

**CITY OF VIDOR  
VIDOR CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
November 9, 2023**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councilmember McGowan  
Councilmember Thompson  
Councilmember Barker  
Councilmember Herrera  
Councilmember Weldon

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mayor Songe

**Administrative Personnel:** Robbie Hood, City Manager; Chris Leavins, City Attorney; Carroll, Chief of Police; Misty Torres, City Secretary

**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 7:02 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 to the United States Flag and the State of Texas Flag.

**A -3. Citizen Comments**

There were no citizen comments.

**B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA**

**B -1. Approval of Accounts Paid:**

Paid Invoices:	General Fund - \$227,777.87
	MCBSF - \$186.98
	Proprietary Fund - \$23,826.23
	Grand Total \$251,791.08

**B -2. Approval of Minutes:** Regular Meeting – October 26, 2023

**C. COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA**

**C -1.** Discussion and possible action regarding granting permission to Eastgate UPC for the usage of Conn Park for visitor parking during the Light Up Vidor holiday event in December, including execution of indemnity agreements and providing the requested insurance coverage.

City Manager Robbie Hood explained that this would be the third year for this holiday event where the area would be used for parking. Hood said he would monitor ground conditions to ensure that mud and soft spots would not interfere with parking. Hood also said he planned to barricade any areas of concern prior to the event. **Motion to grant permission to Eastgate UPC for the usage of Conn Park for visitor parking during the Light Up Vidor holiday event in December, including execution of indemnity agreements and providing the requested insurance coverage** was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Weldon. Motion carried unanimously.

C -2. Discussion and possible action regarding postponing the changing of the city's IT provider and the effective dates of any agreements related to same.

City Manager Robbie Hood explained that there were some setbacks in transitioning to a new website, so he was requesting to table the action on changing the city's IT provider until a later date to allow for more planning. A motion to **postpone the changing of the city's IT provider and the effective dates of any agreements related to same** was made by Councilmember Herrera, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

C-3. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of Resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Texas Network Services to create a new website for the City.

A request to table this action until a later date was made by City Manager Robbie Hood, citing unanticipated delays in acquiring a new domain name for the city. A motion to table the **approval of a Resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Texas Network Services to create a new website for the City** was made by Councilmember Weldon, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

C -4. Discussion and possible action to approve an Ordinance of the City of Vidor, Teas amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 74 – Vehicles for Hire, Article III – Tow Trucks; providing for a Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances; providing for Severability; providing for Penalties; and providing for Publication and an Effective Date.

City Manager Robbie Hood explained that this change was only to include verbiage regarding criminal convictions for newly hired wrecker drivers so that it correlates to similar verbiage appearing elsewhere in the ordinance. A motion to **approve an Ordinance of the City of Vidor, Teas amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 74 – Vehicles for Hire, Article III – Tow Trucks; providing for a Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances; providing for Severability; providing for Penalties; and providing for Publication and an Effective Date** was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Lee. Motion carried unanimously.

C-5. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution approving the appointment of a Reserve Officer to the City of Vidor Police Department Reserve Force.

Chief Carroll explained that a former sergeant offered to serve in the Reserve Force while another member of the Reserve Force is out on family medical leave. A motion to **approve a Resolution approving the appointment of a Reserve Officer to the City of Vidor Police Department Reserve Force** was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

C -6. Discussion and possible action to cancel the regular meeting scheduled for Thursday November 23, 2023, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

A motion to **cancel the regular meeting scheduled for Thursday November 23, 2023, due to the Thanksgiving holiday** was made by Councilmember Barker, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

C -7. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the City to donate and/or gift approximately 2.00 acres of land located in the I. & G.N. R.R. Survey, Section No. 21, Abstract No. 231, to Orange County, Texas under Chapter 272 of the Texas Government Code, including the execution of a Donation Agreement, if necessary, and deed, for use as a Point of Distribution (POD)

City Attorney Chris Leavins explained to Council that the City intends to donate two (2) acres of land to Orange County to be used as a Point of Distribution (POD) for relief supplies and related materials during natural disasters and emergencies. The proposed agreement would stipulate that the County would bear the financial cost of upkeep and improvements to the site, including the construction of roadways and signage. City Manager Robbie Hood clarified that this property is located behind the City Pool. A motion to **approve a Resolution authorizing the City to donate and/or gift approximately 2.00 acres of land located in the I. & G.N. R.R. Survey, Section No. 21, Abstract No. 231, to Orange County, Texas under Chapter 272 of the Texas Government Code, including the execution of Donation Agreement, if necessary, and deed, for use as a Point of Distribution (POD)** was made by Councilmember Barker, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

C -8. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

- a. Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code – Consultation with Attorney regarding legal advice on contractual matters
- b. Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code - Personnel Matters, regarding Interim Municipal Judge

Mayor Pro Tem Nicole McGowan convened the meeting into Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem McGowan reconvened the meeting into Regular Session at 7:35 p.m.

C -9. Consideration and possible action arising out of or related to Executive Sessions under C-8.a and/or or C-8.b.

As a result of the Executive Session related to agenda items C-8a and C-8b, a motion to **approve Interim City Judge Michael Abbott to be placed in the rotation of County judges eligible to issue blood warrants related to traffic stops and other police activity during holiday periods, nights, and weekends** was made by Councilmember Herrera, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

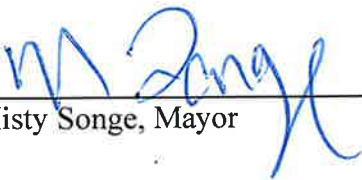
C -10. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Express Employment Professionals for a human resource and/or payroll specialist position.

A motion to **approve a Resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Express Employment Professionals for a human resource and/or payroll specialist position** was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Herrera. Motion carried unanimously.

**C-11. Consideration of Adjournment**

A motion was made by Councilmember Herrera, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, for **Consideration of Adjournment**. The motion carried unanimously, and the regular session was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

*These minutes approved November 9, 2023.*

  
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Misty Songe, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Misty Torres, City Secretary