

**CITY OF VIDOR
VIDOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 11, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Administrative Personnel: Robbie Hood, City Manager; Sandra Howard, City Attorney; Pebbles Eckhoff, Finance Director; Rod Carroll, Police Chief; Rodney Johnson, 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

Rod Carroll, Police Chief gave the Invocation and led the Pledge to the United States Flag and the State of Texas Flag.

A -3. Citizen Comments

Mr. Leo LaBaure spoke about his upcoming campaign and what he was running on.

B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

B -1. Approval of Accounts Paid:

Paid Invoices:	General Fund - <u>\$145,156.98</u>
	MCBSF - <u>\$67.98</u>
	Proprietary Fund - <u>\$23,630.87</u>
	Employment Benefits Trust - <u>\$79,495.90</u>

B -2. Approval of Minutes:

Regular Meeting – December 28, 2023

A motion to **approve the minutes from the December 28 Regular Meeting** was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

C. COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

C -1. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution appointing the Director of Civil Service for the City

Mayor Songe advised council would pass on this item. City Service Commission will appoint a Civil Service Secretary.

C -2. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution 1215 authorizing a Letter of Intent to designate the City as a Tourism Friendly Texas Certified Community

John Nickum spoke about what it would be like for Vidor to be designated as a tourism friendly community. City Manager Robbie Hood explained the application process. Councilmember Herrera questioned the turnaround of certificate and expressed the need for growth for the city. A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan to **approve the Resolution**. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Thompson and carried unanimously.

C -3. Discussion and update on current, pending, and potential future grants and/or projects for the city

Captain Johnson addressed council and provided the update on all present grants and the standings of estimated completion. Captain Johnson and City Manager Robbie Hood went over future grants that the team was working on applying for. Councilmember Herrera questioned whether the school district could help provide some funding to brighten up the roadway on Orange St by the High School. Some examples were pirates painted on the roadway or black and gold streets.

- C -4. Discussion and possible action to set a public hearing on January 25, 2025, to renew the designation and/or designate the establishment of five (5) reinvestment zones for the purpose of residential tax abatements**

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Herrera. Motion carried with five (5) one (1) abstained.

- C-5. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution 1216 the submittal of one or more Hazard Migration Grant Program (HMGP) applications under DR-4705 Texas Severe Weather Storm of Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) authorizing the Mayor and/or City Manager to act as the City's authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the application, and committing matching funds**

A motion was made by Councilmember Herrera, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

- C-6 Discussion by City Manager regarding voting places, times, dates, and other matters related to the May 4th general election**

City Manager Robbie Hood provided update concerning important dates and the city's readiness for the upcoming election

C-7 EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

- a. Executive session under Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code – Personnel Matters, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the City Secretary**
- b. Executive session under Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code – Consultation with Attorney, regarding contract with Express Employment Professionals**

Mayor Songe convened the regular meeting to executive session at 07:37 pm and reconvened the regular meeting at 07:56 pm to discuss C-7a and C-7b

- C-8 Consideration and possible action arising out of C-7a regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the City Secretary.**

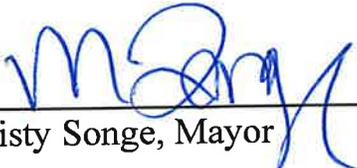
No Action is necessary at this time

- C-9 Consideration and possible action arising out of C-7b regarding the contract with Express Employment Professionals.**

Mayor Songe advised ending the contract with Express Employment Professionals and hiring Jennifer Stevens fulltime as HR/Payroll for the City of Vidor. A motion was made by councilmember Herrera and seconded by Councilmember Thompson and 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 7:57 p.m.



Misty Songe, Mayor

ATTEST:



Pebbles Eckhoff, Deputy City Secretary