

**CITY OF VIDOR  
VIDOR CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
December 28, 2023**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Songe  
Councilmember McGowan  
Councilmember Herrera  
Councilmember Lee  
Councilmember Thompson  
Councilmember Weldon

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Councilmember Lee  
Councilmember Barker

**Administrative Personnel:** Robbie Hood, City Manager; Chris Leavins, City Attorney; Pebbles Eckhoff, Finance Director; Rod Carroll, Police Chief; 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 7:00 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 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 - \$232,573.69
	Child Safety -\$1,618.50
	MCBSF - \$70.68
	MC Technology Fund – \$576.00
	CBDG Fund - \$163,066.00

Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund - \$12,130.64  
Disaster Fund - \$312,167.84  
Proprietary Fund - \$58,969.22  
Employee Benefits Trust - \$76,181.34

Grand Total: \$857,353.91

B -2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – December 14, 2023

A motion to **approve the minutes from the December 14 Regular Meeting** was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

## C. COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

### C -1. PUBLIC HEARING – Discussion regarding the renewal, amendment and reauthorization of the guidelines and criteria for residential tax abatements within the City wherein members of the public will be given an opportunity to be heard

Mayor Songe opened the public hearing at 7:01 pm. City Attorney Chris Leavins explained that the agreement for residential tax abatements must be renewed every two years, even though no changes are made to the agreement. He stated that the terms and language of the agreement would remain the same, although it was up for customary renewal. There were four members of the public in attendance for the hearing, but no citizen comments. Mayor Songe closed the public hearing at 7:04 pm.

### C -2. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution approving the renewal and reauthorization of the guidelines and criteria for residential tax abatements within the City

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan to **approve a Resolution approving the renewal and reauthorization of the guidelines and criteria for residential tax abatements within the City**. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Hererra and carried unanimously.

**C -3. Discussion and possible action to approve an Ordinance of the City of Vidor, Texas renewing the five (5) reinvestment zones within the City created for residential tax abatements**

Council tabled this agenda item until a future agenda and took no action.

**C -4. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the execution of an Amendment to Lease to renew and extend the term of a Lease with the Vidor Chamber of Commerce**

City Attorney Chris Leavins stated that the purpose of the amendment was to clean up the language in the lease to address a 30-day lease termination caveat and allow for automatic renewal of the lease upon expiration unless either party wanted to terminate the agreement. Councilmember Hererra expressed concern that the lease should automatically renewed without activity and financial reports from the Chamber of Commerce showing good faith effort to abide by the terms of the lease. A motion was made to **approve a Resolution authorizing the execution of an Amendment to Lease to renew and extend the term of a Lease with the Vidor Chamber of Commerce contingent upon satisfactory quarterly reports from the Chamber of Commerce** was made by Councilmember Hererra, seconded by Councilmember McGowan. Motion carried unanimously.

**C-5. Discussion and possible action to approve an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Vidor, Texas authorizing participation with other Entergy service area cities in matters concerning Entergy Texas, Inc. at the Public Utility Commission of Texas in 2024; authorizing the hiring of lawyers and rate experts; authorizing the City's participation to the full extent permitted by law at the Public Utility Commission of Texas; finding that the meeting complies with the Open Meetings Act; and declaring an effective date**

City Attorney Chris Leavins stated that there are no changes to the language or terms of this agreement with the Public Utilities Commission and that a yearly renewal of such is customary. A motion to **approve an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Vidor, Texas authorizing participation with other Entergy service area cities in matters concerning Entergy Texas, Inc. at the Public Utility Commission of Texas in 2024; authorizing the hiring of lawyers and rate experts; authorizing the City's participation to the full extent permitted by law at the Public Utility Commission of Texas; finding that the meeting complies with the Open Meetings Act; and declaring an effective date** was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

## C- 6. Consideration of Adjournment

A motion for **Consideration of Adjournment** was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Motion carried unanimously. Council meeting was adjourned at 7:22p.m.

  
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Misty Songe, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Pebbles Eckhoff, Deputy City Secretary