

September 12, 2022

The City Council of the City of Lavaca met for a regular monthly meeting Monday, September 12, 2022. Board members present were Mayor Hugh Hardgrave; Aldermen Benny Hunter, Lorie Robertson, Dale Teague, Rick Edgerton, Gerald Schaeffer and Mike Ray; and City Attorney John Verkamp. Visitors present were Larry Yancey with Hawkins-Weir Engineers, Butch Maness, Randy Toon and Susan Hayden.

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the August 8, 2022 meeting were approved as presented. (GS/BH)

Chief Toon presented the Police Report for the month of August. The Department answered 627 calls, made 8 arrests, and issued 19 warnings and 12 citations. Chief Toon also reported that Leads On Line has led to the recovery of stolen property and firearms.

The Fire Department answered 21 calls, 9 of which were assisting other agencies. In addition volunteers attended twice monthly meetings, performed routine equipment and truck checks and participated in pump operations and communications training.

Larry Yancey with HWE presented an On-Call Services agreement for the council's consideration. The agreement allows city personnel to access Hawkins Weir engineers on an On-Call basis for minor questions or projects. Limit of the agreement is \$10,000. The previous On-Call agreement lasted 4 years. The Council approved the On-Call agreement with Hawkins-Weir Engineers as presented. (LR/MR)

Bids for the repair/replacement of the floor in the Fire Department were opened Thursday, September 8, 2022. The sole responsive bidder was Steve Beam Construction in the amount of \$127,815. The Council accepted the bid for the repairs. (MR/DT)

Bids for certain street improvements were opened Thursday, September 8, 2022. Two bids were received. The Council accepted the low bid of \$276,025 from Crawford Construction. (GS/DT)

Resolution 2022-04, a resolution to amend the 2022 budget to reflect the receipt and expenditure of the \$5000 stipend for eligible full time officers as appropriated through Act 224 of 2022 by the Arkansas General Assembly was approved by the Council with all members present voting yes. (DT/MR) Lavaca received \$16,147.50 to provide this one-time stipend to each of three full time officers. The employer's share of FICA tax was included in the disbursement.

Amendments to the 2022 General Fund Budget to reflect the receipt and expenditure of the stipend as well as provide funds for the purchase of a police vehicle were approved by the council. (LR/GS)

A motion by Mike Ray to introduce an ordinance amending city vacation policy to provide full time police personnel with 15 consecutive years of employment an additional week or the equivalent of vacation was seconded by Lorie Robertson with all members present voting yes. A motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings of the ordinance was made by Rick Edgerton and seconded by Dale Teague with all members present voting yes. Mike Ray's motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-03 amending the vacation policy of the City of Lavaca was seconded by Benny Hunter. On a roll-call vote all members present voted yes. Ordinance 2022-03 will be in full force and effect from this date forward.

Gerald Schaeffer made a motion to introduce an ordinance to waive competitive bidding requirements for the purchase of a 2023 police vehicle. Dale Teague second, all present voted yes. Gerald Schaeffer's motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings of the ordinance was seconded by Lorie Robertson with all members present voting yes. Dale Teague made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-04, Rick Edgerton second, all members present voting yes. Ordinance 2022-04 will be in full force and effect from this date forward.

Gerald Schaeffer made a motion to introduce an ordinance to waive the competitive bidding requirements for the purchase of a public works vehicle, Dale Teague second, all members present voted yes. Rick Edgerton's motion to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings of the ordinance was seconded by Lorie Robertson with all members present voting yes. Mike Ray made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-05 for the purchase of a public works vehicle, Lorie Robertson second, on a roll call vote all members present voted yes. Ordinance 2022-05 will be in full force and effect from this date forward.

Gerald Schaeffer made a motion to sell the 2013 Chevrolet Tahoe and the 2013 F150, Benny Hunter second, all members present voted yes.

The Council voted to approve the bills for payment. (RE/DT)

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor

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Recorder