

**CITY OF VIDOR  
VIDOR CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 14, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**Administrative Personnel:** Rollie Burr, Interim City Manager; Chris Leavins, City Attorney; Vicki Watson, City Secretary; Cheryl Ray, Supervisor of Finance & Accounting; and Aleta Cappen, Police Captain

**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 Stiebig 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 no citizen comments.

**B. COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA**

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

<b>Paid Invoices:</b>	<b>General Fund – \$272,487.92</b>
	<b>Sanitation Fund – \$30,264.85</b>
	<b>Child Safety – \$300.75</b>
	<b>Juvenile Case Management – \$226.82</b>
	<b>Municipal Court Building Security Fund – \$189.64</b>
	<b>Emergency Management – \$78.24</b>
	<b>LEOSE – \$2,495.00</b>
	<b>Hotel Occupancy – \$32,320.00</b>
	<b>TDA Grant – \$22,973.00</b>
	<b>Disaster Fund – \$7,571.35</b>
	<b>Employee Benefits Trust – \$58,079.96</b>

**B -2. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting – October 24, 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>October 28, 2019:</b>	<b>\$ 1,119.68</b>
<b>November 4, 2019:</b>	<b>\$ 2,866.68</b>

**B -4. Ratification of the payment of the quarterly State Criminal Costs and Fees in the amount of \$39,816.75 out of General Account/Pooled Cash**

**B -5. Ratification of the payment of the annual child safety seat and seat belt violation fines in the amount of \$81.95 out of General Account/Pooled Cash**

A motion was made by Councilmember Songe, seconded by Councilmember Jordan, to **APPROVE THE COUNCIL CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

#### **C. COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA**

**C -1. Consideration and possible action to approve a Resolution Establishing, Renewing and/or Amending the Guidelines and Criteria for Tax Abatement Agreements for use in the City's Residential Tax Abatement Program to promote development/redevelopment in certain areas of the City**

Chris Leavins, City Attorney, explained these are the same guidelines as amended in 2018.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jordan to **approve the Resolution establishing the guidelines**. Councilmember Songe seconded. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

**C -2. Consideration and possible approval of AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VIDOR, TEXAS AMENDING STREETS AND DRAINAGE – CAPITAL OUTLAY, AND STREETS AND DRAINAGE – WAGES, IN THE CITY'S BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019, AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2020; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A WAIVER OF SECOND READING; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, in the amount of \$45,000 (Second Reading)**

Mayor Stiebig explained this is moving money out of capital outlay for the operator positions that were created at the last meeting. Rollie Burr, Interim City Manager, explained no one applied for the operator positions and the next agenda item is to discuss possibly reclassifying them as utility workers. Mr. Burr stated Romeo (*Lingad, Street/Drainage Supervisor*) just hired a permanent employee who has experience.

Councilmember Songe moved to **approve the Ordinance moving the money**. Councilmember Jordan seconded. ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilmember Jordan, aye; Councilmember Songe, aye; Councilmember Buesing, nay; Councilmember Herrera, aye; and Councilmember Hill, aye. The Council voted four (4) for and one (1) opposed. The motion carried.

**C -3. Consideration and possible approval of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Vidor, Texas, reclassifying the part-time temporary operator positions to temporary utility workers**

Rollie Burr, Interim City Manager, stated this was explained in the previous agenda item. Mr. Burr explained there are two workers from the Workforce program which ends next month. Mr. Burr stated one has been reconstructing ditches and replacing culverts and the other has been doing hotshot jobs and grading roads. Mayor Stiebig stated if the two Workforce employees apply, the Workforce Center may send two more.

Mr. Burr explained work is continuing on the master drainage plan with Michelle (*Falgout, Engineer*), if the weather cooperates. Mr. Burr stated Romeo (*Lingad, Street/Drainage Supervisor*) is doing a great job and very concerned about safety, the equipment and training.

