

**City Of Vidor
Vidor City Council
Regular Meeting
February 09, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Kelly Carder
Councilmember Jessica Barker

Administrative Personnel: Robbie Hood, City Manager; Betty Strong, City Secretary; Katrina Jones, Finance Director; Chris Leavins, City Attorney; 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 7:01 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. Proclamation- *Career and Technology Awareness Month*

Mayor Songe read the proclamation and proclaimed February 2023 as Vidor Career and Technical Education Month.

A -4. Citizen Comments

No Citizen comments.

B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

B -1. Approval of Accounts Paid:

Paid Invoices:

**General Fund - \$288,009.98
MCBSF - \$397.32
CDBG Fund - \$61,564.83
Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund - \$19,716.66
Disaster Fund - \$120,823.98
Juvenile Case Manager Fund - \$562.99
Judicial Efficiency Fee - \$367.44
Proprietary Fund - \$60,704.54
I & S Debt Service 2003/2013 - \$814.25**

B -2. Approval of Minutes:

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- 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:**
January 31, 2023: \$ 13,401.85

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. An Ordinance of the City Council of City of Vidor, Texas, authorizing participation with other Entergy service area cities in matters concerning Entergy Texas, inc. At the public utility commission of Texas in 2023; authorizing the hiring of lawyers and rate experts; authorizing the City's participation to the full extent permitted by law at the public utility commission of Texas; finding that the meeting complies with the Open Meetings Act; and declaring an effective date.**

Chris Leavins, City Attorney explained this Ordinance is done each year to authorize the hiring of a law firm to represent the City.

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

- C -2. A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Vidor, Texas, approving the City's revised Investment Policy as discussed and approved at the February 9, 2023, City Council meeting.**

Katrina Jones, Finance Director explained this update to the Investment Policy includes updating names and to update the financial institution for the current CD when it comes up for maturity this month.

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 -3. Presentation by the Finance Director to authorize the purchase of ClearGov local government cloud-based budgeting and performance management software.**

Katrina Jones, Finance Director presented to Council and the Audience a slideshow covering the overview of ClearGov. ClearGov is a cloud-based tool to assist with our yearly budget. Ms. Jones covered our current budgeting tools, an introduction to ClearGov, Personnel Budgeting, Operational Budgeting, Digital Budget Book, Transparency, and the cost of the program. In her presentation Ms. Jones presented two (2) four (4) minute videos on the program. Ms. Jones showed two (2) cities actual websites using ClearGov. She then explained she called three (3) references using this software and received good feedback from each of them. Ms. Jones then paused for questions and a brief discussion ensued.

Gary Herrera, Councilmember Ward 5 inquired about the backup of the cloud-based information. Ms. Jones did explain there are multiple back up systems for this and informed Mr. Herrera she will get more information on the backup process from ClearGov.

A motion was made by Councilmember Herrera, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, to **Approve the purchase of the ClearGov budgeting software.** The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C-4. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the City's application and participation in the DJ-Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program number 4775901 for a Fingerprint Reader, a grant through the state of Texas.

Rodney Johnson, Police Captain covered the grant and explained there is no match for this grant.

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

C-5. Discussion and possible action to approve the recommendation of the Selection Review Committee to award by resolution a contract for engineering services pertaining to the application and implementation, if awarded, of the City's 2023-2024 Texas Department of Agriculture TxCDBG grant and authorizing the execution of a contract.

Betty Strong, City Secretary informed the Council of the staffs recommended selection of Leavins Engineering and Design out of the six (6) engineering companies that bid for this grant.

A motion was made by Councilmember Herrera, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, to approve the **selection of Leaving Engineering and Design as the engineer for the 2023-2024 TxCDBG grant.** The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C-6. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the execution of the Subdivision Participation Form related to the Walgreens Settlement.

Chris Leavins, City Attorney explained agenda items C-6 through C-9 are all part of a class action lawsuit with the several states Attorney General's offices regarding the Global Opioid Settlement and further explained this is not a lawsuit being filed directly by the City.

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

C-7. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the execution of the Subdivision Participation Form related to the Walmart Settlement.

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

C-8. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the execution of the Subdivision Participation Form related to the Allergan Settlement.

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


C-9. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the execution of the Subdivision Participation Form related to the CVS Settlement.

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

C-10. Consideration of Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, 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 7:49 p.m.

These minutes approved February 23, 2023.



Misty Songe, Mayor

ATTEST:


Betty Strong, City Secretary