

August 12, 2025

The City Council of the City of Lavaca met for a regular monthly meeting Monday August 12, 2025, at City Hall in Lavaca. Board members present were Mayor Hugh Hardgrave, Aldermen: Mike Ray, Gerald Schaeffer, Mac Green, Lisa Hogan, Lorie Robertson, Dawn Hutchins, City Attorney John Verkamp and Recorder Shelly Hockaday. Visitors present were Jeremy Smith, Kirk Barber, Andy Hanna, Zach Schaefer, Butch Maness and Amanda Fisher.

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of the July regular meeting. Lorie Robertson 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 performed 475 activities in July. LPD issued 2 tickets and 31 warnings. There were no arrests made in the month of July. Sgt Jeremy Smith introduced new hire Amanda Fisher to the council.

Council members reviewed the report from the Fire Dept. They responded to: 7 fire calls and 24 EMS calls in July.

Agenda Item #1 – Consider change order, N Davis street project. The change would add a concrete apron to Ithaca Street and would add \$23,635.93 to the project total. This would increase the project total to \$444,061.83. Lorie Robertson made a motion to accept the change order and proceed with the project. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Agenda Item #2 – Consider Re-Zoning ordinance for property in the 100 block of West Houston Street. Proposed ordinance 2025-06 would change the zoning for this property from R2 to R3. Gerald Schaefer made a motion to introduce the proposed ordinance. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor except Mac Green. Lorie Robertson made a motion to suspend the rules. Gerald Schaefer seconded the motion and all voted in favor except Mac Green. Mike Ray made a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance 2025-06. Lisa Hogan seconded the motion and all voted in favor except Mac Green. Motion passed an ordinance 2025-06 was adopted.

Agenda Item #3 – Consider TAP Grant action. The City of Lavaca received an 80% - 20% matching grant up to \$339,000 from ARDOT to build a sidewalk from the Dollar General area down Hwy 96 to Hanson Drive. It has since been determined that this cannot be built in the sewer easement and the construction costs have also increased beyond our budget. We would like to cancel this project and release the grant funds ARDOT is holding for this project. There was discussion about changing this project location and applying again in the next grant cycle. Gerald Schaefer made a motion to release the funds and cancel the project at this time. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

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

Gerald Schaefer made a motion to adjourn. Lisa Hogan seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

Attest: Recorder