

**CITY OF VIDOR
VIDOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2026**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Hart
Councilmember Carder
Councilmember McGowan
Councilmember Thompson
Councilmember Barker
Councilmember Gatlin

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Bourque

Administrative Personnel: Aleta Cappen, Interim City Manager; Rachel Duplechain; City Secretary, Pebbles Eckhoff, Finance Director; Chris Leavins, City Attorney; Rodney Johnson, 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-4. Proclamation – Career & Technical Education Month

Misty Hart, Mayor, read Proclamation.

A -5. Citizen's Comments

None

B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

B -1. Approval of Accounts Paid:

Paid Invoices:

General Fund -	\$196,678.58
MCBSF -	\$737.92
Hotel Occupancy Fund -	\$8,809.40
Disaster Fund -	\$211,147.13
Juvenile Case Manager Fund -	\$241.72
Proprietary Fund -	\$33,763.37
Grand Total:	\$451,378.12

B -2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting January 22, 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. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the purchase and installation of two (2) cameras at Pirate Pride Park

Misty Hart, Mayor, asked for pricing from Chief Johnson for the cameras, due to recent vandalism there. Aleta Cappen, Interim City Manager, spoke on behalf on Chief Johnson, stating that the cost of the two cameras would be \$3,750.00, and that Dispatch will be able to actively monitor them. If they are linked with the Real-Time Crime Center it is another \$350.00, so right at \$4,000.00. They will be live monitored and be able to be accessed by dispatch as well.

A motion to **approve a Resolution authorizing the purchase and installation of two (2) cameras at Pirate Pride Park**, was made by Councilmember Barker, seconded by Councilmember Carder. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C -2. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of an Amendment to the Lease Agreement and/or a new Lease Agreement between the City and Vidor Youth Baseball League for the continued use of City property as a ballpark

Aleta Cappen, Interim City Manager, the lease with Vidor Little League expired December 31, 2024, and the City did not realize this. They do provide their insurance every year to the City as required. The original lease was for twenty-five (25) years. Chris Leavins, City Attorney, there was renewal option, but was not completed by the deadline, so this was drafted as if it had been amended or at least exercised the renewal option.

A motion to **approve a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of an Amendment to the Lease Agreement and/or a new Lease Agreement between the City and Vidor Youth Baseball League for the continued use of City property as a ballpark effective until December 31, 2034**, was made by Councilmember Barker, seconded by Councilmember McGowan. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C -3. 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 (2nd 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 and variances (2nd Reading)**, was made by Councilmember Carter, seconded by Councilmember Barker. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

- C -4. 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 2026; 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**

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 2026; 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 Barker, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

- C -5. Discussion and possible action to approve an Ordinance of the City of Vidor, Texas, renewing Chapter 46 – Miscellaneous Offenses, Article III. – Curfew for Minors, providing for a repealing clause; providing for severability; providing for a penalty; and providing for publication and an effective date.**

Misty Hart, Mayor, I am just asking for it to be renewed as it needs to be.

A motion to **approve an Ordinance of the City of Vidor, Texas, renewing Chapter 46 – Miscellaneous Offenses, Article III. – Curfew for Minors, providing for a repealing clause; providing for severability; providing for a penalty; and providing for publication and an effective date**, was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Carter. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

After the motion: Chris Leavins, City Attorney, as the Mayor said, this does renew and it's every three (3) years.

