

**City Of Vidor  
Vidor City Council  
Regular Meeting  
July 27, 2023**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**Administrative Personnel:** Robbie Hood, City Manager; Betty Strong, City Secretary; Katrina Jones, Finance Director; Susan Rushing, Code Enforcement; Jerry Crumley, Code Enforcement; Chris Leavins, City Attorney; Ed Martin, 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 7:00 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 - \$232,235.64  
MCBSF - \$228.32  
Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund - \$1,273.00  
Juvenile Case Manager Fund - \$258.08  
Proprietary Fund - \$32,100.26**

**B -2. Approval of Minutes:**

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A motion was made by Councilmember Herrera, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, to **APPROVE THE COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.** The Council voted Six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

## C. COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

### C -1. Budget Presentation.

Katrina Jones, Finance Director presented a budget presentation to the Council and audience. Ms. Jones reviewed how the City of Vidor gets Revenue, the sales tax breakdown, property taxes, franchise fees, and fines and fees from the court. Ms. Jones then gave an overview of the tax rates and taxing entities and informed council and the audience what the City offers using these tax dollars.

Discussion ensued.

### C -2. Consideration and/or possible approval of a Resolution to establish and file a tentative budget for the City of Vidor and the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, and terminating on September 30, 2024, and making appropriations for each department, project, and account and giving Notice of a public hearing.

Katrina Jones, Finance Director read the Budget Message and explained the tentative budget presented to council. A brief discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Councilmember Herrera, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, to **Approve the Resolution**. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

### C -3. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the execution of an Amendment to Disaster Recovery Services Contract between the City and Ashbritt, Inc. with respect to debris recovery, remediation, and disposal.

Chris Leavins, City Attorney explained that over the past few years we amended an existing contract with Ashbritt, Inc, however this year will be a new contract with them. Since the agenda item is specific to an amendment, Mr. Leavins recommends this be brought back to the next meeting with the appropriate verbiage.

Mayor Songe tabled this item.

### C -4. Discussion and possible action to approve an Ordinance Establishing Zoning Regulations and Dividing the City of Vidor into Districts in Accordance with a Comprehensive Plan, and Regulating the Use and Height of Buildings and Structures, the Size of Yards, Courts and Open Spaces, the Height, Bulk and Use of Buildings and Land for Trade, Industry, Residence and Other Purposes, the Density of Population, Adopting a Zoning Map Showing the Location and Boundaries of the Various Districts of Enforcement, Interpretation of Zoning Map, a Board of Adjustments, Prescribing its Duties and Operation, Zoning of New Territory Upon Extension of City Limits, Providing for Severability; Providing for Penalties; Providing for Publication and an Effective Date.

Robbie Hood, City Manager explained the process to establish zoning started in 2010. Mr. Hood wanted to publicly thank the Staff, Council and Planning and Zoning members both past and present for seeing this process through. Jerry Crumley and Susan Rushing with Code Enforcement covered the changes on the map. Chris Leavins, City Attorney explained the Ordinance and definitions within. Mr. Leavins informed Council that this is a simple Ordinance compared to other zoning Ordinances. Mr. Leavins went on to explain the need for a Board of Adjustment made up of five (5) individuals and cannot be the current members of the Planning and Zoning Commission per our Charter. Mr. Hood stated he will bring the council guidelines of the needed requirements to select candidates for this board. Gary Herrera, Councilmember Ward 5 asked the other Council

members if they would like to table this item for further review. Jessica Barker, Councilmember Ward 4 stated she would like to table this agenda item.

A motion was made by Councilmember Barker, seconded by Councilmember Weldon, to **approve bringing this agenda item back to council at the next meeting on August 10, 2023.** The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

**C -5. Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Local Government Code – Consultation with Attorney**

Mayor Songe closed the regular meeting at 7:52 p.m. to convene into executive session.

Mayor Songe reconvened the regular meeting at 8:05 p.m.

**C -6. Consideration and possible action arising from or related to Executive Session under C-5.**

No action was taken.

**C-7. Discussion and possible action to approve an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 74 – Vehicles for Hire, Article III. – Tow Trucks; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; providing for penalties; and providing for publication and an effective date (Second Reading).**

Chris Leavins, City Attorney stated all the revisions requested in the previous meeting are in the Ordinance. Robbie Hood, City Manager agreed that all changes documented in the last council meeting minutes are accounted for. Mr. Leavins read all the changes in the Ordinance. Nicole McGowan, Councilmember Ward 2 asked about the convicted felony status section of the Ordinance and Mr. Leavins read and explained the verbiage. A brief discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Councilmember Herrera, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, to **APPROVE the Ordinance.** The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

**C-5. Consideration of Adjournment**

A motion was made by Councilmember Barker, seconded by Councilmember Hererra, for **Consideration of Adjournment.** The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried, and the Regular Meeting of the Vidor City Council adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

*These minutes approved August 10, 2023.*

  
ATTEST:

  
Misty Songe, Mayor

\*Betty Strong, City Secretary typed these minutes on 7/28/2023.