

**CITY OF VIDOR
VIDOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
July 11, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Songe
Councilmember Thompson
Councilmember Barker
Councilmember Bourque

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Lee
Councilmember McGowan

Administrative Personnel: Robbie Hood, City Manager, Pebbles Eckhoff, Finance Director; Rachel Duplechain City Secretary; Gary Coker, for City Attorney; and Rod Carroll, Chief,

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

Rod Carroll, Chief, gave the Invocation and led the Pledge to the United States Flag and the State of Texas Flag.

A -3. Citizen Comments

John Vaught, 1090 Walnut St., been there since 2020, love Vidor. I just wanted to bring up a subject about repaving Walnut St. I talked with some neighbors, and they said years ago it looks as if it was stripped and never repaved. I left some pictures with Councilmember Jessica Barker at the end of the last meeting. Something I would like to have added to your list and I'm sure you have a pretty long list. Thank you, Robbie Hood, City Manager, we are already looking into things.

B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

B -1. Approval of Accounts Paid:

Paid Invoices:	General Fund –	\$395,591.49
	MCBSF –	\$348.94
	Hotel Occupancy –	\$3,484.56
	Disaster Fund-	\$12,041.30
	Juvenile Case Manager FD-	\$55.00
	Proprietary Fund –	\$37,967.14
	Employee Benefits Trust -	\$153,410.79
	Total:	\$603,115.57

B -2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – July 27, 2024

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

C. COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

C -1. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and renew the Contract Extension with DRC Emergency Services, LLC as the “back-up” for disaster recovery services

Rodney Johnson, Police Captain, Council this is our secondary contract so this will activate in the event our primary contract is pulled out of the area for a large disaster or they are already dealing with something, and we can't get them in the area, so we will revert to our backup contract. It was approved back in March, when we approved that contract. So, this is just the extension for another year.

A motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute and renew the Contract Extension with DRC Emergency Services, LLC, as the back-up for disaster recovery was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Bourque. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C -2. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing expenditures of allocated funds received by the City under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for the following previously awarded demolition bids and projects:

\$8,875.00	1075 W. Circuit
\$8,775.00	1095 W. Circuit
\$6,875.00	980 Leon
\$6,375.00	2815 Evangeline Dr.

Aleta Cappen, Emergency Management Services, hello hope you are all doing well. So, this is for our buyout houses that we are doing and most of these are on the W. Circuit area, and we have one on Evangeline that we did already purchase. All these funds are refundable, but we cannot ask for the money up front to pay the demolition. We get the money up front to buy the houses, but for some reason GLO will not front the money for the demolition. So, we have to pay for it and then get reimbursed. So that is what this is all about, asking for the funds to be able to pay our vendors and not expect them to wait on the money from the state, because that takes way too long. Mayor Songe, this is a project that Aleta has been working on since Harvey. Robbie Hood, City Manager, Mayor, Council, if I may we will get our refund back within thirty (30) days. This is use of ARPA funds that the City Council has already delegated as lost revenue that we can designate for any expenditure and then we can refund ARPA back.

A motion to **approve a Resolution authorizing expenditures of allocated funds received by the City under the American Rescue Act Plan (ARPA) for demolition bids and projects**, was made by Councilmember Barker, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C -3. PUBLIC HEARING to provide interested persons in the annexation of the property located at 2410 N. Main St., Vidor, Texas, owned by Fuelbox, LLC, an opportunity to be heard

Mayor Songe closed the regular meeting at 7:05 pm and opened the PUBLIC HEARING at 7:05 pm. Songe, is there anyone in the audience who would like to speak? Songe closed the PUBLIC HEARING at 7:06 pm. Robbie Hood, City Manager, the next step in this process is we will come back with our services agreement, and we will have ya'll approve that just like we did the Road Ranger.

C -4. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution approving the sale of old computers and monitors that are surplus property to computer warehouse vendor.

Mayor Songe, we are going to pass on that one.

C -5. Consideration and possible action to approve an Ordinance amending Chapter 14 – Businesses, Article XI. – Amusement Redemption Machine Businesses, of the Vidor Code of Ordinances, regarding amusement redemption machines in the City; providing repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; and providing for publication and an effective date

Mayor Songe, we did talk about this last time, and we did table it for Chris to figure out some wording on to be able to grandfather it and make everything the way it was supposed to be. So, I am hoping we have that information. Gary Coker, City Attorney, I'm sorry Mayor what was your question? Songe, we were supposed to have language that would allow us to reduce the number of machines and grandfather in what was already active. Coker, I believe that is already in the Ordinance ya'll just have to decide what that number is. Songe, it wasn't in the Ordinance so are we saying it is in the example? Coker, yes. Robbie Hood, City Manager, so I remember right we are trying to drop it from one ninety (190) to one fifty (150) and the gaming machines that are in existence now will not go away it will just dwindle down to the one fifty (150) number. The cost for redemption machine I believe is we permit them at \$925.00 per machine. Songe, Section 1 Amendment under 13 about half-way through it states that they are current operation and validly licensed and permitted they may continue. So that is what we're missing that wasn't in there. We wanted to make sure we covered that. Hood, so we all need is that number that ya'll wanted to put there whatever that number may be. Songe, my suggestion is still one fifty (150) to make sure that if one closes that we are still under that amount and we are not removing revenue unless we start losing machines and we haven't lost any in years so.

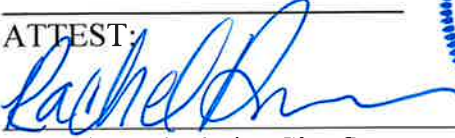
A motion to **approve the Ordinance amending Chapter 14 – Businesses, Article XL – Amusement Redemption Machine Businesses, of the Vidor Code of Ordinances, regarding amusement redemption machines in the City, providing repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing severability and providing for publication and an effective date with the one fifty (150) number** was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Bourque. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C-6. Consideration of Adjournment

A motion for **Consideration of Adjournment** was made by Councilmember Barker and seconded by Councilmember Thompson. The Council voted unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

These minutes were approved on July 25, 2024.

ATTEST:


Rachel Duplechain, City Secretary




Misty Songe, Mayor