A motion was made by Councilmember Songe, seconded by Councilmember Hill, **to approve Resolution 877 reclassifying the positions.** The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

**C -4. Consideration and possible approval a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Vidor, Texas, authorizing the City's ballot to vote for the 2019-2020 Board of Directors for the Orange County Appraisal District**

Mayor Stiebig questioned how the votes work. Vicki Watson, City Secretary, explained the City of Vidor gets 104 votes and typically casts all of the them on the one we previously nominated, but they can be split. Councilmember Herrera expressed his desire to have Mr. Andrews (*the City's nominee*) come to a Council meeting and let the City know what is going on. Discussion ensued.

Councilmember Songe moved **to cast all 104 votes for Tim Andrews.** Councilmember Jordan seconded. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

**C -5. Consideration and action to elect a new Mayor Pro-tem**

After a brief discussion, Councilmember Jordan nominated Councilmember Songe as Mayor Pro-tem. Councilmember Buesing seconded. Councilmember Songe agreed to the appointment.

Councilmember Herrera made a motion **to appoint Misty Songe as Mayor Pro-tem.** Councilmember Jordan seconded. ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilmember Songe, aye; Councilmember Buesing, aye; Councilmember Herrera, aye; Councilmember Hill, aye; and Councilmember Jordan, aye. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

**C -6. Consideration and possible action to appoint an individual to fill the Councilmember Ward 1 vacancy**

Mayor Stiebig explained there are two people interested in the position and she has met with both of them. Ms. Stiebig stated she had a really good meeting with James Welborn, who is in attendance tonight, and discussed his thoughts moving forward with Council. Ms. Stiebig stated former Councilmember Kelly Carder is the second person interested in the position and has reached out to several Council members about resuming her role. A brief discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jordan, seconded by Councilmember Herrera, **to appoint Kelly Carder to fill the Ward 1 vacancy.** ROLL CALL VOTE: Councilmember Buesing, aye; Councilmember Herrera, aye; Councilmember Hill, aye; Councilmember Jordan, aye; and Councilmember Songe, aye. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

**C -7. Consideration and possible approval of the certification of the 2019 assessed tax roll for the City of Vidor as certified and submitted by Karen Fisher, Tax Assessor Collector**

Cheryl Ray, Supervisor of Finance & Accounting, explained this is the tax roll we certify every year. Ms. Ray stated the tax rolls were emailed to Council.

Councilmember Songe made a motion **to certify the 2019 assessed tax roll**. Councilmember Buesing seconded. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

**C -8. Consideration and possible approval of the certification of the 2019 delinquent tax roll for the City of Vidor as certified and submitted by Karen Fisher, Tax Assessor Collector**

A motion was made by Councilmember Songe, seconded by Councilmember Jordan, **to approve the delinquent tax roll**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

**C -9. Consideration and possible approval of cancelling the regularly called meetings of November 28, 2019, and December 26, 2019**


Councilmember Jordan moved **to cancel the November 28, 2019 and December 26, 2019 meetings**. Councilmember Songe seconded the motion. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried.

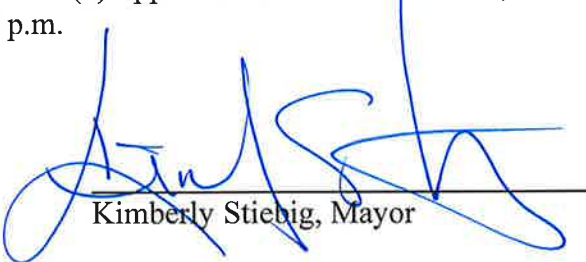
**C-10. Consideration of Adjournment**

A motion was made by Councilmember Songe, seconded by Councilmember Buesing, for **Consideration of Adjournment**. The Council voted five (5) for and none (0) opposed. The motion carried, and the Regular Meeting of the Vidor City Council adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

*These minutes approved December 12, 2019.*

ATTEST:

  
Vicki Watson, City Secretary

  
Kimberly Stiebig, Mayor