

**CITY OF VIDOR  
VIDOR CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 13, 2025**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Songe  
Councilmember Lee  
Councilmember McGowan  
Councilmember Thompson  
Councilmember Barker  
Councilmember Weldon

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Councilmember Bourque

**Administrative Personnel:** Robbie Hood, City Manager; Brooke Carroll, HR Director; 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., Misty Songe, Mayor, 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**

None

**B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**Paid Invoices:**

<b>General Fund -</b>	<b>\$567,466.41</b>
<b>MCBSF -</b>	<b>\$698.93</b>
<b>Emergency MGMT Service -</b>	<b>\$197.38</b>
<b>CDBG Fund -</b>	<b>\$310,309.81</b>
<b>Hotel Occupancy Fund -</b>	<b>\$1,996.58</b>
<b>Disaster Fund -</b>	<b>\$88,529.20</b>
<b>Juvenile Case Manager -</b>	<b>\$10.55</b>
<b>Judicial Efficiency Fee -</b>	<b>\$308.20</b>
<b>Proprietary Fund -</b>	<b>\$93,612.58</b>
<b>Grand Total -</b>	<b>\$1,063,129.64</b>

## **B -2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – January 23, 2025**

A motion to **approve the Consent Agenda** was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

## **C. COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA**

### **C -1. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the City of Vidor to use ARPA funds for payment to Traylor & Associates, for Final Payment under the 2021 USDT American Rescue Plan Act, for services from 5/1/2023 – 3/31/2024, in the amount of \$68,047.80, this amount was included in the original award**

Pebbles Eckhoff, Finance Director, Mayor/Council, this is just the final payment for the management funds for Traylor when they managing the ARPA Fund to begin with. It was just part of the original award.

A motion to **approve a Resolution authorizing the City of Vidor to use ARPA funds for payment to Traylor & Associates, for Final Payment under the 2021 USDT American Rescue Plan Act, for services from 5/1/2023 – 3/31/2024, in the amount of \$68,047.80**, was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Barker. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

### **C -2. Consideration and possible approval authorizing the City Manager to accept applications to fill the vacancy on the Zoning Board of Adjustments (appointments will be made by City Council)**

Robbie Hood, City Manager, Mayor/Council, Mr. Malcolm with the Zoning Board of Adjustments, has resigned his position, so we just need permission to go out for new applicants and bring them before you to a point.

A motion to **approve authorizing the City Manager to accept applications to fill the vacancy on the Zoning Board of Adjustments (appointments will be made by City Council)**, was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember McGowan. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

### **C -3. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Vidor, Texas, approving the City's revised Investment Policy as discussed and approved at the February 13, 2025, City Council meeting.**

Pebbles Eckhoff, Finance Director, Mayor/Council the investment policy remains the same. The only alternate change was done a few years ago when we've moved some money to Texas class. But since 2017, our investment policy hasn't changed. The only thing that changed on this one was Mobil Oil Credit Union, is no longer Mobil Oil, It's Rave, and Community Bank went to Stellar. Those are the only two changes that were made on this policy from last year.

A motion to **approve a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Vidor, Texas, approving the City's revised Investment Policy as discussed and approved at the February 13, 2025, City Council meeting**, was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

**C-4. Consideration and possible action to approve the placement of a proposed pole as part of the Peace Pole Project from Vidor Rotary Club**

Atasha Quebedeaux, President, Vidor Rotary Club, so I don't know how much any of you know about a Peace Pole. Did Rachel give you all like a packet about the Peace Pole? Misty Songe, Mayor, yes but I was there also so I know. Quebedeaux, so a Peace Pole is literally similar to what a Prayer Pole is. Rotary has these Peace Poles around the world. There's a map that people go and actually visit these poles, all over the world. They are a couple different options for them as well. The ones that we chose to do our languages in is like 8 different languages and it says May Peace Prevail on Earth. There's Arabic going to be on it, Creole, German, Hebrew, Korean, Spanish, Cherokee and of course English. So, when I first brought this to the Rotary, we thought putting them at all the school campuses would be a great thing and we still are. And then we found you can have multiple they don't regulate to just one. So, we started talking about it, do we want to do every campus? And we thought that was a really great idea to spread the message. And when we start talking about all the construction, we really felt, especially with the Visitor's Center initiative and all that we do with the Stars and how to map and those kind of things that City Hall might be the first location we want to kind of kick this off with and, that's how we decided we would called Robbie, I think. Misty actually visited in our meeting just as a visitor and kind of got to hear a little bit about it. But that's why I'm in front of you, basically we would like to place the first one here at City Hall, we already have the pole in. It's a very I don't know if you got a picture or not, but if you go to Rotary Peace Pole, you can literally find the website. It's almost like that it's a very large white pole with May Peace Prevail all around it in different languages. But it is no bigger than what you would see on a fence post sort of deal like that.


A motion to **approve the placement of a proposed pole as part of the Peace Pole Project from Vidor Rotary Club**, was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Barker. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

**C -5. Consideration of Adjournment**

A motion for **Consideration of Adjournment**, was made by Councilmember Barker, seconded by Councilmember Thompson/McGowan (in unison). The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.**

*These minutes were approved on February 27, 2025.*

ATTEST:

  
Rachel Duplechain, City Secretary



  
Misty Songe, Mayor