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

C -6. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the execution of the engineering agreement with Leavins Engineering & Design, LLC (formerly Whiteley Oliver Engineering, LLC) for the West Davis Loop and Jennings street improvements project.

Robbie Hood, City Manager spoke about the selection of Leavins Engineering for this project.

Jeff Leavins explained the timeline for the project. Mr. Leavins informed council about the goals and the process for the project. Mr. Leavins said once the project begins he believes the project would take a couple of months to complete. Mr. Hood informed council about the work to be done and how this is a combination of city and ARPA funds. Discussion ensued.

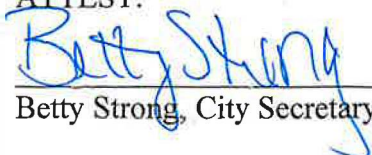
A motion was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Herrera, to approve the **RESOLUTION**. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C-7. Consideration of Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 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 7:40 p.m.

These minutes approved January 26, 2023.


Misty Songe, Mayor

ATTEST:

Betty Strong, City Secretary