

**CITY OF VIDOR  
VIDOR CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING  
November 7, 2024**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Songe  
Councilmember Lee  
Councilmember McGowan  
Councilmember Barker  
Councilmember Bourque  
Councilmember Weldon

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Councilmember Thompson

**Administrative Personnel:** Robbie Hood, City Manager; Rachel Duplechain, City Secretary; Chris Leavins, City Attorney (via phone conference for Executive Session Only); Rod Carroll, 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 7:00 p.m., Misty Songe, Mayor, presiding.

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

Rod Carroll, Chief of Police, gave the Invocation and led the Pledge to the United States Flag and the State of Texas Flag.

**A -3. Citizen Comments**

None

**C. COUNCIL SPECIAL AGENDA**

**C -1. Discussion and consideration of approving the recommendation of the Selection Review Committee to award by Resolution a contract for administrative services pertaining to the application and implementation, if awarded, of the City's Disaster Recovery Reallocation Program (DRRP) project(s) funded through the Texas General Land Office and authorizing the execution of a contract.**

Rachel Duplechain, City Secretary, Mayor/Council, this is for the Disaster Recovery Reallocation Program (DRRP). That's the reason we had to have this special meeting this evening. The deadline for this is so tight that we need to go ahead and do our procurement process for administration and engineering services. So that takes care of C1 and C2. We closed the bidding this morning at 10:00am and then we did this selection committee meeting this afternoon at 3:00pm and voted on that and we have our recommendations for you. Misty Songe, Mayor, what were the recommendations? Duplechain, so in the grading process, we only had two submitted for administration and we're recommending Traylor & Associates, they had the highest score.

Then we had four (4) submitted for engineering and the highest scoring on that was Leavins Engineering (LEAD). Robbie Hood, City Manager, Mayor, if you would take them one at a time, please. Thank you. Songe, yes sir.

A motion to **approve the recommendation of the Selection Review Committee to award by Resolution a contract for administrative services pertaining to the application and implementation, if awarded, of the City's Disaster Recovery Reallocation Program (DRRP) project(s) funded through the Texas General Land Office and authorizing the execution of a contract to Traylor & Associates**, was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

Robbie Hood City Manager, Mayor, before you move on really quickly, the application has to be turned in by the latter part of this month. Excuse me, we had to select our engineers and our grant people by the end of this month, applications are due next year around April. So, I'll be getting with you (Mayor) and each of the Council Members to kind of see what kind of projects you all would like to see because it covers street improvements, drainage, there's all kinds of stuff that is approved and this is recovery monies leftover, reallocating money from Harvey and other disasters. I mean, it's \$84 million just for Harvey, almost \$85 million so it's up there. So, you got projects that are a minimum award of \$500,000 to \$20 million. So, I'll be getting with each one of y'all to see what are, maybe your top three things and then we'll go from there. Thank you. Songe, yes sir

**C -2. Discussion and consideration of approving the recommendation of the Selection Review Committee to award by Resolution a contract for engineering services pertaining to the application and implementation, if awarded, of the City's Disaster Recovery Reallocation Program (DRRP) project(s) funded through the Texas General Land Office and authorizing the execution of a contract.**

Rachel Duplechain, City Secretary, Mayor, we are recommending Leavins Engineering & Design (LEAD) as the engineer on this grant. Council Member Barker, I know Leavins was one of the bidders, who were the other three? Duplechain, they were AWC, Leavins, LJA, and Schaumburg & Polk. Barker, who was on the Selection Review Committee? Duplechain, it was me, Captain Rodney Johnson, Aleta Cappen, Brooke Carroll, and Jessica Fountain.

