

February 12, 2024

The City Council of the City of Lavaca met for a regular monthly meeting Monday, February 12, 2024. Board members present were Mayor Hugh Hardgrave; Aldermen Lorie Robertson, Mike Ray, Benny Hunter, Gerald Schaeffer and Rick Edgerton; and City Attorney John Verkamp. Visitors present were Willie S. Maness, Jr., Sharon Testa Moore, Robert Moore, Leo Dale Teague, Mac Green, Jeremy Smith, Charles Stahl, Ila Stahl, Charles Toon, Lisa Hogan, Amy Herrera, Willow Herrera, Hemi Herrera and Blake Tarpley.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as presented. (GS/MR)

Randy Toon presented the Police Report for the month of January. Twenty Four warnings, 8 citations and 3 arrests were recorded for the month.

The Fire Report showed eleven EMS calls and one rescue call were recorded for the month of January.

Three persons were present to express interest in the open council position.

Lorie Robertson made a motion to nominate Robert Moore, Mike Ray second, all present voted yes.

Gerald Schaeffer made a motion to nominate Lisa Hogan, Mike Ray second, all present voted yes.

Mike Ray made a motion to nominate Charles Stahl, Rick Edgerton second, all present voted yes.

Each alderman received a ballot with the names of the three candidates and voted for the candidate of their choice. Mike Ray, Gerald Schaeffer and Benny Hunter cast their votes for Lisa Hogan. Lorie Robertson and Rick Edgerton cast their votes for Robert Moore. After taking the Oath of Office, Lisa Hogan will complete the Ward 1 Position 1 term which ends December 31, 2024.

Blake Tarpley, representing CARDS Recycling and Disposal, was present to request a one year extension of the Sanitation Contract that expires May 31, 2024. The extension request includes a 5% cost adjustment from \$11.48 per active customer per month to \$12.05 per active customer per month. Mike Ray asked Mr. Tarpley if CARDS officials would accept a 2.5% increase. Mr. Tarpley indicated that they would not. Gerald Schaeffer made a motion to extend the contract with CARDS through May 31, 2025, with a 5% per active customer per month increase effective June 1, 2024. Rick Edgerton seconded the motion. Voting YES were Rick Edgerton, Gerald Schaeffer, Benny Hunter and Lorie Robertson. Voting NO was Mike Ray. Motion carried.

The Council voted to pay the bills for the month of February. (BH/GS)

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Hugh Hardgrave

