

**City Of Vidor
Vidor City Council
Regular Meeting
June 8, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Misty Songe
Councilmember Mercedes Lee
Councilmember Nicole McGowan
Councilmember Jessica Barker
Councilmember Gary Herrera
Councilmember Kathryn Weldon

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Michael Thompson

Administrative Personnel: Robbie Hood, City Manager; Betty Strong, City Secretary; Katrina Jones, Finance Director; Chris Leavins, City Attorney; Rod Carroll, 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 7:00 p.m., Mayor Songe presiding.

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

Rod Carroll, Police Chief gave the Invocation and led the Pledges.

A -3. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

B -1. Approval of Accounts Paid:

Paid Invoices:	General Fund - \$342,408.46
	MCBSF - \$272.75
	Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund - \$1,799.00
	Disaster Fund – \$161,040.00
	Juvenile Case Manager Fund - \$860.00
	Proprietary Fund - \$46,122.21
	Employee Benefits Trust - \$75,520.09

B -2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – May 25, 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:

May 22, 2023:	\$ 1,681.96
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June 02, 2023:
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\$ 3,784.90
\$ 1,061.80

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Barker, to **APPROVE THE COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C. COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

C -1. Discussion with the Orange County Appraisal District regarding property tax increases.

Scott Overton, Chief Appraiser with the Orange County Appraisal District gave an overview of the yearly process for the appraisal district. Mr. Overton stated properties are reviewed every three (3) years and explained how properties are appraised using market value. This year Mr. Overton stated they seen an average increase of sixteen percent (16%) for residential properties and discussed statistics on mobile homes, land and, commercial properties. Mr. Overton explained the audit the state of Texas requires for the appraisals. He went on to explain in the audit it is required they be within a five percent (5%) window of the property value study, or the schools can lose funding. Mr. Overton explained assessed value versus market value and the rules based on increases in homestead properties. He explained the appeals process for protesting the values. A discussion ensued.

C -2. Discussion regarding active grants for the City and providing a status of each one.

Katrina Jones, Finance Director discussed each active grant for the City. Ms. Jones referenced handouts in the Council binders. A brief discussion ensued.

C -3. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolutions appointing members to the Planning and Zoning Commission due to term expirations (3)

Robbie Hood, City Manager gave council the three (3) names for reappointment Jerry Aldridge, Fletcher Inzer and Anthony Foster. Mr. Hood explained all three (3) candidates are in good standing with the City.

A motion was made by Councilmember Barker, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, to **Approve the Resolution reappointing Jerry Aldridge, Fletcher Inzer and Anthony Foster to the Planning and Zoning Commission**. The Council voted four (4) for and one (1) opposed. The opposed vote was Gary Herrera, Ward 5. The motion carried.

C-4 Consideration of Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Weldon, for **Consideration of Adjournment**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried, and the Regular Meeting of the Vidor City Council adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

These minutes approved June 22, 2023.


Misty Songe, Mayor

ATTEST:


Betty Strong, City Secretary