A motion to **approve the recommendation of the Selection Review Committee to award by Resolution a contract for engineering services pertaining to the application and implementation, if awarded, of the City's Disaster Recovery Reallocation Program (DRRP) project(s) funded through the Texas General Land Office and authorizing the execution of a contract**, was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

**C -3. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of an Ordinance of the City of Vidor, Texas amending Chapter 6, Article I, Section 6.5. Animal Service Fees, Permit Fees, related to fees charged by Animal Control**

Mayor Songe, we will actually skip to C-4 really quick

Sherri Morris, Animal Control Supervisor, so I am not really sure what you all want to do with the fees and such, but if you raise the fees what is going to happen is I am going to have more dogs. Mayor Songe, right. So, I guess let me start, I guess I'll start where it all started with the pit bulls, you, and I talked about it and talked about repeat offenders and stuff like that. So that's where I got to looking at some of them being repeat offenders or being vicious dogs. Jessica and I, some of us, well Jessica, wants to make sure that we're not costing the city money by picking them up. I had the opinion that was still on first offense to keep it low. So, what we wanted from you was kind of the input of where you thought it would make sense, but it wasn't to it too cheap to where we were losing a whole lot of money to be able to try to slap their hands a little harder versus just the minimum. Council Member McGowan, so we don't have to keep picking up the same dogs over and over. Council Member Barker, so just to correct what she just said my concern was to make sure that we were covering our costs and that we are not repeatedly picking up people's dogs because they are repeat offenders and we're only going to charge them \$10.00 to where it is. Morris, usually if I have to pick up the dog more than once, the second, especially in a dog bite, okay, the second time it's labeled a dangerous dog. When I tell them I'm going to file dangerous dog, they usually just go ahead and surrender the dogs. But I have to do it right, you know, because if they're, if they did it once and they go to do it again, I mean, it's just going to be an ongoing thing the dogs that I picked up. Songe, they're going to continue to do it. Morris, I had never picked those dogs up before, never had any problems but one yes, but it got fixed. But with one of them, with the owner, that wasn't there, that he was in jail and so the girlfriend, of course, didn't take care of things like he did. The other one, yes, I've had problems with her, but I got her dog, She don't pick it up and she gets another one. So, it's just the ongoing thing, you know and all of them received a ticket for each dog this time. You know, anytime somebody gets in a has a dog that is in a dog bite, they do get a citation. I mean it just that's how it is. But as far as your quarantine fees, you have them actually 11 days. I mean, they're quarantine for 10, but you have to wait for that on till the 11th day to release them. \$80.00 is really, I mean, most people can't pay it, and they can't. Barker, how do you have dog if you can't pay for that? Morris, Do what? Right, and that's my thing. I mean, people have dogs everywhere. They never go to the vet. They never do anything you said, I'm saying so if I would have told them, OK, they paid all their fees. I mean, everything was done. But if I would have told them, OK, it's going to cost you, say \$100 to quarantine this dog, one dog. Most of them I would have, I would have to keep, and I can't do anything about it. I can't adopt these dogs after they've bitten somebody. I have to be euthanized. Songe, so quarantine is only if they've actually bitten, the other is just impound fees. Morris, right. It's not the impound fees, our impound fees are fine if I do it any if I go up anymore. Usually after the first time I don't I usually don't have to pick them up the second time. They usually surrender them because they don't want another ticket. McGowan, so they're just going to say you can have them, so we might as well not go up. Morris, right. Council Member Lee, would you say most pickups are new dogs each time? Morris, right, I do have problems with some people, but when you get in their pocketbook with a citation it usually resolves. Songe, and we do have to do that occasionally like with one of my neighbors because he was a little escape artist and kept escaping over and over. Lee, and the citation fees are per animal, correct? Morris, yes and it is \$250 to \$500. Lee, so if they have multiple animals and you pick up a different one, that's not the increased fee. That's still the first fee, because it's that first time for that animal. Morris, correct. Songe, so you're asking for a \$50 surrender fee and a \$50 voluntary. That's the changes that you feel are most important and would be most effective. Morris, That's right now I do, because every day I get a phone call, can you take my dog? I can't take care of my dog, I can't do this, I can't do that, \$20 is not worth me taking it in doing and which you know, doing the paperwork. If it's not healthy trying to get it back to where I could get it adopted, sometimes the dogs sit there most of the times the dogs have a lot of problems, so they get a one-time fee of \$20 and now most of the time I end up putting them to sleep. And there's an owner surrenders

because it's just on my owner surrenders, you know. But if we go up on the prices of impound, I will be putting more to sleep there because you can go get a dog anywhere you see what I'm saying.

