

**CITY OF VIDOR
VIDOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 22, 2026**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Hart
Councilmember Carder
Councilmember Thompson
Councilmember Barker
Councilmember Bourque
Councilmember Gatlin

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember McGowan

Administrative Personnel: Aleta Cappen, Interim City Manager; Pebbles Eckhoff, Finance Director; Chris Leavins, City Attorney; Rodney Johnson, Interim Police Chief;

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 6:00 p.m., Misty Hart, Mayor, 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. Presentation of The Community impact Award by Visitors Center

Allison Cappen, Visitor's Center Administrator, presented Detective Jeff Courts with the Community Impact Award, on behalf of the Music Advisory Committee. (Brief pause for pictures with recipient, Mayor, and Committee)

A -4. Proclamation – National Mentor Month

Misty Hart, Mayor, read the Proclamation for National Mentor Month, and presented to Joni Smith, Founder of the Hope House for women. (Brief pause for pictures with recipient and Mayor)

A -5. Citizen's Comments

None

B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

B -1. Approval of Accounts Paid:

Paid Invoices:

General Fund -	\$327,097.05
Lease -	\$795.00
Hotel Occupancy Fund -	\$11,747.29
Disaster Fund -	\$109,571.00
Juvenile Case Manager Fund -	\$140.00
Proprietary Fund -	\$60,054.57
Grand Total:	\$509,404.91

B -2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting January 8, 2026

A motion to **approve paid invoices and minutes**, was made by Councilmember Barker, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C. COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

C -1. Report from Percy on progress of Grant Funded Road/Drainage Projects

Percy Flanigan, Streets Supervisor, gave a short update regarding the current grant projects going on within the City. N. Archie project from Garland to W. Tram is close to being done, they are working on touch-up work. Garland, they are working on drainage, and we have a meeting at 10:00 a.m. for a walk-through to see how much is left, Orange St. from Main to Woodland is complete, striped and it looks amazing, Orange St. from Woodland to Sargeant, it's still under construction. Concord and Lexington they have laid the laterals, drainage at the Lat 5 crossing is also being worked on, Lamar is currently on hold as we are awaiting Centerpoint to move their gas lines. OST and Schoolhouse ditch the tree has finally been moved and that project is moving forward. There is a gas line and water line that are going to have to be moved there as well.

C -2. Report from Chief Rodney Johnson regarding annual Racial Profiling Report

Rodney Johnson, Chief of Police, Mayor, and Council this is not an action item but rather just a presentation of the City's report with our numbers to make you aware and see if you had any questions before sending them to the State. There were no questions.

C -3. Report and Discussion on the May 2, 2026, General Election.

Rachel Duplechain, City Secretary, Mayor, and Council we are currently accepting applications for Ward 2, 3, and 5 for the General Election in May. The deadline to file closes at 5:00 p.m. on February 13th and then on the 24th of February I will hold the drawing for the order of names on the ballot. The Election is May 2nd and the voting times and hours are in everyone's packets as well as on the website. There is a potential that we will have to amend the Ordinance should any of the polling locations change.

- C -4. Discussion and possible action to approve an Ordinance calling for the Election of Three (3) Council Members in a City Election to be held on May 2, 2026, and setting up the procedures for the Election, the provisions for the Officers of the Election, establishing a Voting Precinct, and Polling Place, ordering a Runoff Election, if necessary to be held on June 13, 2026**

Considerar y posiblemente aprobar UNA ORDENANZA DE LLAMAR A LA ELECCIÓN DEL TRES (3) MIEMBROS DEL CONSEJO EN UNA ELECCIÓN DE LA CIUDAD QUE SE CELEBRARÁ DEL 02 DE MAYO, 2026, Y CONFIGURACIÓN DE LOS PROCEDIMIENTOS PARA LA ELECCIÓN, LAS DISPOSICIONES DE LA MESA DE LA ELECCION, SE ESTABLECE UNA VOTACIÓN RECINTO ELECTORAL Y CENTROS ELECTORALES, Y OTRA ORDENANZA DE UNA SEGUNDA VUELTA ELECTORAL, SI ES NECESARIO, QUE SE CELEBRARÁ DEL 13 DE JUNIO 2026

