

August 14, 2023

The City Council of the City of Lavaca met for a regular monthly meeting Monday August 14, 2023, at City Hall in Lavaca. Board members present were Mayor Hugh Hardgrave, City Attorney John Verkamp, Aldermen Mike Ray, Gerald Schaefer, Rick Edgerton, Lorie Robertson, and Benny Hunter; and Recorder Shelly Hockaday. Dale Teague was absent. Visitors present were Randy Toon, Ken VanDusen, Jeremy Smith and Butch Maness.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P. M. Mike Ray led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Hardgrave said the prayer.

The Council approved the minutes of the July regular meeting. (BH/GS)

Council members reviewed the report from the Police Dept. The Department answered 611 calls in July. LPD issued 9 tickets and 30 warnings. There were 3 arrests made in the month of July.

Council members reviewed the report from the Fire Dept. They responded to 20 first responder calls, 1 car fire, and 1 tree/power lines down in July.

Council members reviewed bids for City Park parking improvements. The low bid was Crawford Construction for \$39,759.00. Other bidders were Royal Ridge Const. \$ 41,290.00, Cove Creek Const. \$ 41,000.00, and Steve Beam Const. \$44,450.00. Rick Edgerton made a motion to accept the low bid from Crawford Construction and proceed with the project. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Council members reviewed a proposal from Hawkins Weir Engineers, INC for El Paso Street Improvements. The estimated engineering fee for this project is \$25,720.00. Gerald Schaefer made a motion to enter into agreement with Hawkins Weir and proceed with the El Paso Street Improvement project. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Council members reviewed a recommendation from the Planning Commission to rezone property in the 100 block of West Houston from R1 to R2. Mr. Verkamp stated he will draft an ordinance for the rezoning and the council will vote once the ordinance is presented. No action was taken on this item.

Council members considered the resignation of Shelly Hockaday from the Planning Commission. Mike Ray made a motion to accept the resignation and declare a vacancy. Rick Edgerton seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Rick Edgerton made a motion to pay the bills for the month of August. Gerald Schaefer seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Benny Hunter made a motion to adjourn. Mike Ray seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Mayor

Attest: Recorder