A motion to **approve Ms. Sherri's suggestion of adding the \$50 Owner Surrender Fee and the \$50 Voluntary Euthanasia Fee**, was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

**C -4. Discussion and possible action authorizing temporary usage of Hyline St. by Parkwood Sand and Material and Tractor Supply**

Mayor Songe, Jonathan, do you want to come up really quick please. Jonathan Stevenson, Owner, Parkwood Sand & Materials, we were awarded the contract with the land clearing, the removal of the archive material on the project, and also bringing in the new material, digging the detention pond, and setting everything. What we discovered is when you leave our property, we have an existing rock road called Hyline where it turns north, actually where it turns stays west. It's just grown up, it's just grass but it's actually an old access road for Vidor, but it's never been in use. The concrete apron was probably poured about the same time the Catholic Church was built, but it's never been paved in between, where Hyline turns north and goes towards Weatherford and 105 Main St. So, we're going to bring in about 30 loads of select fill, there's a couple little swags on that road. I know the Mayor, myself, and the City Manager went and rode that road. If y'all approve this Saturday, we're going to be starting to bring in select fill in those low spots and go over it. We're going to blade the road out really nice and smooth and we're going to maintain the road. I'm not guaranteeing that 100% of the loads are going to be used on that, it kind of depends on the weather. But at the bare minimum. If we have to bring our loads full loads around on the highway, then we can use Hyline and come back empty here. I'm hoping that the weather permitting and the roads that we'll be able to just travel Hyline and try to stay off the public roads. Robbie Hood, City Manager, yes that's a good thing to try and keep them off the public roads. Songe, so I did ride this with him on his side by side and it actually where Tractor Supply's property is in this road is they literally run side by side so this keeps, most of the traffic off of the main road. So, we're not having to worry about flaggers and everything with the dump trucks. So, it's just temporary use, He's rocking the road it's not being paved, it's not personal use. It is for the dirt work and the trees he's going to bring all the stuff back as far as all the clearing of the wood and everything like that. That's all going backwards as well. So, it's going to be huge for safety, traffic, and everything else. Hood, it's a good deal that you were selected locally to do this project. Stephenson, and it's also been decided to use us for their laydown yard, so we are going to be using a couple of acres of our land. They're bringing the trusses and a lot of the material for the Tractor Supply work to us, that we're all set that material will be allowed to be involved with temporary access of how to stay off the roads, you don't really know how much damage you could cause to the road with dump trucks and trucks and stuff. Songe, well, I watched, I know Chief was here to see how bad Tram got torn up when Walmart was done and how they tried to fix the road, and it didn't work. So, the safety aspect and just keeping maintaining. Hood, well 4:00 is bad here on Main St. around that time. Council Member Barker, who is covering the cost for the road? Stephenson, we are covering the cost, which in today's market just in the City Limits, a load of fill is \$150.00, so 30 loads would be about \$4800.00 worth of material.

A motion to **approve authorizing temporary usage of Hyline St. by Parkwood Sand and Material and Tractor Supply**, was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

**C -5. Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code – Consultation with Attorney to seek or receive legal advice regarding pending or contemplated litigation, a settlement offer, or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act**

Mayor Songe closed the regular session at 7:37pm, and Mayor, Council, and City Manager adjourned to the Executive Session conference room, for a telephone conference with the City Attorney. Mayor Songe reconvened the regular session at 7:45pm.

**C -6. Consideration and possible action to approve an Ordinance of the City of Vidor, Texas, authorizing the sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption pursuant to the authority of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code, Section 251.725 to commercially zoned property consisting of approximately 14.654 acres out of the J.H. Patillo Survey, Abstract No. 146, Orange County, Texas, commonly known as 17160 IH-10, Vidor, Texas, owned by Road Ranger, LLC; providing for a severability clause; providing for an effective date**


A motion to approve an Ordinance of the City of Vidor, Texas, authorizing the sale of beer and wine for off-premise consumption pursuant to the authority of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code, Section 251.725 to commercially zoned property consisting of approximately 14.654 acres out of the J.H. Patillo Survey, Abstract No. 146, Orange County, Texas, commonly known as 17160 IH-10, Vidor, Texas, owned by Road Ranger, LLC; providing for a severability clause; providing for an effective date, was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Lee. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

**C -8. Consideration of Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Barker. The Council voted six (6) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried; the meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.**

*These minutes were approved on November 14, 2024.*

ATTEST:

  
Rachel Duplechain, City Secretary



  
Misty Songe, Mayor