

**CITY OF VIDOR
VIDOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2026**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Pro-tem Barker
Councilmember McGowan
Councilmember Bourque
Councilmember Gatlin

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Misty Hart, Mayor
Councilmember Carder
Councilmember Thompson

Administrative Personnel: Aleta Cappen, Interim City Manager; Rachel Duplechain; City Secretary, Pebbles Eckhoff, Finance Director; Sandra Howard for 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., Jessica Barker, Mayor Pro-tem, presiding.

A -2. Invocation and Pledge to the United States Flag and the State of Texas Flag

Rachel Duplechain, City Secretary, gave the Invocation and led the Pledge to the United States Flag and the State of Texas Flag.

A-3. Proclamation – American Red Cross Month

Jessica Barker, Mayor Pro-tem, read Proclamation and presented to the American Red Cross.

A -4. Citizen's Comments

None

B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

B -1. Approval of Accounts Paid:

Paid Invoices:

General Fund -	\$466,070.13
MCBSF -	\$1,240.00
Emergency MGMT Service-	\$440.08
Hotel Occupancy Fund -	\$11,837.86
Disaster Fund -	\$125,215.42
Juvenile Case Manager Fund -	\$360.00
Proprietary Fund -	\$71,513.74
Employee Benefits Trust -	\$88,791.35
Grand Total:	\$765,468.58

B -2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting February 12, 2026

A motion to **approve paid invoices and minutes**, was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Bourque. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C. COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

- C -1. Consideration and/or possible approval of Ordinance amending ORDINANCE 1505 by calling for elections of three (3) Council members in municipal elections to be held on May 2, 2026, and establishing the procedures for the election, the provisions for election officials, establishing an electoral district and a polling place, and ordering a runoff election, if necessary, to be held on June 13, 2026.**

Consideración y/o posible aprobación de la Ordenanza enmendar la ORDENANZA 1505 convocando a elecciones de tres (3) miembros del Concejo en elecciones municipales que se celebrarán el 2 de mayo de 2026, y estableciendo los procedimientos para la elección, las disposiciones para los funcionarios de la elección, estableciendo un distrito electoral y un lugar de votación, y ordenando una segunda vuelta electoral, si es necesario, que se celebrará el 13 de junio de 2026. (1st Reading)

Rachel Duplechain, City Secretary, this is to amend the Voting locations, per the Orange County Administrator.

A motion to **approve an Ordinance amending ORDINANCE 1505 by calling for elections of three (3) Council members in municipal elections to be held on May 2, 2026, and establishing the procedures for the election, the provisions for election officials, establishing an electoral district and a polling place, and ordering a runoff election, if necessary, to be held on June 13, 2026**, was made by Councilmember Gatlin, seconded by Councilmember McGowan. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

- C -2. Consideration and possible action authorizing the City Manager to issue request for proposals for Benefit Services for Employee Insurance Benefits for the 2026 - 2027 Fiscal Year.**

Pebbles, Eckhoff, Finance Director, it is time to request RFPs again.

A motion to **approve authorizing the City Manager to issue request for proposals for Benefit Services for Employee Insurance Benefits for the 2026 - 2027 Fiscal Year**, was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Bourque. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

- C -3. Consideration and possible action to approve an Ordinance regulating traffic on Freeway Drive within corporate limits of the City by traffic control device (no truck route) (2nd Reading)**

A motion to **approve an Ordinance regulating traffic on Freeway Drive within corporate limits of the City by traffic control device (no truck route) (2nd Reading)**, was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Gatlin. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C -4. Consideration and possible action to authorize the Finance Director to request quotes from Spectrum and/or other providers for telephone and internet services and to authorize the selection and/or change in services.

Pebbles Eckhoff, Finance Director, we have some older copper lines that we have to keep and AT&T, is increasing their cost almost 90%. One of them is the pool line and the fax line at the Police Department. We are also having some issues with some of the service as well. So, I think it's time we look for some options.

A motion to **authorize the Finance Director to request quotes from Spectrum and/or other providers for telephone and internet services and to authorize the selection and/or change in services**, was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Bourque. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C -5. Consideration of Adjournment

A motion for **Consideration of Adjournment** was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Bourque. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

These minutes were approved on March 12, 2026.



ATTEST:


Rachel Duplechain, City Secretary



Jessica Barker, Mayor Pro-tem