

**City Of Vidor
Vidor City Council
Regular Meeting
April 13, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Misty Songe
Councilmember Nicole McGowan
Councilmember Michael Thompson
Councilmember Jessica Barker
Councilmember Jane Hill

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Kelly Carder
Councilmember Gary Herrera

Administrative Personnel: Robbie Hood, City Manager; Betty Strong, City Secretary; Katrina Jones, Finance Director; Chris Leavins, City Attorney; Rod Carrol, Police 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 7:01 p.m., Mayor Songe 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 Pledges.

A -3. Proclamation Autism Awareness Month

Mayor Songe read the proclamation proclaiming April 2023 as Autism Awareness Month. Mayor Songe presented the proclamation to Diane Silver, Director of Special Education with VISD. Paused for pictures.

A -4. Citizen Comments

Jesus Fihueron 6018 Gulfway Dr. Port Arthur TX came to council with a concern about charges from Dilley Towing & Recovery for \$3000.00. Mr. Fihueron stated each city is regulated and he is aware Vidor is not. Mr. Fihueron stated he has three (3) complaints with TDLR- Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation for Dilley Towing & Recovery and believes the citizens of Vidor deserve better and wants to see regulations for fees charged by wrecker services. Mr. Fihueron read his bill from Dilley Towing & Recovery and gave the City Manager the copies of the bill.

Robert Crane with Acadian Ambulance 5624 Pine Needle Dr. came to council to present a training program Acadian is working on to help develop new paramedics within 5 years of being in the workforce program. Acadian is working with all the local schools in Orange County to promote this workforce initiative. Mr. Crane explained the details for the program and gave council a handout that explains the program in detail and information on sponsorships.

B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

B -1. Approval of Accounts Paid:

Paid Invoices:

- General Fund - \$545,924.09**
- MCBSF - \$855.45**
- MC Technology Fund - \$400.92**
- CDBG Fund - \$39,806.40**
- Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund - \$3,524.65**
- Disaster Fund - \$11,675.70**
- Juvenile Case Manager Fund - \$711.25**
- Proprietary Fund - \$67,166.73**
- Employee Benefits Trust - \$75,776.37**

B -2. Approval of Minutes: **Regular Meeting – March 23, 2023**

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 24, 2023:	\$ 2,640.93
April 05, 2023:	\$ 1,551.40

B -4. Ratification of the payment of the monthly sales tax in the amount of \$6,378.94 for March out of General Account/Pooled Cash

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, 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 to approve a Resolution approving the selection of the Staff’s recommendation of Cypress Pointe Construction Services as the contractor for the demolition of 19 properties for the Hurricane Harvey CDBG-DR-Buyout program.

Betty Strong, City Secretary explained the City received three (3) closed bids and the staff’s recommendation is Cypress Pointe Construction Services.

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

C -2. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution approving the selection of the staff’s recommendation of Marsh Waterproofing, INC. for roof repairs at City Hall.

Katrina Jones, Finance Director explained the City received four (4) closed bids and the staff’s recommendation is Marsh Waterproofing, Inc.

Councilmember Barker, Ward 4 asked about the two (2) amounts listed \$264,441.00 and \$165,000.00. Ms. Jones explained the differences in price stating the amount of \$165,550.00 is for the repair of the roof with a 20-year warranty. The staff recommends the repair amount of \$165,550.00.

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

C -3. Discussion and possible action to approve the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for Roof repairs at City Hall.

Mayor Songe moved to Agenda item C-4 and came back to C-3 after.

Katrina Jones, Finance Director explained the City would like to use these funds to repair the roof.

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, to **approve the use of ARPA funds for the roof repairs**. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -4. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution approving the selection of the staff's recommendation of Signature Public Funding Corp. for the Finance Agreement for funding of Capital Equipment, Gradall.

Katrina Jones, Finance Director informed council Signature Public Funding Corp. was the only one to submit a closed bid. Robbie Hood, City Manager explained what a Gradall is used for.

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

C -5. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution awarding APECK Construction as the contractor for West Davis and Jennings road improvement project.

Jeff Leavins, LEAD explained the recommendation for award letter he handed to Council and stated the City received four (4) closed bids. The lowest most responsive bidder was APEK construction at \$590,425.71. Mr. Leavins explained APEK is out of Louisiana and all references were checked and verified. A brief discussion ensued. Mayor Songe asked about the working days listed by APEK being substantially lower than the other bidders. Mr. Leavins explained how APEK plans to meet these deadlines. Robbie Hood, City Manager explained this was also a question raised by staff as well. Mr. Hood asked Mr. Leavins if there will be a preconstruction meeting. Mr. Leavins verified there will be a preconstruction meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, to approve the **Resolution**. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.


C -6. Discussion and possible action to approve the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for West Davis and Jennings Streets road improvement project.

A motion was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, to approve the **use of ARPA funds for West Davis and Jennings Street improvements**. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C-7. Consideration of Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, 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 7:26 p.m.

These minutes approved April 27, 2023.


Misty Songe, Mayor

ATTEST:


Betty Strong, City Secretary