After the motion for C-16: Chris Leavins, City Attorney, Mayor, Captain Martin brought something to my attention going back to the Curfew Ordinance. There was a House Bill that prevents a city from being to force a Juvenile Curfew Ordinance that went into effect in the Code of Criminal Procedures and they actually a section 370.07 states that. Nicole McGowan, Councilmember, you can't put a curfew? Leavins, yeah, against particular movement of minors. It wouldn't prevent us from enforcing it. McGowan, wow. Leavins, so, with that being the case, I would ask that you revisit that item. When it happened to the Roberts School of Order, I'm going to make a motion to reconsider that item, And once that passes, if it does pass, then you would rescind it. It's technically not passive to bring it back anyways because it has a penal provisions that have to have two readings. We don't have everybody present. But since you can't enforce it anyways, I think we should withdraw that. Misty Hart, Mayor, I mean, I'm not, but. Kelly Carder, Councilmember, I'm not either. Hart, I mean it's not useless. It's for the parents that I send it to when the parents ask to show their kids. Leavins, 370.07, so for reference, not with any other laws that proposes a curfew to regulate the movements or actions of persons younger than 18 years of age and TML interpreted that to mean juvenile curfew. Carder, of course. McGowan, I have got to make a motion to revisit C-5? Leavins, yes, reconsider C-5.

A motion to **reconsider C-5**, was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

A motion to **revisit and rescind the prior motion**, was made by Councilmember McGowan, 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 a Resolution permitting the Orange County Mosquito Control to fly at low altitudes in territory under their jurisdiction to abate mosquitoes

A motion to **approve a Resolution permitting the Orange County Mosquito Control to fly at low altitudes in territory under their jurisdiction to abate mosquitoes**, was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C -7. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution appointing/re-appointing up to of six (6) members to the Planning and Zoning Commission (each member shall be a resident of the City of Vidor, shall serve without compensation, and shall hold no other position in the City government)

Chris Leavins, City Attorney, three (3) members expire at the end of May and three (3) have already expired. If you want to appoint six (6) it would be for the next two-year term. Nicole McGowan, Councilmember, we have five (5) here. Jessica Barker, Councilmember, I'm not for Mr. Inzer, sorry, if a person is getting Code Violations, you should not be able to participate in this. McGowan, fair enough, makes perfect sense.

A motion to **approve a Resolution appointing/re-appointing Aaron Smith, Anthony Foster, Jerad Spencer, and Seth LaPray**, was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Barker. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried. (1st Reading)**

C -8. Consideration and possible approval authorizing the City Manager to issue Request for Proposals regarding the City's website, including support, operations, and maintenance.

Misty Hart, Mayor, We need to try and find someone that is available city operating hours, 8 to 5. We don't currently have that, and it is a problem.

A motion to **approve authorizing the City Manager to issue Request for Proposals regarding the City's website, including support, operations and maintenance**, was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Carder. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C -9. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Vidor, Texas, approving the City's revised Investment Policy as discussed and approved at the February 12, 2026, City Council meeting.

Pebbles Eckhoff, Finance Director, there are no changes from last year to this year. The investment policy has not changed much since 2017. All of our investments are still the same.

A motion to **approve a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Vidor, Texas, approving the City's revised Investment Policy as discussed and approved at the February 12, 2026, City Council meeting**, was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Carder. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C -10. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution approving and adopting changes to the City's Purchasing Policies and Procedures.

Pebbles Eckhoff, Finance Director, there are a few changes to the policy: the purchase order process for the city, the state raised the threshold from \$50,000 to \$100,000 for sealed bids, so we made that change, so then we had to incorporate a policy from \$50,000 to \$100,000 which mimics our generic one from \$10,000 to \$50,000, and we added a general ledger account for Next Level Prime Membership, and the attorney's service was added to our list of professional services for contracts, because it was never there.

A motion to **approve a Resolution approving and adopting changes to the City's Purchasing Policies and Procedures**, was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Barker. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C-11. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Government Capital Corporation, for the purpose of financing updated Law Enforcement Hardware

Nick Garsee, Captain Vidor Police Department, the purpose of this memorandum is to seek approval for the purchase of updated CJIS complaint tablets for the Police Department so that we may be back in compliance. Nicole McGowan, Councilmember, how much does it cost? Garsee, Captain, the total cost is \$102,000, but they are proposing a four (4) year contract with four (4) equal payments of \$27,812.21 out of the computer budget. McGowan, can we afford it? Aleta Cappen, yes we can afford it. Misty Hart, Mayor, are we paying anything currently for the ones we have or that's all completed. Cappen, that's complete, and this replaces desktops and their tablets and brings them into compliance.