A motion to **approve an Ordinance calling for the Election of Three (3) Council Members in a City Election to be held on May 2, 2026, and setting up the procedures for the Election, the provisions for the Officers of the Election, establishing a Voting Precinct, and Polling Place, ordering a Runoff Election, if necessary to be held on June 13, 2026**, was made by Councilmember Barker, seconded by Councilmember Carder. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

- C -5. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a Joint Election Agreement Services Contract with Orange County Elections Administrator for the 2026 Elections.**

A motion to **approve a Resolution authorizing the City to enter into a Joint Election Agreement Services Contract with Orange County Elections Administrator for the 2026 Elections**, was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember Barker. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

- C -6. Consideration and possible action to approve the placement of a proposed pole at City of Vidor Public Library as part of the Peace Pole Project from Vidor Rotary Club**

A motion to **approve the placement of a proposed pole at City of Vidor Public Library as part of the Peace Pole Project from Vidor Rotary Club**, was made by Councilmember Barker, seconded by Councilmember Gatlin. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C -7. Consideration and possible action to approve an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 10 – Buildings and Building Regulations, Article I – In General, Section 10-13, regarding residential and commercial property setback lines and variances

Rick Vanke, Code Enforcement Supervisor, after lengthy discussions with our Engineers and the Mayor, I do agree with Council that for Residential to Residential it should be changed to 5' on the rear as well just like the sides. I have asked for 50' setback, for a Commercial business abutting a Residential property. The Mayor and Council did not agree. After a discussion ensued it was decided that a Residential abutting a Residential would be changed to 5' on the rear and Commercial business abutting a Residential would be set at 30' for the rear. All other setbacks in amendment remained the same. This is will come back for a second reading.

A motion to **approve an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 10 – Buildings and Building Regulations, Article I – In General, Section 10-13, regarding residential and commercial property setback lines, with changes, and variances**, was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried. (1st Reading)**

C -8. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the application and operation of the 2027 Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant

Rodney Johnson, Chief of Police, Mayor/Council this is one of our annual grants that we go through from the Office of the Governor, it's no match required by the City. We are looking to purchase new vests for our officers.

A motion to **approve a Resolution authorizing the application and operation of the 2027 Rifle-Resistant Body Armor Grant**, was made by Councilmember Barker, seconded by Councilmember Carder. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C -9. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the application and operation of the 2027 Criminal Justice Grant

Rodney Johnson, Chief of Police, Mayor/Council this is the same as the one before.

A motion to **approve a Resolution authorizing the application and operation of the 2027 Criminal Justice Grant**, was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Carder. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C -10. Discussion and possible action designating April 18, 2026, for BarkFest 2026

A motion to **approve designating April 18, 2026, for BarkFest 2026**, was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Barker. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C-11. Discussion and possible action setting a date for the Mayor's annual Main Street Cleanup

Misty Hart, Mayor, I am looking at the following weekend, because I have already talked to Eastgate about helping April 25th.

A motion to **approve designating April 25, 2026, for Mayor's Annual Main Street Cleanup 2026**, was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember Barker. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C -12. Consideration and possible action to approve the issuance of a Request for Qualifications for an Associate Municipal Judge position for the City

Misty Hart, Mayor, so Interim Associate Judge has turned in his resignation, so we need to get someone that can fill in for Judge Williams, should he need to be away for training or whatever reason. So, this is the first part of that process is to take applications.

A motion to **approve the issuance of a Request for Qualifications for an Associate Municipal Judge position for the City**, was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

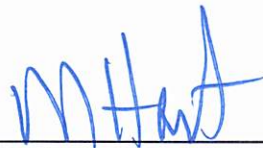
C -13. Consideration of Adjournment

A motion for **Consideration of Adjournment** was made by Councilmember Barker, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

These minutes were approved on February 12, 2026.



ATTEST:



Misty Songe Hart, Mayor



Rachel Duplechain, City Secretary