

**City Of Vidor
Vidor City Council
Regular Meeting
February 23, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councilmember Nicole McGowan
Councilmember Jessica Barker
Councilmember Michael Thompson
Councilmember Jane Hill

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mayor Misty Songe
Councilmember Kelly Carder
Councilmember Gary Herrera

Administrative Personnel: Robbie Hood, City Manager; Betty Strong, City Secretary; Katrina Jones, Finance Director; Chris Leavins, City Attorney; Jerry Crumley, Code Enforcement Supervisor

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 ProTem McGowan 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. Citizen Comments

No Citizen comments.

B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

B -1. Approval of Accounts Paid:

Paid Invoices:	General Fund - \$394,885.45
	MCBSF - \$280.51
	CDBG Fund - \$96,181.91
	Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund - \$3,417.10
	Juvenile Case Manager Fund - \$499.42
	Proprietary Fund - \$74,880.59
	Employee Benefits Trust - \$74,992.15

B -2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – February 09, 2023

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:

February 07, 2023:	\$ 67,202.06
February 10, 2023:	\$ 41,252.89
February 16, 2023:	\$ 42,181.63

B -4. Ratification of the payment of the monthly sales tax in the amount of \$6,024.29 for January out of General Account/Pooled Cash

A motion was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Hill, 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. Consideration and possible approval of a Resolution permitting Orange County Mosquito Control to fly at low altitudes in territory under their jurisdiction to abate mosquitos.

Chris Leavins, City Attorney informed council this is a resolution to approve the Orange County Mosquito Control to fly below the normal 1,000 feet altitude at about 500 feet for mosquito abatement.

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

C -2. Discussion and possible action to approve the Vidor Visitor Center Committee's recommendations for the nominees to the Vidor Walk of Fame.

Johnnie Andrus presented three (3) nominees for the Vidor Walk of Fame. They are Trubie Smith, Ted Slaughter, and John Hirasaki. Robbie Hood, City Manager explained to council these are the three (3) nominees selected by the Vidor Visitor Committee made up of the five (5) members previously appointed by Council. Councilmember Hill asked Ms. Andrus if Ted Slaughter was related to David Slaughter and Chris Leavins informed them this is his son. Councilmember Barker asked where the nominees are currently living. Ms. Andrus explained they at one time lived in Vidor. Councilmember Thompson asked what criteria Mr. Hirasaki fit into for the nomination. Mr. Hood explained there is a bullet point on the criteria stating- "the nominee must have received national recognition in his/her field".

A motion was made by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, to **approve the three (3) nominees presented**. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -3. Consideration and possible action to approve an Ordinance of the City of Vidor, Texas amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 62 – Subdivisions, Article III – Improvements and Standards, regarding clearing of construction debris (including dirt and vegetation) from streets, drainage from properties and authorized variants; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; and providing for publication and an effective date.

Robbie Hood, City Manager explained any new develop will need to keep streets cleaned as laid out in the Ordinance. He then asked Chris Leavins, City attorney to explain further. Mr. Leavins stated the current Ordinance and the changes made are as follows: 62-160 explains no debris can be left on the roads, 62-161 covers that owners must take action to direct water from neighboring properties when under construction. Mr. Leavins explained this is also a State law, and 62-162 discusses a renewal process for variances by Council every three (3) years and this is being removed to provide that the variances can be brought to council as needed with no renewal provisions. Councilmember Barker asked for more detail on 62-161. A brief discussion took place. Mr. Hood explained there is some new construction happening that brought these changes about. Mr. Leavins then explained this item will need to be brought back for a second reading.

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

C -4. Consideration and possible action to approve an Ordinance of the City of Vidor, Texas amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 70 – Traffic and Vehicles, Article I – In General, prohibiting heavy equipment that operates on tracks being used or driven on City streets; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; providing for a penalty; and providing for publication and an effective date.

Robbie Hood, City Manager explained this amendment is to prevent heavy equipment with tracks traveling on our roads and causing damage. Mr. Hood stated the city will allow for use of this equipment on streets with rubber mats and permission from the City. Chris Leavins, City Attorney explained this is to mirror what we do with commercial trucks and routes unless authorized by the city and makes this a traffic violation if not followed. Mr. Leavins then explained this will need to be brought back for a second reading.

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

C- 5. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a residential tax abatement agreement for the following:

Owner of Property:	Michael Wayne Callaway
Applicant for Tax Abatement:	409 Invest LLC
Address of Property:	175 E. Elizabeth, Vidor, Texas
Reinvestment Zone:	Zone 2, City of Vidor, Texas
Description of Improvements:	Remodel / Addition
Estimated Cost of Improvements/Repairs:	\$85,000.00

Chris Leavins, City Attorney explained these are the annual tax abatements and will be for agenda items C-5 through C-23. Mr. Leavins explained to council there are three different scenarios; a remodel, new build, and natural disaster rebuild. Mr. Leavins explained this is an eight (8) year tax abatement period and decreases in increments over that period. Mr. Leavins added this has been a successful program since it started. Councilmember Hill asked how often individuals can submit for the abatement. Mr. Leavins explained this is a yearly process and any that are submitted after this approval will be added to the next year’s requests. Councilmember Barker asked about the remodels and additions. Mr. Leavins explained the guidelines for this process. A brief discussion ensued.

