

**CITY OF VIDOR  
VIDOR CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 12, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Kimberly Stiebig  
Councilmember Kelly Carder  
Councilmember Angela Jordan  
Councilmember Misty Songe  
Councilmember Keith Buesing  
Councilmember Gary Herrera  
Councilmember Jane Hill

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**Administrative Personnel:** Rollie Burr, Interim City Manager; Sandra Howard, City Attorney; Vicki Watson, City Secretary; Cheryl Ray, Supervisor of Finance & Accounting; and Rod Carroll, Chief of Police

**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 7:00 p.m., Mayor Stiebig presiding.

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

Rollie Burr, Interim City Manager, gave the Invocation and led the Pledge to the United States Flag and the State of Texas Flag.

**A -3. Report from Mr. Tim Andrews from the Board of Directors of the Orange County Appraisal Board**

Tim Andrews, Orange County Appraisal District Board of Directors, stated most people think the Board raises taxes, but that is not true. Mr. Andrews explained the Board ensures the Appraisal District's operational transparency and integrity. Mr. Andrews gave Council an overview of the duties of the Board of Directors including annual evaluations of the Chief Appraiser and approving all hiring, monthly bills, finance reports and the annual budget. A brief discussion ensued.

**A – 4. Citizen Comments**

Jerad Spencer, 951 North Main, thanked Council for the job they are doing and the conversations they have had, not only in person, but also online. Mr. Spencer spoke regarding David Brewer's subdivision, Pirate's Cove, and the problem with speeding on Pine Street. Mr. Spencer requested a speed bump on Texas Street and a stop sign at the intersection of Pine Street at Texas Street.

Brian C. Smith, 3775 FM 408, Orange, stated he is bringing a civil lawsuit against the City of Vidor. Mr. Smith stated the suit has been filed in the federal district court and he is seeking \$250,000. Mr. Smith stated the Mayor has also been named as a defendant in this matter. Mr. Smith spoke regarding civil disability discrimination and the "dog at large" citation he received.

## **B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**Paid Invoices:**

- General Fund – \$407,487.35**
- Sanitation Fund – \$61,269.90**
- Juvenile Case Management – \$204.99**
- Municipal Court Building Security Fund – \$110.67**
- Municipal Court Technology Fund – \$742.64**
- Emergency Management – \$678.51**
- LEOSE – \$349.00**
- Hotel Occupancy – \$20,300.00**
- Disaster Fund – \$95,110.69**
- Employee Benefits Trust – \$58,656.81**

### **B -2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – November 14, 2019**

### **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:**

<b>November 12, 2019:</b>	<b>\$ 3,543.91</b>
<b>November 19, 2019:</b>	<b>\$ 6,248.43</b>
<b>November 25, 2019:</b>	<b>\$ 5,811.50</b>
<b>December 03, 2019:</b>	<b>\$ 5,841.69</b>
<b>December 09, 2019:</b>	<b>\$ 1,670.09</b>

### **B -4. Ratification of the payment of the monthly sales tax in the amount of \$6,782.01 out of General Account/Pooled Cash**

### **B -5. Ratification of the transfer of funds from Pooled Cash to the Forfeiture Fund in the amount of \$4,260.80 from the seizure of property by the police department**

### **B -6. Ratification of the transfer of funds from Pooled Cash to the Disaster Fund in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the payment of bills related to Tropical Storms Harvey and Imelda**

A motion was made by Councilmember Songe, seconded by Councilmember Jordan, 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. Consideration and possible confirmation of appointment/reappointment of one member to the Civil Service Commission to expire on September 6, 2022**

Rollie Burr, Interim City Manager, recommended Council reappoint Lanny Brown who is currently on the Commission and is willing to continue to serve.

Councilmember Songe made a motion to **reappoint Lanny Brown to the Civil Service Commission**. Councilmember Buesing seconded. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

**C -2. Consideration and possible confirmation of appointment of one member to the Civil Service Commission to fill an unexpired term (expires 10/14/2020)**

Rollie Burr, Interim City Manager, explained Norman Blackman, who recently passed away, was one of our Civil Service Commission members. Mr. Burr stated he does not have a name at this time but hopes to by the January meeting.

No action was taken.

