

February 12, 2018

The City Council of the City of Lavaca met for a regular monthly meeting Monday February 12, 2018, at City Hall in Lavaca. Board members present were Mayor Hugh Hardgrave; Aldermen: Mike Ray, Rick Edgerton, Jeff Price, Dale Teague, Randy Overbey, Benny Hunter, attorney John Verkamp and Recorder Shelly Hockaday. Visitors present were Ken & Norma VanDusen, Steve Helms, Randy & Sheila Toon, Rusty Wilson, Larry Yancey, Larry Johnson, Mary Johnson, Harold Rambo, Shanda & Billy Cater, Jeremy Smith, Scott McDonald, Kenny Smithson, Kelly Hammond, Lisa Burklow, Biffy Jesse, Katina Webb & Judge Zuerker.

The meeting was called to order at 7 P. M. Mayor Hardgrave led the Pledge of Allegiance and Steve Helms led the prayer.

The Council approved the minutes of the January regular and special meeting as printed. (JP/DT)

Council members reviewed the report from the Police Dept. The Department answered 421 calls in January and made 5 arrests. Additionally, 20 traffic stops resulted in 3 traffic tickets, 4 criminal ticket and 20 warnings.

Council members reviewed the report from the Fire Dept. The Department responded to 25 first responder calls and 8 fire calls.

Council members reviewed the engineering proposal for Shae Park improvements presented by Larry Yancey with Hawkins Weir Engineers, INC. Larry Yancey was in attendance to answer any questions. Engineering costs for this project will not exceed \$12,000 per this proposal. Dale Teague made the motion to accept and proceed with the agreement. Motion was seconded by Rick Edgerton. Motion passed.

Council members discussed the 3 year sanitation contract that expires May 31, 2018. There was discussion on making changes to the bid checklist to prevent any confusion on what should be included with the bid documents. Benny Hunter made a motion to proceed and solicit bids for the next 3 year contract. Randy Overbey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Council members reviewed a minor subdivision plat that was passed by the Planning Commission in December for property located at W. Main Street & Hwy 96. Larry Johnson raised concerns about this causing more water drainage issues in the area. Mike Ray made a motion to approve the subdivision plat but to make sure the water run-off was addressed before allowing the project to move forward. Rick Edgerton seconded the motion. Motion passed with 1 vote against by Dale Teague.

Shelly Hockaday presented an amendment to Ordinance 2012-01. This ordinance will change the policy regarding deposits and automatic bank drafts for renters. Rick Edgerton made a motion to introduce the new ordinance. Mike Ray seconded and the motion passed. Rick Edgerton made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only. Jeff Price seconded and motion passed. Benny Hunter made a motion to adopt the new ordinance. Dale Teague seconded and the motion passed.

Mr. Verkamp presented the council with multiple documents concerning the Oak Bower Park property and the road to the park. There was lengthy discussion about this property with Kenny Smithson and the council. Randy Overbey made a motion to table this item for the March council meeting. Motion was seconded by Dale Teague. Motion passed.

The Council voted to pay the bills for the month of February. (RE/MR)

At this time there was a speech by Mayor Hardgrave and Randy Toon was pinned as the new Lavaca Police Chief.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

Attest: Recorder