

**CITY OF VIDOR
VIDOR CITY COUNCIL
Regular MEETING
January 13, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Misty Songe
Councilmember Nicole McGowan
Councilmember Jessica Barker
Councilmember Gary Herrera
Councilmember Jane Hill

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Kelly Carder
Councilmember Jerry Aldridge

Administrative Personnel: Robbie Hood, City Manager; Chris Leavins, City Attorney; 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 Regular 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. Proclamation-*Vidor School Choice Week*

Mayor Songe read the proclamation. No one was present to accept the Proclamation.

A -4. Citizen Comments

No Citizen comments.

B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

**B -1. Approval of Accounts Paid:
Paid Invoices:**

**General Fund - \$371,385.58
MCBSF - \$110.78
Municipal Court Technology Fund - \$787.86
Emergency Management - \$259.47
Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund - \$17,320.00
Juvenile Case Manager Fund - \$79.65
Judicial Efficiency Fee - \$14.10
Proprietary Fund - \$57,910.13
Employee Benefits Trust - \$128,944.82**

**B -2. Approval of Minutes: Special Called Meeting – January 04, 2022
Approval of corrected Minutes: Regular Meeting – December 09, 2021**

B -3. Ratification of the transfer of funds from Interest & Sinking 2013 General Obligation Refunding Bonds-Capital One Bank account to Interest & Sinking 2016 General Obligation Refunding Bonds-TexPool account in the following amounts:

December 10, 2021:	\$ 3,999.82
December 17, 2021:	\$ 13,113.01
December 29, 2021:	\$ 11,627.85
December 29, 2021:	\$ 18,789.73
January 6, 2022:	\$ 9,855.25

B -4. Ratification of the payment of the monthly sales tax in the amount of \$6,315.64 for November out of General Account/Pooled Cash

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Herrera, 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. PUBLIC HEARING – 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 regular session on the 13th day of January, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. to receive public comment on redistricting of city council Wards. After the public hearing, the City Council will take up for consideration and to take possible action regarding one or more alternative plans for the redistricting of City Council wards. The 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 Council wards, modification of any boundaries, and/or tabling the pending proposals for later consideration and/or action.

The Public is invited to attend and to participate in this meeting. Those wishing to address the Council should sign a speakers request form provided for this purpose. Each speaker will be asked to come before the Council, identify themselves, provide their address, and inform the City Council of the City Council ward the speaker currently resides within. Comments should be reasonably concise and to the point. Questions will be answered, but the Council will not permit argument or excessive discussion of any particular topic. The hearing will be conducted under rules of judicial decorum. A tape recording of the hearing will be made of this hearing. Your comments will be transcribed and retained as a part of the permanent record of the proceeding

AUDIENCIA PUBLICA – De conformidad con el Capítulo 552 del Código de Gobierno de Texas, por la presente se notifica al público que el Concejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Vidor, Texas se reunirá en sesión especial / regular el 13th día de Enero, 2022, a las 7:00 p.m. para recibir comentarios del público. sobre la redistribución de distritos municipales. Después de la audiencia pública, el Concejo Municipal tomará para consideración y tomará posibles acciones con respecto a uno o más planes alternativos para la redistribución de distritos municipales. El Concejo se reserva el derecho de tomar todas y cada una de las acciones apropiadas con respecto a la redistribución de los límites políticos de la Ciudad de Vidor, incluida la aceptación de nuevos límites para los distritos del Concejo Municipal, la modificación de cualquier límite y / o la presentación de las propuestas pendientes para su consideración posterior. y / o acción.

Se invita al público a asistir y participar en esta reunión. Aquellos que deseen dirigirse al Concejo deben firmar un formulario de solicitud de oradores provisto a tal efecto. A cada orador se le pedirá que se presente ante el Concejo, se identifique, proporcione su dirección e informe al Concejo Municipal del distrito del Concejo Municipal en el que reside actualmente. Los comentarios deben ser razonablemente concisos y directos. Las preguntas serán respondidas, pero el Concejo no permitirá discusiones o discusiones excesivas sobre ningún tema en particular. La audiencia se llevará a cabo bajo reglas de decoro judicial. Se grabará una cinta de la audiencia de esta audiencia. Sus comentarios serán transcritos y retenidos como parte del registro permanente del procedimiento.

Mayor Songe opened the PUBLIC HEARING at 7:05pm

No Citizen comments. The public hearing carried over to C-2 discussion.

C -2. Consideration and possible action to approve an Order Adopting Redistricting Plan for City Council Wards

Jessica Barker, Ward 4 asked Robert Bass from Allison, Bass & Magee, LLP for a definition of the census block. Mr. Bass gave an explanation adding this is based on and includes natural boundaries and topographical maps. Mr. Bass confirmed the census count at 9,789 for the City of Vidor. Mr. Bass explained the reasons for redistricting and the process for the benefit of the citizens in attendance. Mr. Bass then went on to cover the various plans A through C.

Gary Herrera, Ward 5 asked about plan C and the breakdown of the railroad tracks showing on the Map.

Discussion ensued.

PUBLIC HEARING closed at 7:42pm

A motion was made by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, to **APPROVE Plan B.**

ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilmember McGowan, aye; Councilmember Barker, aye; Councilmember Herrera, nay; Councilmember Hill, aye. The Council voted three (3) for and one (1) opposed. The motion carried.

C -3. Discussion and possible action regarding establishing an Ordinance regulating the minimum distance of individuals from an active accident or incident site

Mayor Songe explained her reason for discussion of this item. Councilmember Herrera, Ward 5 brought up the first amendment rights explaining anywhere the public can be the media can be.

Discussion ensued.

Rod Carroll, Chief of Police, is concerned about the 4th amendment and a safety perimeter. The Police Department has the right to stop interference and regulate tow trucks. Chief Carroll went on to say they cannot regulate social media.

Discussion ensued.

Chris Leavins, City Attorney stated he will need to research this topic further and bring this back at a future meeting.

No action was taken.

C -4. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution appointing a member to the Planning and Zoning Commission

Jared Spencer has a potential candidate and gave information on Fletcher Inzer. Council requested Mr. Inzer be invited to the next meeting.

No action was taken.

C-5. Consideration of Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Barker, for **Consideration of Adjournment**. The Council voted four (4) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried, and the Regular Meeting of the Vidor City Council adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

These minutes approved January 27, 2022.



Nicole McGowan, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Betty Strong, City Secretary