

February 14, 2022

The City Council of the City of Lavaca met for a regular monthly meeting Monday February 14, 2022, at City Hall in Lavaca. Board members present were Mayor Hugh Hardgrave; Aldermen Mike Ray, Gerald Schaeffer, Rick Edgerton, Lorie Robertson, and Benny Hunter; City Attorney John Verkamp and Recorder Shelly Hockaday. Aldermen Dale Teague was absent. Visitors present were Butch Maness, Randy Toon, Tina Thompson, and Kyle Salyer.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P. M. Mike Ray led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Hardgrave led the prayer.

The Council reviewed the minutes of the January regular meeting. Benny Hunter made a motion to approve the 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 623 calls in January. LPD issued 12 tickets and 21 warnings. There were 4 arrests made in the month of January.

Council members reviewed the report from the Fire Dept. They responded to 1 structure fire, 1 grass fire, 1 tree/power line down and 36 EMS calls in January. The Fire dept held their annual elections for positions. Secretary – Nichole Geske, Fire Marshal – Kirk Barber, EMS Director – Chris White, Training Officer – Hunter Kaelin.

Council members reviewed maps for new city wards based on the new census numbers. Rick Edgerton made a motion to introduce proposed ordinance 2022-01 that would adopt the new wards. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Passed. Gerald Schaefer made a motion to suspend the rules for the 2nd and 3rd readings and read by title only. Benny Hunter seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Passed. Recorder Shelly Hockaday then read the proposed ordinance by title only. Rick Edgerton then made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed and ordinance 2022-01 was adopted.

Council members also reviewed a proposed resolution to adopt the new city ward maps. Rick Edgerton made a motion to adopt the proposed resolution. Gerald Schaefer seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed and resolution 2022-01 was adopted.

Council reviewed a change order for the Hwy 96 sewer replacement project that would extend the substantial completion date to March 25, 2022 due to weather and utility relocation delays. Kyle Salyer from Hawkins-Weir Engineers, INC spoke to the council about the delays and after some discussion Gerald Schaefer made a motion to approve the change order. Mike Ray seconded the motion. Rick Edgerton voted no, but all others voted in favor. Motion passed.

Council reviewed amendment number 3 for professional engineering services with Hawkins- Weir Engineers, INC for the Hwy 96 sewer replacement project. Due to the extension of the project deadline this change order was needed to continue oversight and inspection of the project and approve up to \$35,000.00 to pay for those services as provided. Mike Ray made a motion to approve the amendment

to the contract. Gerald Schaefer seconded the motion. Rick Edgerton abstained from the vote but all others voted in favor. Motion passed.

Council discussed the meeting times for the Thursday study session being at 6:30 and the Monday council meeting being at 7pm. A motion was made by Lorie Robertson to change both meeting times to 6:00 PM beginning with the March meetings. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Rick Edgerton made a motion to pay the bills for the month of February. Lorie Robertson seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

With no further business on the agenda, meeting was adjourned. (LR/BH)

Mayor

Attest: Recorder