

**CITY OF VIDOR
VIDOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
August 8, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Songe
Councilmember Lee
Councilmember Thompson
Councilmember Bourque
Councilmember Weldon

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember McGowan
Councilmember Barker

Administrative Personnel: Robbie Hood, City Manager; Rachel Duplechain City Secretary; Chris Leavins, 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

Michael Thompson, Councilmember, gave the Invocation and led the Pledge to the United States Flag and the State of Texas Flag.

A -3. Citizen Comments

B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

B -1. Approval of Accounts Paid:

Paid Invoices:	General Fund –	\$373,970.21
	MCBSF –	\$328.70
	CDBG Fund-	\$114,927.30
	Hotel Occupancy –	\$340.22
	Juvenile Case Manager FD-	\$197.35
	Proprietary Fund –	\$38,177.99
	Employee Benefits Trust -	\$80,165.63
	Total:	\$608,107.40

B -2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – July 25, 2024

A motion to **approve the Consent Agenda** was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Lee. 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 the naming of the pavilion at Conn Park, KNOT PAVILION, GREG & JO, BEBO / LORA / KARYLE

Robbie Hood, City Manager, Mayor/Council, the city recommends that the pavilion at Conn Park be named after Greg and his family, in honor of all he has done for the City and helping Vidor grow. Mayor Songe, he (Greg Knost), pretty much built the pavilion by himself with his own funds. Greg Knost says he put in \$250,000 of his own monies to help in the building and development of Conn Park and the pavilion.

A motion to **approve the naming of the pavilion at Conn Park**, was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Bourque. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C -2. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and enter into a written agreement with FUEL BOX, LLC, for the provision of services in the annexed area upon annexation

Council passed on this item.

C -3. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution approving payment of the final invoice to JSWA, Inc. (Jeffrey S. Ward & Associates), for grant management services rendered for the acquisition/demolition of flood prone structures for the FMA grant TWDB contract 1900012528

Aleta Cappen, Emergency Management Services, this contract is for all the house we purchased after Harvey, JSWA, assisted in the navigation of documentation necessary to do this through the TWDB grant. They graciously waited to be paid until the contract was completed and it is now. They are requesting payment for their services.

A motion to **approve the final invoice from JSWA** was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Bourque. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C -4. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution for disposal and destruction of old computers and monitors by Endpoint IT as salvage property

Rachel Duplechain, City Secretary, Mayor/Council, we asked Endpoint IT, our IT provider, to give us an estimate of resale value vs destruction of all of our old computers and monitors. They said the ones we have would be worth \$50.00 to \$100.00 on eBay, but they charge \$125.00 an hour to wipe them, and re-install upgraded programs and bring up to date. Unfortunately, for the City of Vidor, that is not an option for us as we are not allowed to have our hard drives resold to the public. It is in our contract with Endpoint, that they will destroy all the hard drives, computers, and monitors and provide certificates of destruction for them for free.

A motion to **approve the Resolution for disposal and destruction of old computers and monitors by Endpoint IT** was made by Councilmember Lee, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C -5. Discussion and possible action to approve an Ordinance amending the Vidor Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 58 – Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places, Article III. – Driveways and Culverts, Section 58-63. – Application for permit, request to establish pipe sizes, grades and surface grate inlet spacing, regarding requested permits for driveways, driveway culverts or landscape culverts; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; and providing for publication and an effective date

Robbie Hood, City Manager, Mayor/Council, right now a person can have up to a 30ft culvert for their driveway entrance to their property. Streets and drainage have been having concerns with people wanting to fill in their open ditch concept with pipe. We as the City are required to have analysis done so that we know what kind of pipe to put in there so it will carry the same flow as the open ditch concept. All we are asking is that private residents, if they want to fill theirs' in at their own expense that they have to have an engineer approve whether or not it will impair the flowing of water.

A motion for **Ordinance Amendment amending the Vidor Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 58 – Streets, Sidewalks, and Other Public Places, Article III. – Driveways and Culverts, Section 58-63. – Application for permit** was made by Councilmember Thompson and seconded by Councilmember Bourque. The Council voted four (4) and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C -6. Certification of the 2024 Anticipated Collection Rate & 2023 Excess Debt Collections as presented by the Orange County Tax Assessor-Collector

Mayor Songe read: The Certification of the 2024 Anticipated Collection Rate & 2023 Excess Debt Collections as presented by the Orange County Tax Assessor-Collector is as follows: "I, Karen Fisher, Collector for the City of Vidor solemnly swear that the anticipated collection rate for the year 2024 for the City of Vidor (Debt Service) has been estimated to be 104.83 and the amount of excess debt service funds collected in the year 2023-2024 has been determined to be "\$20,668.25" signed by Karen Fisher. City of Vidor is required to receive the certification from Karen Fisher.

A motion to **approve the certification of the 2024 Anticipated Collection Rate & 2023 Excess Debt Collections** was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Lee. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C -7. Certification of the 2024 Property Values as presented by Orange County Tax Assessor-Collector

Mayor Songe reads: The Certification of the 2024 Property Values as presented by Orange County Appraisal District states the following: "I, Scott W. Overton, Chief Appraiser for Orange County, solemnly swear that I have made or caused to be made a diligent inquiry to ascertain all property in the District subject to appraisal by me and that I have included in this summary the market and taxable values of all property that I am aware of, at an appraised value determined, as required by law." The City of Vidor's Total Taxable Value is \$578,818,802 and the Freeze Adjusted Taxable (Net Taxable minus Freeze Taxable minus Transfer Adjustment) is \$504,665,915.

A motion to **approve the certification of the 2024 Property Values as presented by Orange County Tax-Assessor Collector**, was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Weldon. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

- C -8. Consideration and possible action on establishing a proposed Maintenance and Operation tax rate and an Interest and Sinking tax rate and giving notice of public hearings, if necessary**

Council passed on this item.

- C -9. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code– Personnel Matters; to deliberate the direct hiring and appointment of the City Secretary**

Mayor Songe adjourned the regular meeting into Executive Session at 7:14 pm.

- C -10. Consideration and possible action arising out of C-9 regarding the appointment and direct hiring of the City Secretary**

Mayor Songe reconvened the meeting regular Council meeting at 7:22 pm.

A motion to **directly hire Rachel Duplechain as the City Secretary, with all credit for time worked towards six-month probation period for the City**, was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Lee. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C -11. Consideration of Adjournment

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

These minutes were approved on August 22, 2024.

ATTEST:


Rachel Duplechain, City Secretary




Nicole McGowan, Mayor Pro Tem