

**CITY OF VIDOR  
VIDOR CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 9, 2025**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Songe  
Councilmember Lee  
Councilmember Thompson  
Councilmember Barker  
Councilmember Bourque  
Councilmember Weldon

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Councilmember McGowan

**Administrative Personnel:** Robbie Hood, City Manager; Pebbles Eckhoff, Finance Director; Rachel Duplechain, City Secretary; Chris Leavins, City Attorney; and 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**

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 Accounts Paid:**

<b>Paid Invoices:</b>	<b>General Fund –</b>	<b>\$740,592.83</b>
	<b>MCBSF –</b>	<b>\$540.18</b>
	<b>Emergency Mgmt. Fund -</b>	<b>\$197.38</b>
	<b>Hotel Occupancy –</b>	<b>\$24,253.61</b>
	<b>Juvenile Case Manager FD -</b>	<b>\$10.08</b>
	<b>Proprietary Fund –</b>	<b>\$97,724.36</b>
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$863,318.44</b>

**B -2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – December 12, 2024**

A motion to **approve the Consent Agenda** was made by Councilmember Barker, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

## C. COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA

### C -1. Discussion and possible action concerning update from Code Enforcement on ninety (90) day extension of time for a recreational vehicle's placement on property located at 615 Lyndale

Robbie Hood, City Manager, Mayor - Council, I'll bring your reminder to the issue with RV over in Maplecrest, the City Council met on November 14th of last year and the owner of the RV wanted to be able to stay there for unspecified amount of time. I believe Matt McPayne, of McPayne Construction, was in attendance and was ready to pull a permit, when Ms. Parrott was ready too, that has not happened. Code Enforcement reached out to Mrs. Parrott here last week and spoke with her. She has no funding, has not gotten the funding that she had promised, nor has she reached out to the contractors to a secure permit to start the building process. Y'all granted her a 90-day extension which expires February 13th. So, we're just a little bit over 30 days. But she has not done anything that she said she was going to do. Misty Songe, Mayor, and she was given notice that it was going to be on this agenda so that she could give an update as well, and she stated she was unable to attend. Hood, she was notified, and she wasn't going to be able to attend. The thing that she told Code Enforcement before was that she had secured funding but, she is not moving forward at all. Like I said, y'all granted, her 90-day extension that expires on February 13th. Songe, we can bring it back next month just wanted to give ya'll an update that there has been no progress.

### C -2. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution amending the job description for Visitor's Center Administrator, including duties and making it a full-time position that reports to the City Manager

Pebbles Eckhoff, Finance Director, so right now, currently Miss James, she's in the audience tonight, this young lady at the end, she does a Visitor Center part-time. And we want to keep that position as part-time for Visitor's Center, but as you know in the six months or so, we've had some staff changes, resignations, things of that matter. And I've had to stop and fill in, we don't have really anybody designated as a floater. I've done some cross training, but it hasn't been as beneficial as we hoped it be because they still have their own responsibilities they have to do so, even filling in for somebody on vacation is a little bit difficult when they're even cross trained. You know a day or two is okay, but that week-long vacation, or in the case of an emergency, if somebody quits etcetera, it's always been myself and I think adding that floater position would be greatly beneficial. I think Miss James is completely capable of that, and I think adding that position will help the city. The cost is minimal, and the Visitor's Center will fill that other half. And I think it's just a good benefit for us at this time. Robbie Hood, City Manager, let them know the cost. Eckhoff, the cost is \$27,511.00 I believe, and that's giving retirement benefits and even adding the new Next Level benefit. That's what it will cost the General Fund, and then the Hot Tax Fund cost is already there, so we're just adding the 27,000 from the General Fund. Hood, probably about \$7,000 to \$8,000 of funds from Sanitation and the rest from proprietary funds. Michael Thompson, Councilmember, so would we be creating this new full-time position in lieu of back filling one of the other positions that have been vacant? Eckhoff, no, it would just be an extra needed spot for the City as far as floating like right now, I think we only have one open position as it is and that's in Court. At the time after she's trained, our goal is that when she's not filling in for somebody on vacation or anybody out sick that she'll go assist Court. Because right now, Court is the department that needs the assistance the most. And then next year that might be Sanitation, or it might be Finance, and then with her being cross trained on everything at City Hall, she can run and help with that void. Thompson, so it would be a multifaceted void. Eckhoff, correct, she would assist in every department in City Hall, with the exception of Administration. Misty Songe, Mayor, anymore discussion?

A motion to **approve a Resolution amending the job description for Visitor's Center Administrator, including duties and making it a full-time position that reports to the City Manager** was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Bourque. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

**C -3. Discussion and possible action to approve an Ordinance of the City Council 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 2025; authorizing the hiring of lawyers and rate expelis; 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, this is the annual Entergy Ordinance where we basically enter into an agreement with a law firm, does not cost the City anything. We're just part of a grouping of cities that hire the same law firm to go basically advocate on our behalf for most if not of all the Entergy files they do it and they go and negotiate it down for rates and those things. So, we do this every year, usually in December or January.

A motion to **approve an Ordinance of the City Council 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 2025; authorizing the hiring of lawyers and rate expelis; 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**, was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Bourque. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

**C -4. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the City of Vidor to use ARPA funds for Action Restoration for remediation in the Chambers at City Hall to be reimbursed by insurance in the amount of \$24,429.49**

Pebbles Eckhoff, Finance Director, explained this was for permission to cut the check to Action Restoration for the remediation of the Chambers at City Hall, and the funds would be reimbursed by the City's insurance company.

A motion to **approve a Resolution authorizing the City of Vidor to use ARPA funds for Action Restoration for remediation in the Chambers at City Hall to be reimbursed by insurance in the amount of \$24,429.49**, was made by Councilmember Bourque, seconded by Councilmember Barker. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

**C -5. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution authorizing the City of Vidor to use ARPA funds for ERI Consulting for asbestos and lead inspections to be reimbursed by grant funds in the amount of \$6,900.00**

Pebbles Eckhoff, Finance Director, stated this was for funds previously approved by Council last year to be issued for the Harvey Demo Buyout Grant, and that the funds would be reimbursed from through the grant program.


A motion to **approve of a Resolution authorizing the City of Vidor to use ARPA funds for ERI Consulting for asbestos and lead inspections to be reimbursed by grant funds in the amount of \$6,900.00**, was made by Councilmember Weldon, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

**C -15. Consideration of Adjournment**

A motion for **Consideration of Adjournment**, was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember Bourque. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.**

*These minutes were approved on January 23, 2025.*

ATTEST:

  
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Rachel Duplechain, City Secretary



  
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Misty Songe, Mayor