**C -3. Discussion and possible action authorizing revisions to the City's CDBG-DR Infrastructure application**

Melinda Smith, Traylor & Associates, explained all dollar amounts discussed are construction dollars only and do not include administration or engineering costs. Ms. Smith stated the HMPG grants are currently not going to be funded through FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) or TDEM (Texas Department of Emergency Management). Ms. Smith discussed the proposed revisions to the application which included removing the Old Spanish Trail crossing and the Terry Gully retention pond and adding those funds to the Archie Street project.

Ms. Smith also discussed replacing the Heritage Park street improvements with a drainage study. Ms. Smith explained the GLO (Texas General Land Office) originally said no to the request to move funds, but they have continued to go back. Ms. Smith stated, as of right now, the GLO is not saying no, but they have not said yes either. Michelle Falgout, engineer, explained this would actually be an Anderson Gully study (north of Tram Road to south of the city limits) and not a study of just Heritage Park. Ms. Falgout stated this would be a starting point so that when something happens, we can grab grant funds in the future.

**C -4. Discussion and report on potential grants and funding opportunities for projects and matters in the City**

Melinda Smith, Traylor & Associates, stated there are several pots of money that have become available, or at least rules available, but the conditions are not favorable for the City of Vidor and discussed the criteria. Ms. Smith stated the Houston suburbs are the predictable winner in all of this.

Ms. Smith stated the new program director, formerly with the Texas Department of Agriculture, has a passion for small communities. Ms. Smith stated this is the first year for the program and conditions could change in the future. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Smith stated there was a federal register notice that there is money being released for Tropical Storm Imelda. Ms. Smith explained there are not nearly as many entities that will be eligible for this one and encouraged Council to speak to the powers that be.

Ms. Smith stated there is now an action plan for the CDBG (Community Development Block Grants) and she is hopeful at least one will be eligible. Ms. Smith explained there is a program inside this pot of money to fund, through the Texas General Land Office (GLO), some of the HMPG projects that were not recommended for funding by TDEM (Texas Department of Emergency Management) and FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency).

Ms. Smith stated the other two pots of money are the 15/16 floods and the Harvey floods. Ms. Smith explained these are competitive applications. Ms. Smith explained not only do these have a low-to-moderate income requirement and a cost per beneficiary requirement, but they also have an additional scoring criteria

of the percentage of the jurisdiction which will be served by a project. Ms. Smith stated all entities are eligible, even those like Water Control Districts and Drainage Districts which required sponsorship in the past.

Ms. Smith stated there is also approximately \$60 million that the cog will be receiving as direct allocation, similar to CDBG-DR funds. Ms. Smith explained it would be for a regional project that would help all.

**C -5. EXECUTIVE SESSION Deliberation pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney, and Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters, regarding the permanent City Manager position, including review of applications for City Manager**

Mayor Stiebig recessed the Regular Meeting to go into **EXECUTIVE SESSION Deliberation pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney, and Section 551.074 – Personnel Matters, regarding the permanent City Manager position, including review of applications for City Manager** at 7:43 p.m.

Mayor Stiebig reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:21 p.m.

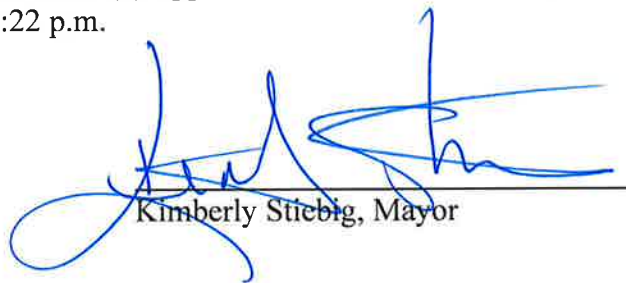
**C -6. Consideration and possible action resulting from Executive Session under C-5 regarding the permanent City manager position**

A motion was made by Councilmember Songe, seconded by Councilmember Carder, **to narrow the list down to Rollie Burr and Robbie Hood to bring back for interviews at the January 9, 2020 meeting.** ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilmember Carder, aye; Councilmember Jordan, aye; Councilmember Songe, aye; Councilmember Buesing, aye; Councilmember Herrera, aye; and Councilmember Hill, aye. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

**C -7. Consideration of Adjournment**

A motion was made by Councilmember Songe, seconded by Councilmember Herrera, 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 8:22 p.m.

*These minutes approved January 9, 2020.*



Kimberly Stiebig, Mayor

ATTEST:



Vicki Watson, City Secretary