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

C- 6. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a residential tax abatement agreement for the following:

Owner of Property:	John Hennessy and Maegan Hennessy
Applicant for Tax Abatement:	John and Maegan Hennessy
Address of Property:	260 N. Ashland, Vidor, Texas
Reinvestment Zone:	Zone 3, City of Vidor, Texas
Description of Improvements:	New Residential Construction
Estimated Cost of Improvements/Repairs:	\$300,000.00

A motion was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Barker, 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 approving and authorizing the execution of a residential tax abatement agreement for the following:

Owner of Property:	Christopher Teinert and Megan R. Teinert
Applicant for Tax Abatement:	Mark Laconture
Address of Property:	310 Concord, Vidor, Texas
Reinvestment Zone:	Zone 4, City of Vidor, Texas
Description of Improvements:	New Residential Construction
Estimated Cost of Improvements/Repairs:	\$225,000.00

A motion was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Barker, 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 approving and authorizing the execution of a residential tax abatement agreement for the following:

Owner of Property:	Robert Castile and Anna Y. Bowlen
Applicant for Tax Abatement:	Robert Castile and Anna Y. Bowlen
Address of Property:	310 Lexington Dr., Vidor, Texas
Reinvestment Zone:	Zone 4, City of Vidor, Texas
Description of Improvements:	New Residential Construction
Estimated Cost of Improvements/Repairs:	\$305,000.00

A motion was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Barker, 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 approving and authorizing the execution of a residential tax abatement agreement for the following:

Owner of Property:	Wayne Lane and Melissa Layne
Applicant for Tax Abatement:	Wayne Lane
Address of Property:	315 Hebert St., Vidor, Texas
Reinvestment Zone:	Zone 5, City of Vidor, Texas
Description of Improvements:	New Residential Construction
Estimated Cost of Improvements/Repairs:	\$100,000.00

Chris Leavins, City Attorney explained Melissa's last name is Lane not Layne. This is correct on the agreement.

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

C-10. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a residential tax abatement agreement for the following:

Owner of Property: Karen Jeffers Massey
Applicant for Tax Abatement: Karen Jeffers Massey
Address of Property: 350 Evangeline Dr., Vidor, Texas
Reinvestment Zone: Zone 2, City of Vidor, Texas
Description of Improvements: New Residential Construction
Estimated Cost of Improvements/Repairs: \$130,000.00

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

C-11. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a residential tax abatement agreement for the following:

Owner of Property: Shawn Matthew Leger and Lisa Marie Leger
Applicant for Tax Abatement: Shawn Leger
Address of Property: 380 W. Railroad, Vidor, Texas
Reinvestment Zone: Zone 4, City of Vidor, Texas
Description of Improvements: Remodel / Addition
Estimated Cost of Improvements/Repairs: \$180,000.00

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

C-12. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a residential tax abatement agreement for the following:

Owner of Property: Prater Properties, LLC
Applicant for Tax Abatement: Stanley Prater
Address of Property: 435 Glenwood St., Vidor, Texas
Reinvestment Zone: Zone 3, City of Vidor, Texas
Description of Improvements: New Residential Construction
Estimated Cost of Improvements/Repairs: \$200,000.00

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

C-13. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a residential tax abatement agreement for the following:

Owner of Property: Prater Properties, LLC
Applicant for Tax Abatement: Stanley Prater
Address of Property: 445 Glenwood St., Vidor, Texas
Reinvestment Zone: Zone 3, City of Vidor, Texas
Description of Improvements: New Residential Construction
Estimated Cost of Improvements/Repairs: \$240,000.00

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

C-14. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a residential tax abatement agreement for the following:

Owner of Property:	JN Custom Homes, LLC
Applicant for Tax Abatement:	Natalie Briggs and Joel Deville
Address of Property:	495 N. Lakeside, Vidor, Texas
Reinvestment Zone:	Zone 3, City of Vidor, Texas
Description of Improvements:	Remodel / Harvey Rebuild
Estimated Cost of Improvements/Repairs:	\$165,000.00

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

C-15. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a residential tax abatement agreement for the following:

Owner of Property:	Jason Emfinger
Applicant for Tax Abatement:	Jason Emfinger
Address of Property:	3260 Evangeline Dr., Vidor, Texas
Reinvestment Zone:	Zone 3, City of Vidor, Texas
Description of Improvements:	New Residential Construction
Estimated Cost of Improvements/Repairs:	\$300,000.00

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

C-16. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a residential tax abatement agreement for the following:

