

**City Of Vidor
Vidor City Council
Regular Meeting
February 10, 2022**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Misty Songe
Councilmember Kelly Carder
Councilmember Nicole McGowan
Councilmember Jerry Aldridge
Councilmember Jessica Barker
Councilmember Gary Herrera
Councilmember Jane Hill

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Administrative Personnel: Robbie Hood, City Manager; Chris Leavins City Attorney; Betty Strong, City Secretary; Heather Watson, HR/Payroll Specialist; 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

Pastor Tuttle, Eastgate Pentecostal Church, gave the Invocation and led the Pledge to the United States Flag and the State of Texas Flag.

Mayor Songe asked Pastor Tuttle to introduce himself. Pastor Tuttle gave a brief introduction.

A-3. Proclamation – Career and Technical Education Month February 1-28, 2022

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 - \$170,467.64
	Child Safety - \$1,521.34
	MCBSF - \$65.52
	LEOSE - \$1,150.00
	Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund - \$2,320.00

Juvenile Case Manager Fund - \$39.90
Proprietary Fund - \$48,955.87
Employee Benefits Trust - \$64,565.93

B -2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – January 27, 2022

B -3. Ratification of the transfer of funds from Interest & Sinking 2013 General Obligation Refunding Bonds-Capital One Bank account to Interest & Sinking 2008/2016 General Obligation Refunding Bonds-TexPool account in the following amounts:

January 28, 2022:	\$ 48,088.54
January 21, 2021:	\$ 53,641.94

B -4. Ratification of the payment of the quarterly criminal court costs in the amount of \$55,254.87 out of General Account/Pooled Cash

A motion was made by Councilmember Herrera, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, to **APPROVE THE COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C. COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

C -1. Discussion and possible action to approve AN ORDINANCE 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 2022; 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

Chris Leavins, City Attorney, explained this Ordinance stating the need to hire the attorneys and that Entergy pays for this service.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember Aldridge, to **APPROVE THE ORDINANCE**. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -2. Discussion and possible action to approve AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VIDOR, TEXAS DECLINING TO APPROVE THE CHANGE IN RATES REQUESTED IN ENTERGY TEXAS, INC.'S STATEMENT OF INTENT FILED WITH THE CITY ON JANUARY 31, 2022 AND FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE WAS CONSIDERED WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS LAW.

Chris Leavins, City Attorney, explained declining to approve the change in rates is the recommendation of both the attorneys and Entergy.

Councilmember Herrera, Ward 5 asked what the rate changes were. Chris Leavins, City Attorney stated he did not have this information readily available due to the suggested denial of the rates.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Aldridge, to **APPROVE THE ORDINANCE**. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -3. Discussion and possible action authorizing the City Manager and Staff to request bids for an administrator for employee benefits

Heather Watson, HR/payroll Specialist, explained the need to get bids for an administrator for health insurance needs. She stated the firm we are using, Gallagher since 2015, is not meeting our needs currently.

Councilmember Herrera, Ward 5, asked for a list of issues we are having with Gallagher. Heather Watson, HR/Payroll Specialist, stated she will get him this information.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, to **APPROVE The City Manager and Staff to request the bids**. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -4. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the City's application and participation in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Division – Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for Fingerprint Readers

Rodney Johnson, Police Captain, explained the grant and informed where and how the units will be distributed.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember Aldridge, to **APPROVE the JAG grant for Fingerprint readers**. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -5. Discussion and possible action to approve the renewal of a CD at Dugood Federal Credit Union at the renewal rate of .50%.

Cheryl Ray, Finance and Accounting Supervisor stated it is time for renewal and there is no change in the rate.

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Aldridge, to **APPROVE the renewal of the CD at Dugood FCU**. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C -6. Discussion and possible action to approve AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VIDOR, TEXAS AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 22 – ENVIRONMENT, ARTICLE III. – JUNKED, WRECKED OR ABANDONED PROPERTY REGARDING VIOLATIONS, NOTICE AND ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR WAIVER OF SECOND READING; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Chris Leavins, City Attorney, explained this Ordinance was brought back in September 2021. Mr. Leavins explained the changes and that it has been reorganized to simplify the process and make it easier for Code Enforcement to proceed with processing these violations.

Councilmember Herrera, Ward 5, asked about the fine being a max of \$200.00. Requested we change it to \$500.00.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Councilmember Herrera, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, to **APPROVE THE ORDINANCE with the revision of changing the max fine from \$200.00 to the max \$500.00**
ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilmember Carder, **aye**; Councilmember McGowan, **aye**; Councilmember Aldridge, **aye**; Councilmember Barker, **aye**; and Councilmember Herrera, **aye**; Councilmember Hill, **aye**. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C-7. Discussion and possible action to approve use of ARPA funds for the Police Department to purchase CAD and RMS systems from Kologic.

Rod Carroll, Chief of Police, explained the current system the P.D. has been using since 2008, EFORCE, is not user friendly. Chief Carroll explained the increase in calls and service from 2010. He went on to explain the Kologic program and how this will assist dispatch with the increased call volume. Chief Carroll also explained how this system will assist with Covid related calls and cases. Dispatch and officers will not have to use a code on the radio/scanner. Chief Carroll gave an overview of other uses of the Kologic system.

Robbie Hood, City Manager, explained the coverage of the grant for this system.

Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Aldridge, to **APPROVE the use of ARPA funds for the CAD and RMS systems from Kologic.** The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

C- 8. Announcement and discussion regarding receipt of CDBG-MIT Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Supplemental (HMGP-S) grant in the amount of \$3,243,200.00.

Cheryl Ray, Finance and Accounting Supervisor, explained this was initially a denied HMGP Grant and after sending other documentation this one was approved. She explained this grant will fix the OST Bridge and assist with the Terry Gully retention ponds.

Robbie Hood, City Manager, gave council a handout covering the overview and status of active grants.

C -9. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code – Consultation with Attorney, regarding pending or contemplated litigation and settlement offer.

Mayor Songe recessed the regular meeting to go into **EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:27 p.m. - Deliberation pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney**

Mayor Songe reconvened the regular meeting at 7:41 p.m.

C – 10. Consideration and possible action arising or related to Agenda Item C- 9.

No action

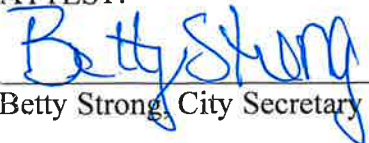
C -11. Consideration of Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Carder, seconded by Councilmember McGowan, for **Consideration of Adjournment**. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried, and the Regular Meeting of the Vidor City Council adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

These minutes approved February 24, 2022.


Misty Songe, Mayor

ATTEST:


Betty Strong, City Secretary