

April 14, 2025

The City Council of the City of Lavaca met for a regular monthly meeting Monday April 14, 2025, at City Hall in Lavaca. Board members present were Mayor Hugh Hardgrave, Aldermen: Mike Ray, Gerald Schaeffer, Mac Green, Lisa Hogan, Lorie Robertson, City Attorney John Verkamp and Recorder Shelly Hockaday. Dawn Hutchins was absent. Visitors present were Jeremy Smith, Kirk Barber, Butch Maness, Elaina Damante, Brian & Lorie Callen and Toby Beavers.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P. M. Gerald Schaefer led the Pledge of Allegiance and Hugh Hardgrave led the prayer.

The Council reviewed the minutes of the March regular meeting. Lisa Hogan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as printed. Gerald Schaefer seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Council members reviewed the report from the Police Dept. The Department answered 438 calls in March. LPD issued 8 tickets and 25 warnings. There were 2 arrests made in the month of March.

Council members reviewed the report from the Fire Dept. They responded to: 15 fire calls and 31 EMS calls in March.

Agenda Item #1 – Consider Sanitation Contract Extension with Cards Holdings, INC. After discussion everyone was in agreement to a 1 year contract extension with an increase of \$.45. This would increase the contact from \$12.06 to \$12.51 per customer until May 31, 2026. Mike Ray made a motion to approve the 1 year extension with the increase. Lisa Hogan seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Agenda Item #2 – Consider ordinance to amend 2023-07 for commercial building permit/inspection fees. This will increase the commercial permit from \$1000 to \$1500 and all per trip inspections will increase from \$50 to \$75. Gerald Schaefer made a motion to introduce the proposed ordinance. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed. Lorie Robertson made a motion to suspend the rules for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and read by title only. Lisa Hogan seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed. Lorie Robertson made a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance as 2025-02. Gerald Schaefer seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Ordinance 2025-02 was adopted.

Agenda Item # 3 – Consider ordinance to amend 2023-08 for residential building permit/inspection fees. This will increase the residential permit from \$500 to \$1000 and inspections will increase from \$50 to \$75. Lorie Robertson made a motion to introduce the proposed ordinance. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed. Lisa Hogan made a motion to suspend the rules for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and read by title only. Lorie Robertson seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed. Lorie Robertson made a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance as 2025-03. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Ordinance 2025-03 was adopted.

Agenda Item # 4 – Consider ordinance to amend 2000-07 to revise council meeting times/providing notice to the press. This would change meeting times from 7 PM to 6 PM and allow press notifications

by email. Lorie Robertson made a motion to introduce the proposed ordinance. Lisa Hogan seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed. Lorie Robertson made a motion to suspend the rules for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and read by title only. Gerald Schaefer seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed. Lorie Robertson made a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance as 2025-04. Lisa Hogan seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Ordinance 2025-04 was adopted.

Agenda Item # 5 – Consider ordinance to repeal obsolete ordinances. This would repeal the following obsolete, unenforced, and/or conflicting ordinances. Ordinance numbers included are 61-2, 74-3, 78-4, 79-3, 83-1, 85-1 and 91-2. Lorie Robertson made a motion to introduce the proposed ordinance. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted except Mac Green. Motion passed. Lisa Hogan made a motion to suspend the rules for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading and read by title only. Lorie Robertson seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed. Lisa Hogan made a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance as 2025-05. Lorie Robertson seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Ordinance 2025-05 was adopted.

Agenda Item # 6 – Consider sale of 1987 Pier Fire Truck VIN # 1P9CT02D2HA040242. Kirk Barber advised the council that Winfield Fire Dept. in Scott County, Arkansas had voted to purchase this truck for \$10,000. This truck was given to the Lavaca Fire dept and the City has about \$8000 invested in it. Mike Ray made a motion to sell the 1987 Pier Fire Truck listed above to Winfield Fire Dept in Scott County for \$10,000. Lisa Hogan seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Lisa Hogan and Lorie Robertson gave an update on the donations for the Pickle ball courts. Mike Ray added that he was getting quotes to have some trees planted in the park.

The Mayor provided a copy of the 2024 completed audit to all the council members.

Mayor Hardgrave asked if anyone in attendance had anything they wished to discuss. Toby Beavers wanted to let the council know Harry Torres has agreed to be an interim Chief for Big Creek Fire Dept and they will be training with the Lavaca Fire Dept.

Gerald Schaefer made a motion to pay the bills for the month of April. Lisa Hogan seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

With no further business on the agenda the meeting was adjourned.

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Attest: Recorder