

**CITY OF VIDOR
VIDOR CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 27, 2025**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Songe
Councilmember Lee
Councilmember McGowan
Councilmember Thompson
Councilmember Bourque
Councilmember Weldon

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Barker

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

There were two citizens comments from Ronnie Herrera and Adam Dilley, both chose to speak at the time of Agenda Item C-12

B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA

B -1. Approval of Accounts Paid:

Paid Invoices:

General Fund -	\$237,208.74
MCBSF -	\$442.16
Emergency MGMT Service -	\$208.81
CDBG FUND -	\$340,286.56
Hotel Occupancy Fund -	\$20,839.60
Proprietary Fund -	\$31,136.69
Grand Total:	\$630,122.56

B -2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – March 13, 2025

A motion to **approve the Consent Agenda** was made by Councilmember McGowan, 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 to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a residential tax abatement agreement for the following:

Owner of Property:	Lawrence J. Loftin III
Applicant for Tax Abatement:	Lance Loftin and Tara Loftin
Address of Property:	455 N. Ashland, Vidor, Texas
Reinvestment Zone:	Zone 3, City of Vidor, Texas
Description of Improvements:	New Residential Construction
Estimated Cost of Improvements/Repairs:	\$400,000.00

A motion to **approve the Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a residential tax abatement agreement for Lawrence J. Loftin III and Tara Loftin**, was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember McGowan. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C -2. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a residential tax abatement agreement for the following:

Owner of Property:	Justin Fox and Katie Fox
Applicant for Tax Abatement:	Justin Fox and Katie Fox
Address of Property:	740 Kent St., Vidor, Texas
Reinvestment Zone:	Zone 4, City of Vidor, Texas
Description of Improvements:	New Residential Construction
Estimated Cost of Improvements/Repairs:	\$200,000.00

A motion to **approve the Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a residential tax abatement agreement for Justin Fox and Katie Fox**, was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember McGowan. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C -3. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a residential tax abatement agreement for the following:

Owner of Property:	Randall Ross Robertson and Kellyn Robertson
Applicant for Tax Abatement:	JN Custom Homes LLC
Address of Property:	855 Southdale, Vidor, Texas
Reinvestment Zone:	Zone 3, City of Vidor, Texas
Description of Improvements:	New Residential Construction
Estimated Cost of Improvements/Repairs:	\$165,000.00

A motion to **approve the Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a residential tax abatement agreement for Randall Robertson and Kellyn Robertson**, was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C -4. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a residential tax abatement agreement for the following:

Owner of Property: Noah Michael Cormier
Applicant for Tax Abatement: JN Custom Homes LLC
Address of Property: 865 Southdale, Vidor, Texas
Reinvestment Zone: Zone 3, City of Vidor, Texas
Description of Improvements: New Residential Construction
Estimated Cost of Improvements/Repairs: \$255,000.00

A motion to approve the Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a residential tax abatement agreement for Noah Michael Cormier, was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C -5. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a residential tax abatement agreement for the following:

Owner of Property: Apolinar Rodriguez
Applicant for Tax Abatement: Apolinar Rodriguez
Address of Property: 1085 Walnut, Vidor, Texas
Reinvestment Zone: Zone 5, City of Vidor, Texas
Description of Improvements: New Residential Construction
Estimated Cost of Improvements/Repairs: \$90,000.00

A motion to approve the Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a residential tax abatement agreement for Apolinar Rodriguez, was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C -6. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a residential tax abatement agreement for the following:

Owner of Property: Dalila Garcia
Applicant for Tax Abatement: Dalila Garcia
Address of Property: 1935 Old Spanish Trl, Vidor, TX
Reinvestment Zone: Zone 5, City of Vidor, Texas
Description of Improvements: New Residential Construction
Estimated Cost of Improvements/Repairs: \$140,000.00

A motion to approve the Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a residential tax abatement agreement for Dalila Garcia, was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.**

C -7. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a residential tax abatement agreement for the following:

Owner of Property: Betty Swissdorf
Applicant for Tax Abatement: Betty Swissdorf
Address of Property: 393 Haley St., Vidor, Texas
Reinvestment Zone: Zone 5, City of Vidor, Texas
Description of Improvements: Remodel / Harvey Rebuild
Estimated Cost of Improvements/Repairs: \$134,500.00

A motion to approve the Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a residential tax abatement agreement for Betty Swissdorf, was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried**

- C -8. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a residential tax abatement agreement for the following:**
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| Owner of Property: | Frizon Homes, LLC |
| Applicant for Tax Abatement: | Joseph Leger and Angela Leger |
| Address of Property: | 465 Lakewood, Vidor, Texas |
| Reinvestment Zone: | Zone 4, City of Vidor, Texas |
| Description of Improvements: | New Residential Construction |
| Estimated Cost of Improvements/Repairs: | \$380,000.00 |

A motion to **approve the Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a residential tax abatement agreement for Frizon Homes, LLC**, was made by Councilmember Thompson, seconded by Councilmember McGowan. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried**

- C -9. Discussion and possible action to approve a Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a residential tax abatement agreement for the following:**
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| Owner of Property: | Victoria Cowling |
| Applicant for Tax Abatement: | Victoria Cowling |
| Address of Property: | 387 N. Lakeside, Vidor, Texas |
| Reinvestment Zone: | Zone 3, City of Vidor, Texas |
| Description of Improvements: | New Residential Construction |
| Estimated Cost of Improvements/Repairs: | \$253,000.00 |

