

**CITY OF VIDOR
VIDOR CITY COUNCIL
Special Called MEETING
January 04, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Misty Songe
Councilmember Kelly Carder
Councilmember Nicole McGowan
Councilmember Jerry Aldridge
Councilmember Jessica Barker

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Gary Herrera
Councilmember Jane Hill

Administrative Personnel: Robbie Hood, City Manager; Chris Leavins, City Attorney; Betty Strong, City Secretary; Cheryl Ray, Supervisor of Finance & Accounting; and, Rod Carroll, 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 Special Meeting of the Vidor City Council began at 7:01 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

None

B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

B -1. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – December 09, 2021

A motion was made by Councilmember Aldridge, seconded by Councilmember Carder, to **APPROVE THE COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C. COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

C -1. Pursuant to Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code, the public is hereby given notice that the City Council of the City of Vidor, Texas will convene in Special Called session on the 4th day of January, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. to receive information from Allison, Bass & Magee, LLP, regarding the redistricting of City Council Member Wards. After the hearing, the City Council will authorize publication of a Public Hearing for consideration and possible action regarding one or more alternative plans for the redistricting of the City Council wards. The City Council reserves the right to take any and all appropriate actions regarding the redistricting of the City of Vidor political boundaries, including the acceptance of new boundaries for the City wards, modification of any boundaries, and/or tabling the pending proposals for later consideration and/or action.

Chris Leavins introduced Robert Bass from Allison, Bass & Magee, LLP. Mr. Bass explained the redistricting guidelines and requirements and provided an overview of the maps displayed in the council chambers listed as Base Map, Plan A, Plan B, and Plan C. Mr. Bass went on to explain that District 1 is 53.85% underpopulated and District 3 is overpopulated by 36.93%. He explained the range and deviation of each of the districts one (1) through six (6) and further explained the requirements to redraw the boundaries for each of the districts/wards. According to Mr. Bass the ideal ward size is a population of 1,632 citizens and gave a breakdown of the ethnic data within each. Mr. Bass gave a complete overview of each plan explaining the census blocks, how they work and how they affect the wards and boundaries within. Mr. Bass did inform Council any of the plans presented are satisfactory to the voting rights act and informed them there is a February 7, 2022 deadline for the adoption of the redistricting.

Discussion ensued.

C -2. Consideration and possible action to approve Findings of Fact Regarding Political Boundaries of the City Following Publication of 2020 Census Data and Order for Redistricting of Political Boundaries.

Chris Leavins, City Attorney explained the order.

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Carder, to **APPROVE the Order**. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C-11. Consideration of Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember Barker, for **Consideration of Adjournment**. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried, and the Special Called Meeting of the Vidor City Council adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

These minutes approved January 13, 2022.


Misty Songe, Mayor

ATTEST:


Betty Strong, City Secretary