

**CITY OF VIDOR  
VIDOR CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 26, 2023**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Songe  
Councilmember McGowan  
Councilmember Thompson  
Councilmember Barker  
Councilmember Herrera  
Councilmember Weldon

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Councilmember Lee

**Administrative Personnel:** Robbie Hood, City Manager; Chris Leavins, City Attorney; Carroll, Chief of Police; Misty Torres, City Secretary

**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 7:02 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. Citizen Comments**

There was one citizen comment from L. Anderson regarding the condition of Greenbriar Street. Mrs. Anderson stated she would like the council to address the condition of that street because it is in dire need of repairs and/or resurfacing.

**B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA**

**B -1. Approval of Accounts Paid:**

Paid Invoices:	General Fund - \$446,401.61
	MCBSF - \$684.08
	CDBG Fund - \$46,308.84
	Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund - \$3,304.70
	Disaster Fund – \$8,152.20
	Juvenile Case Manager Fund - \$131.87
	Proprietary Fund - \$69,454.76
	Employee Benefits Trust - \$81,311.69

Grand Total: \$655,749.75

**B -2. Approval of Minutes:** Regular Meeting – October 12, 2023

## C. COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

- C -1. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the execution of the Administration / Professional Services Agreement for Project No. DR 4485-0446 with Traylor & Associates, Inc.

City Manager Robbie Hood explained that this project is a grant that would help fund a community safe room at Conn Park. A motion to **approve a Resolution authorizing the execution of the Administration / Professional Services Agreement for Project No. DR 4485-0446 with Traylor & Associates, Inc.** was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

- C -2. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the execution of the Administration / Professional Services Agreement for Project No. DR 4572-0018 with Traylor & Associates, Inc.

City Manager Robbie Hood explained that this project is a grant that would help fund the replacement of two generators at City Hall. A motion **authorizing the execution of the Administration / Professional Services Agreement for Project No. DR 4572-0018 with Traylor & Associates, Inc.** was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Herrera. Motion carried unanimously.

- C -3. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution approving the appointment of a Reserve Officer to the City of Vidor Police Department Reserve Force

Police Chief Rod Carroll said that he is considering adding another reserve officer to the police department staff. The nominated reserve officer is a 28 year veteran and retired sergeant from DPS. He did not name the potential hire. A motion to **approve a Resolution approving the appointment of a Reserve Officer to the City of Vidor Police Department Reserve Force** was made by Councilmember Thompson and seconded by Councilmember Barker. Motion carried unanimously.

- C -4. Consideration and possible action to authorize the appointment of Rod Carroll as the Interim Supervisor of Accounting and Finance until that position is filled

City Manager Robbie Hood stated that there were two prospective candidates for this role, but both fell through. Hood stated that the City would be posting the job opening to the public to begin the selection process, if approved. A motion to **authorize the appointment of Rod Carroll as the Interim Supervisor of Accounting and Finance until that position is filled** was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

- C-5. Consideration and possible action to approve temporary additional compensation for Rod Carroll while he acts as the Interim Supervisor of Accounting and Finance

A motion to **approve temporary additional compensation for Rod Carroll while he acts as the Interim Supervisor of Accounting and Finance** was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Barker. Motion carried unanimously.

- C-6. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing Rod Carroll, as Interim Supervisor of Accounting and Finance, to view City's bank account information online and to make adjustments for Positive Pay financial software

A motion to **approve a Resolution authorizing Rod Carroll, as Interim Supervisor of Accounting and Finance, to view City's bank account information online and to make adjustments for Positive Pay financial software** was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

- C-7. Consideration and possible action to approve Ed Martin as the Interim Chief of Police while Rod Carroll is acting as the Interim Supervisor of Accounting and Finance

A motion to **approve Ed Martin as the Interim Chief of Police while Rod Carroll is acting as the Interim Supervisor of Accounting and Finance** was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

- C-8. Consideration and possible action to approve temporary additional compensation for Ed Martin while he acts as the Interim Chief of Police

A motion to **approve temporary additional compensation for Ed Martin while he acts as the Interim Chief of Police** was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

- C-9. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution approving the amendments to the Personnel Policies as set forth in the City of Vidor Employee Handbook, as amended, regarding Problem Resolution and Introductory Period

A motion to **approve a Resolution approving the amendments to the Personnel Policies as set forth in the City of Vidor Employee Handbook, as amended, regarding Problem Resolution and Introductory Period** was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Weldon. Motion carried unanimously.

- C-10. Discussion regarding reopening applications for the Ward 5 Council Member position.

Mayor Songe stated that applications for the Ward 5 council seat would be re-opened to the public, effective immediately, for interested parties who want to apply. There was no discussion regarding this announcement.

- C -11. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS: Mayor Songe convened the regular meeting into Executive Session at 7:22 p.m. to discuss the following:

- a. Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code – Consultation with Attorney
- b. Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code – Personnel Matters, regarding payroll and human resources specialist
- c. Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code – Personnel Matters, regarding the Supervisor of Accounting and Finance

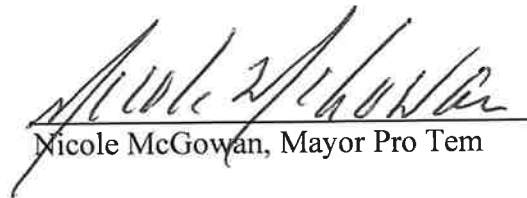
C-12. Consideration and possible action arising out of or related to Executive Sessions C-11.a, C-11.b and/or C-11.c

Mayor Songe reconvened the regular session at 7:51 p.m and announced that no action was taken by Mayor or Council regarding any of the items in C-11.

**C-19. Consideration of Adjournment**

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, for **Consideration of Adjournment. The motion carried unanimously and the regular session was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.**

*These minutes approved November 9, 2023.*

  
Nicole McGowan, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:  
  
Misty Torres, City Secretary