A motion to **approve the Resolution approving and authorizing the execution of a residential tax abatement agreement for Victoria Cowling**, was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried**

- C -10. Discussion and possible action to award a contract for drainage improvements for the Heritage Subdivision project included in the City's CDBG-MIT contract #22-085-010-D238 to Elite Contractors in the amount of \$2,390,685.50 for base bid.**

Steve Jordan, Schaumberg & Polk, we received six (6) bids for this project and after review of these bids for the base bid items (1-41) is it the recommendation of Schaumberg & Polk, that Elite Contractors, be awarded the bid in the amount of \$2,390,685.50. Misty Songe, Mayor, we would like to have it put on the record that the bid received from Elite Contractors was one million less than any of the other bids received for this project. Jordan, that is correct, and we have spoken with them concerning this. Robbie Hood, City Manager, the City and Schaumberg & Polk, will discuss this with Elite in the pre-construct kick-off meeting, that we will not continuously change orders in order to fulfill the one-million-dollar gap in the bid differences either. Kathryn Weldon, Council Member, it should also be noted that if the Elite requests just one (1) change order during the project that it is already over half a million dollars.

A motion to **approve action to award a contract for drainage improvements for the Heritage Subdivision project included in the City's CDBG-MIT contract #22-085-010-D238 to Elite Contractors in the amount of \$2,390,685.50 for base bid**, was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson.

Record Vote to Approve Award: Councilmember Lee Ward 1, aye; Councilmember McGowan Ward 2, aye; Councilmember Thompson Ward 3, aye; Councilmember Bourque Ward 5, aye; Councilmember Weldon Ward 6, aye. **Motion carries 5-0**

The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried**

C -11. Discussion and possible action to award a contract for drainage improvements for Lamar, Maplecrest, Lat 5 Crossing at Orange Street, Lexington, and Concord project included in the City's CDBG-MIT contract #22-085-010-D238 to Norman Highway in the amount of the base bid plus additive bid items 1 through 4 for a total of \$5,432,029.49.

Steve Jordan, Schaumberg & Polk, we received nine (9) bids for this project and after review of these bids for the base bid items (1-83) plus the Additive Bids 1 through 4 (Items 84-154), it is the recommendation of Schaumberg & Polk, that Norman Highway Constructors, Inc., be awarded the bid in the amount of \$5,432,029.49.

A motion to **approve action to award a contract for drainage improvements for Lamar, Maplecrest, Lat 5 Crossing at Orange Street, Lexington, and Concord project included in the City's CDBG-MIT contract #22-085-010-D238 to Norman Highway in the amount of the base bid plus additive bid items 1 through 4 for a total of \$5,432,029.49**, was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson.

Record Vote to Approve Award: Councilmember Lee Ward 1, aye; Councilmember McGowan Ward 2, aye; Councilmember Thompson Ward 3, aye; Councilmember Bourque Ward 5, aye; Councilmember Weldon Ward 6, aye. **Motion carries 5-0**

The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried**

C -12. Discussion and possible action to approve an Ordinance of the City of Vidor, Teas amending the Code of Ordinances by amending Chapter 74 – Vehicles for Hire, Article III – Tow Trucks; providing for a Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances; providing for Severability; providing for Penalties; and providing for Publication and an Effective Date

Misty Songe, Mayor, we have two (2) citizens' comments for this agenda item. Mr. Ronnie Herrera, would you please come forward. Ronnie Herrera, Herrera's Towing, we have been in business in the City of Vidor for forty-one years now. I think that raising the wrecker fee from two hundred and twenty-five dollars to two hundred and fifty dollars is a good thing and fair for all sides. Concerning the rotation and first on scene for the wreckers, I am not sure what the problem is concerning it anyway, we usually all go when there is an accident, and all try to get there as safely as we can. The police department prefers that we get whatever may be holding up traffic off the roadway as quickly as possible. Songe, Mr. Adam Dilley, would you please come and speak. Adam Dilley, Dilley's Wrecker Service, Mayor/Council, I am Adam Dilley owner of Dilley's Wrecker Service, I wanted to speak concerning the rotation and first on scene. When Rod Carroll first came to work for the City of Vidor, he pulled the first on scene for calls and went to the rotation list. Then we all had a meeting concerning officer safety and how he wants to re-instate the first on scene instead of going by the rotation list. If he didn't ask for permission to remove it back, then but now is asking for permission to put it back. I believe if we are going to have an Ordinance for wrecker service then the full Ordinance needs to be enforced front to back. I know for a fact that the distance requirement in the Ordinance is not enforced.

Mayor Songe, Council is passing on this item at this time.

C -13. Consideration of Adjournment

A motion for **Consideration of Adjournment** was made by Councilmember McGowan, seconded by Councilmember Thompson. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. **The motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

These minutes were approved on March 27, 2025.

ATTEST:



Rachel Duplechain, City Secretary





Misty Songe, Mayor

CERTIFICATE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

CITY OF VIDOR

COUNTY OF ORANGE

I certify that the council recording of Regular Meeting for March 27, 2025, did not record any audio for said meeting on recording. Minutes were typed based on Agenda Note packet that I, Rachel Duplechain, City Secretary, fill out at each meeting during real time.



RACHEL DUPLECHAIN, CITY SECRETARY

