

**City Of Vidor
Vidor City Council
Regular Meeting
May 11, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Kelly Carder
Councilmember Nicole McGowan
Councilmember Gary Herrera

Administrative Personnel: Robbie Hood, City Manager; Betty Strong, City Secretary; Chris Leavins, City Attorney; Rodney Johnson, Police Captain

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. Citizen Comments

No Citizen comments.

B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

B -1. Approval of Accounts Paid:

Paid Invoices:	General Fund - \$400,413.67
	MCBSF - \$253.89
	CDBG Fund - \$9,826.25
	Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund - \$1,870.52
	Juvenile Case Manager Fund - \$255.92
	Proprietary Fund - \$44,437.30
	Employee Benefits Trust - \$77,041.71

B -2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – April 27, 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:

April 26, 2023:	\$ 1,118.38
May 01, 2023:	\$ 823.17
May 08, 2023:	\$ 1,414.21

B -4. Ratification of the payment of the monthly sales tax in the amount of \$6,403.59 for April out of General Account/Pooled Cash

A motion was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Barker, to **APPROVE THE COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**. The Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C. COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

C -1. Presentation and discussion of the quarterly report from the Vidor Chamber of Commerce.

Atasha Quebedeaux gave an update for the Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Quebedeaux explained this year there are about 152 members. The Chamber has done seven (7) ribbon cuttings so far this year. Ms. Quebedeaux informed council there have been multiple improvements and more involvement since the Fresh Start 2018 program. A brief discussion ensued about Bingo and wanting to move this to a bigger venue and in the City Limits of Vidor in the future. Ms. Quebedeaux closed by answering Mayor Songe's question of upcoming events.

C -2. Consideration and possible approval of an Ordinance Authorizing the settlement of the proposed rate increase of Entergy Texas, inc.; finding that the meeting complies with the open meetings act; making other findings and provisions related to the subject; and declaring an effective date.

Chris Leavins, City Attorney explained the rate increases and settlement recommended by The Lawton Law Firm. Mr. Leavins stated the initial rate increase that Entergy requested was a \$131.4 million revenue increase. The settlement amount is \$54 million. This is an average increase of \$6.35 a month for each customer. A brief discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Councilmember Barker, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, to **approve the Ordinance authorizing the settlement proposed**. The Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C-3. Consideration of Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Barker, for **Consideration of Adjournment**. The Council voted three (3) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried, and the Regular Meeting of the Vidor City Council adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

These minutes approved May 25, 2023.

ATTEST:


Betty Strong, City Secretary


Nicole McGowan, Mayor Pro-Tem