Owner of Property:	James Laramore
Applicant for Tax Abatement:	James Laramore
Address of Property:	560 Lyndale, Vidor, Texas
Reinvestment Zone:	Zone 3, City of Vidor, Texas
Description of Improvements:	New Residential Construction
Estimated Cost of Improvements/Repairs:	\$245,000.00

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

C-17. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a residential tax abatement agreement for the following:

Owner of Property:	Travis White and Lagniappe Builders, LLC
Applicant for Tax Abatement:	Travis White and Lagniappe Builders, LLC
Address of Property:	590 Needles St., Vidor, Texas

Reinvestment Zone: Zone 4, City of Vidor, Texas
Description of Improvements: New Residential Construction
Estimated Cost of Improvements/Repairs: \$243,000.00

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

C-18. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a residential tax abatement agreement for the following:

Owner of Property: Florinda Pereyra
Applicant for Tax Abatement: Florinda Pereyra
Address of Property: 850 Rene Ln., Vidor, Texas
Reinvestment Zone: Zone 1, City of Vidor, Texas
Description of Improvements: New Residential Construction
Estimated Cost of Improvements/Repairs: \$180,000.00

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

C-19. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a residential tax abatement agreement for the following:

Owner of Property: Jose Diaz Serrano
Applicant for Tax Abatement: Jose Serrano
Address of Property: 857 W. Davis Loop, Vidor, Texas
Reinvestment Zone: Zone 1, City of Vidor, Texas
Description of Improvements: New Residential Construction
Estimated Cost of Improvements/Repairs: \$60,000.00

Councilmember Barker stated this is a remodel not a new construction.

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

C-20. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a residential tax abatement agreement for the following:

Owner of Property: Matthew D. Jabaut and Brittany E. Jabaut
Applicant for Tax Abatement: Shahna Venable
Address of Property: 965 Springdale, Vidor, Texas
Reinvestment Zone: Zone 4, City of Vidor, Texas
Description of Improvements: Remodel
Estimated Cost of Improvements/Repairs: \$175,000.00

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

C-21. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a residential tax abatement agreement for the following:

Owner of Property:	Bobby Wayne McIntyre and Amanda Lynn McIntyre
Applicant for Tax Abatement:	Bobby McIntyre
Address of Property:	975 Woodland, Vidor, Texas
Reinvestment Zone:	Zone 4, City of Vidor, Texas
Description of Improvements:	New Residential Construction
Estimated Cost of Improvements/Repairs:	\$310,000.00

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

C-22. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a residential tax abatement agreement for the following:

Owner of Property:	Michael Laconture and Mark Laconture
Applicant for Tax Abatement:	Mark Laconture
Address of Property:	1550 Rhonda Circle, Vidor, Texas
Reinvestment Zone:	Zone 4, City of Vidor, Texas
Description of Improvements:	New Residential Construction
Estimated Cost of Improvements/Repairs:	\$225,000.00

Chris Leavins, City Attorney explained the last name is misspelled and should be Lacouture.

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

C-23. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a residential tax abatement agreement for the following:

Owner of Property:	Matthew McPayne and McPayne Real Estate, LLC
Applicant for Tax Abatement:	Matthew McPayne and McPayne Real Estate, LLC
Address of Property:	2620 Lincoln, Vidor, Texas
Reinvestment Zone:	Zone 3, City of Vidor, Texas
Description of Improvements:	New Residential Construction
Estimated Cost of Improvements/Repairs:	\$250,000.00

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

C-24. Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution awarding a contract for demolition services of 125 Jennings Road, Vidor, TX as part of the City's CDBG-DR Infrastructure Grant (#20-065-120-C407) to Straight Line Services, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$4,300.

Katrina Jones, Finance Director explained the demolition grant and informed council the next four (4) agenda items were the properties that were no bids on the first round of the 28 properties for the CDBG-DR Grant. Ms. Jones explained the lowest bidder receives the award for demolition on each property which can result in

multiple bidders receiving a contract. This grant allows for demolition of the structure at no cost to the owner and allows the ability for them to rebuild on that property.

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

C-25. Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution awarding a contract for demolition services of 425 Linda Lane, Vidor, TX as part of the City’s CDBG-DR Infrastructure Grant (#20-065-120-C407) to Lark Group, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$4,400.

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

C-26. Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution awarding a contract for demolition services of 445 Oak Lane, Vidor, TX as part of the City’s CDBG-DR Infrastructure Grant (#20-065-120-C407) to C&C Works in an amount not to exceed \$9,875.

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


C-27. Discussion and possible action to approve a resolution awarding a contract for demolition services of 185 West Elizabeth Street, Vidor, TX as part of the City’s CDBG-DR Infrastructure Grant (#20-065-120-C407) to Lark Group, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$4,900.

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


C-28. Consideration of Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Barker, 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 7:29 p.m.

These minutes approved March 09, 2023.



Misty Songe, Mayor

ATTEST:


Betty Strong, City Secretary