

**City Of Vidor
Vidor City Council
Regular Meeting
October 12, 2023**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Mercedes Lee

Administrative Personnel: Misty Torres, City Secretary; Chris Leavins, City Attorney; Rod Carroll, Police Chief/Interim City Manager

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 Pledge.

A -3. Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

B -1. Approval of Accounts Paid:

General Fund – \$326,916.73

Paid Invoices:

MCBSF - \$396.80
CDBG Fund - \$11,484
Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund - \$29,739.80
Disaster Fund - \$63,871.70
Juvenile Case Manager Fund - \$172.06
Proprietary Fund - \$48,292.15

B -2. Approval of Minutes:

Regular Meeting – September 28, 2023

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan to **approve minutes from the September 28, 2023 meeting**. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Thompson and passed unanimously.

C. COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

C -1. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the execution of a Contract between the City and CC Quality Inspection Service for inspection services under the CDBG-DR Voluntary Buyout Program.

Aletta Cappen addressed Council to explain that under the Voluntary Buyout Program, participants are to use the proceeds from their buyout for purchasing new homes, which are inspected for safety and construction issues before closing. A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan to **approve a resolution authorizing the execution of a Contract between the City and CC Quality Inspection Service for inspection services under the CDBG-DR Voluntary Buyout Program**. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Thompson and passed unanimously.

C-2. Discussion regarding reopening applications for the Ward 5 Council Member position.

Mayor Songe explained that Councilmember Herrera is still considered a holdover in the Ward 5 seat and that if anyone wanted to apply for the Ward 5 position, applications would be opened again and brought before Council at the next meeting. Councilmember McGowan made a motion to **table discussion of reopening applications for the Ward 5 councilmember position**. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Thompson. The motion carried with four in favor and one opposed.

C-3. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

a. Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code – **Consultation with Attorney, regarding investigation into City Manager; and**

b. Section 551.074 of the Texas Local Government Code – **Personnel Matters, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the City Manager, or to hear a complaint or charge against the City Manager**

Mayor Songe convened the regular meeting into Executive Session at 7:06 p.m and reconvened the regular meeting at 9:14 p.m.

C-4 Consideration and possible action arising from Executive Sessions under C-3.a. and/or C-3.b., including action related to the City Manager.

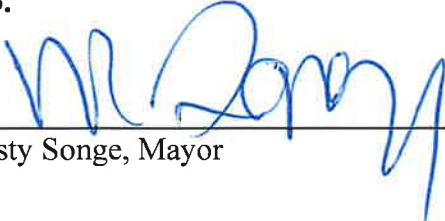
Councilmember Thompson made the **motion to reinstate the City Manager upon his written agreement to the terms recommended in the investigation report, including a six month probationary period.** The motion was seconded by Councilmember McGowan. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion carried unanimously.

C- 5. Consideration of Adjournment

A **motion for adjournment** was made by Councilmember Herrera and seconded by Councilmember McGowan. The motion carried unanimously. The regular meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

If, during the course of the meeting covered by this Notice, the City Council should determine that a closed meeting or executive session of the City Council should be held or is required in relation to any agenda item included in this Notice, then such closed or executive session, as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, will be held by the City Council at the date, hour, and place given in this Notice concerning any and all subjects for any and all purposes permitted by Sections 551.071 – 551.084 of the Texas Government Code and the Texas Open Meetings Act, including, but not limited to, Section 551.071 – for the purpose of a private consultation with the City Attorney on any or all subjects or matters authorized by law. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in an open meeting.

These minutes were approved October 26, 2023.



Misty Songe, Mayor

ATTEST:


Misty Torres, City Secretary