A motion to **approve a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Government Capital Corporation, for the purpose of financing updated Law Enforcement Hardware**, was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Carder. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C -12. Discussion and possible action to approve an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 14. – Businesses, Article VI. – Oil and Gas, Division 1. – Generally, , Subdivision I. – Regulating the Operations of Seismic Surveys Within the City Limits, Section 14-164(g) – Terms and Conditions, regarding the official newspaper of the City

Chris Leavins, City Attorney, we simply have to remove the Vidorian out of this as it is not the official newspaper for the city any longer. In the future to prevent this from happening it will simply say the official newspaper of the city.

A motion to **approve an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 14. – Businesses, Article VI. – Oil and Gas, Division 1. – Generally, , Subdivision I. – Regulating the Operations of Seismic Surveys Within the City Limits, Section 14-164(g) – Terms and Conditions, regarding the official newspaper of the City**, was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember McGowan. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C 13. Discussion and possible action to approve an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 14. – Businesses, Article VI. – Oil and Gas, Division 3. – Drilling, Section 14-220(a) – Notice of hearing on permit application, regarding the official newspaper of the City

Misty Hart, Mayor, this is the same as C-12 above.

A motion to **approve an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 14. – Businesses, Article VI. – Oil and Gas, Division 3. – Drilling, Section 14-220(a) – Notice of hearing on permit application, regarding the official newspaper of 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 -14. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution approving the placement and/or installation of a box outside of City Hall for donations of reflective vests

Misty Hart, Mayor, I am simply asking for some type of water-proof box to be placed out back where it is safe for these vests. Yes, I understand we have repeat offenders. Yes, I understand the officers may not be 100% happy with this, but we also have people that ride their bikes to work. Nicole McGowan, Councilmember, but how many more people is that going to attract just hanging around at City Hall. Hart, I mean we have cameras and we can have the police patrol it, but these people need access to these vests. McGowan, can't we just collect them and turn them over to Tabitha Phipps? Hart, they are doing it through Loving Truth Church, and they are only open on Mondays. Jessica Barker, Councilmember, where are these vests coming from? Hart, donations. We have a blessings box out back and if it becomes a problem, then we remove the box. We will have a box built to put out there. Barker, I am just approving for it to be out there, but no monies can be spent on it. Hart, I will get it donated. Barker, if it's donated that's great.

A motion to **approve a Resolution approving the placement and/or installation of a box outside of City Hall for donations of reflective vests**, was made by Councilmember Barker, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C -15. Discussion and possible action to re-open the job posting for City Manager

Misty Hart, Mayor, Aleta is not going to stay here forever, so we do need to re-post it. Nicole McGowan, I don't know, I decline that motion.

A motion to **approve to re-open the job posting for City Manager**, was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember Barker. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C -16. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the execution of a Municipal Maintenance Agreement with Texas Department of Transportation, subject to final legal review

Misty Hart, Mayor, this is per the meeting I already had with them previously before I agreed to sign it. I have already spoken to them about the crosswalk on Orange St. We need to have a pedestrian test done first. I also did talk to them about a pedestrian crosswalk at Tram. They have started cleaning the highway. They did hire new contractors like they said they would, everything that said need to be in this contract agreement is in this contract agreement. I just need approval to sign.

A motion to **approve a Resolution authorizing the execution of a Municipal Maintenance Agreement with Texas Department of Transportation, subject to final legal review**, was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Barker. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

After the motion: Chris Leavins, City Attorney, Mayor, Captain Martin brought something to my attention going back to the Curfew Ordinance. (See C-5)

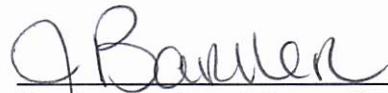
C -17. Consideration of Adjournment

A motion for **Consideration of Adjournment** was made by Councilmember Barker, seconded by Councilmember McGowan. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

These minutes were approved on February 26, 2026.



ATTEST: _____



Jessica Barker, Mayor Pro-tem



Rachel Duplechain, City Secretary