

**CITY OF VIDOR
VIDOR CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
September 19, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Songe
Councilmember Lee
Councilmember Thompson
Councilmember Barker
Councilmember Bourque

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember McGowan
Councilmember Weldon

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., Misty Songe, Mayor, presiding.

Rod Carroll, Chief of Police, interjected, Mayor may I be recognized, folks I was informed earlier today that if this meeting exceeded fifty (50), we are going to be in excess of what the Fire Marshall will allow in this area. Safety is always our main concern, and I am sorry for that, but we will always abide by what the regulations are, for that reason this meeting in this building now needs to be vacated, Mayor. We can adjourn next week and work with the School District on getting the gymnasium or something like that to hold this meeting where we have enough room for the people, I just want everyone to understand the rational behind it.

Gary Coker, Attorney, stands to instruct Mayor how to close the meeting, she never acknowledges him and keeps talking. He sits back down.

Mayor Songe, well before we do that, I want to lay something to rest to the PD, to clarify that the Collective Bargaining Agreement, is signed and it is already put into effect and that there is no question on that. We all just had some general budget questions, but we will hold those questions. We were just trying to deal with them before the actual meeting next week, where the budget needs to be adopted so it did not hold up the adoption of the budget. There is no retraction of the Collective Bargaining Agreements, I have had no conversations about this choices or anything like that. We just want to make sure everybody understands the budget Council and Finance and that we all have the same answers to the same questions. So, we will close the meeting, and we will. Chief Carroll interjects and I apologize folks, I have to abide by the rules. Mayor Songe, and we will reschedule to answer all the questions.

The meeting closed at 7:03 p.m., no adjournment to reconvene, no motion or second, no ayes or nays.

These minutes were approved on September 26, 2024.

ATTEST:



Rachel Duplechain, City Secretary



Misty Songe, Mayor