

**CITY OF VIDOR  
VIDOR CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 26, 2020**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Kimberly Stiebig  
Councilmember Kelly Carder  
Councilmember Angela Jordan  
Councilmember Misty Songe  
Councilmember Gary Herrera

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Councilmember Keith Buesing  
Councilmember Jane Hill

**Administrative Personnel:** Rollie Burr, Interim City Manager; Chris Leavins, City Attorney; Vicki Watson, City Secretary; Cheryl Ray, Supervisor of Finance & Accounting; and Rod Carroll, Chief of Police

**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 Stiebig presiding.

**A -2. Invocation and Pledge to the United States Flag and the State of Texas Flag**

Rollie Burr, Interim City Manager, gave the Invocation and led the Pledge to the United States Flag and the State of Texas Flag.

**A -3. Citizen Comments**

There were no citizen comments.

**B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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| <b>Paid Invoices:</b> | <b>General Fund – \$241,674.43</b>                      |
|                       | <b>Sanitation Fund – \$34,990.35</b>                    |
|                       | <b>Child Safety – \$1,435.85</b>                        |
|                       | <b>Juvenile Case Management – \$56.68</b>               |
|                       | <b>Municipal Court Building Security Fund – \$23.64</b> |
|                       | <b>Emergency Management – \$690.00</b>                  |
|                       | <b>LEOSE – \$695.00</b>                                 |
|                       | <b>Hotel Occupancy – \$5,499.00</b>                     |
|                       | <b>Disaster Fund – \$3,655.17</b>                       |
|                       | <b>Employee Benefits Trust – \$55,283.83</b>            |

**B -2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – March 12, 2020**

**B -3. Ratification of the transfer of funds from Interest & Sinking 2013 General Obligation Refunding Bonds-Capital One Bank account to Interest & Sinking 2008/2016 General Obligation Refunding Bonds-TexPool account in the following amounts:**

**March 16, 2020:                      \$ 1,538.28**

**B-4. Ratification of the payment of the monthly sales tax in the amount of \$5,881.38 out of General Account/Pooled Cash**

A motion was made by Councilmember Songe seconded by Councilmember Jordan, to **APPROVE THE COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

**C. COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA**

**C -1. Discussion and possible action concerning COVID-19 and extension and/or continuation of the Disaster Declaration and Emergency Order, and any amendments thereto**

Chris Leavins, City Attorney, explained the Mayor has the ability to issue Disaster Declarations under Local Government Code, and all counties in our area have similar orders. Mr. Leavins stated the Declaration is effective as of now but requires Council action to extend it beyond tomorrow. Mr. Leavins stated there are two versions in the packets; one expires on an actual date to be determined by Council, and the other is indefinite and will require a special meeting to rescind. Mr. Leavins explained there is no 72-hour requirement to cancel a meeting and recommended keeping the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting scheduled for now. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carder **to stay with the County and extend the Disaster Declaration and Emergency Order until April 13, 2020**. Councilmember Herrera seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilmember Jordan, aye; Councilmember Songe, aye; Councilmember Herrera, aye; and Councilmember Carder, aye. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

**C -2. Discussion and possible action to approve the renewal and execution of a depository contract with First Financial Bank for the two-year period allowed by Chapter 105 of the Local Government Code**

Cheryl Ray, Supervisor of Finance & Accounting, explained our three years on the depository contract is up on May 21, 2020. Ms. Ray stated with things up in the air right now, she recommends going ahead and exercising our option for two more years.

Councilmember Jordan made a motion **to approve the renewal and execution of a two-year depository contract with First Financial Bank**. Councilmember Songe seconded. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

**C -3. Discussion and possible action to move two police officers from full time to reserve status**

Rod Carroll, Chief of Police, explained two officers have recently resigned. Chief Carroll stated one went to work for Hardin County as an investigator and explained dual commissions are allowed. Chief Carroll stated she has her own equipment, so there will be no out-of-pocket costs.

Chief Carroll stated the other officer is a 29-year veteran who resigned due to medical issues. Chief Carroll stated the officer has applied for a job at the Police Academy, but he can work in dispatch and other areas as needed. A brief discussion ensued.

Councilmember Carder made a motion to move the two officers from full-time to reserve status. Councilmember Songe seconded. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.


**C -4. Discussion and possible action to cancel the April 9, 2020, regular meeting due to public health emergency**

No action was taken.

**C -5. Consideration of Adjournment**

A motion was made by Councilmember Songe, seconded by Councilmember Carder, for **Consideration of Adjournment**. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried, and the Regular Meeting of the Vidor City Council adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

*These minutes approved April 9, 2020.*



Kimberly Stiebig, Mayor

ATTEST:



Vicki Watson, City Secretary