

February 13, 2023

The City Council of the City of Lavaca met for a regular monthly meeting Monday February 13, 2023, at City Hall in Lavaca. Board members present were Mayor Hugh Hardgrave; Aldermen Mike Ray, Rick Edgerton, Lorie Robertson, and Benny Hunter; City Attorney John Verkamp and Recorder Shelly Hockaday. Aldermen Dale Teague was absent, and Gerald Schaefer was absent for roll call but arrived at 6:06PM. Visitors present were Dwayne Wallace, Butch Maness, Toby Beavers, Chasidy Beavers, and Randy Toon.

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of the January regular meeting. Rick Edgerton made a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Benny Hunter seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed. (GS did not vote)

Council members reviewed the report from the Police Dept. The Department answered 556 calls in January. LPD issued 8 tickets and 32 warnings. There were 3 arrests made in the month of January.

Gerald Schaefer entered the meeting at this time.

Council members reviewed the report from the Fire Dept. They responded to 1 grass fire, 1 gas leak, 4 calls for trees and/or power lines down, and 17 EMS calls in January.

Council members reviewed a letter from ARDOT for State Street Aid. The cost to repair and overlay the streets identified in Lavaca for this project is \$271,716.88. Streets included are the original portion of S. 15th St., Fayetteville, Berry Ridge Dr. between Barrington and Joyce, North 2nd St., South end of Village Drive, South End of Jessie Dr. beginning at Shawna, and Shawna. Due to the increased cost of materials Lavaca will be responsible for \$57, 876.88 of the project or select a portion of the streets to leave out of the project. State Aid will cover the other \$213,840.00. Lorie Robertson made a motion to approve the payment of \$57,876.88 to ARDOT and proceed with improvement of all of the named streets. Gerald Schaefer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passed.

Council members reviewed Resolution 2023-01 to amend the 2023 budget so we can receive and expend a \$5000 stipend for eligible full-time law enforcement officers from the State of Arkansas. Rick Whittaker would be the receiving officer. All other eligible officers have already received their stipend. Lorie Robertson made a motion to pass the resolution and Mike Ray seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passed.

Council members reviewed a bid from Justin Green to replace the door and drawer fronts in the kitchen at City Hall and to paint the cabinets for \$5500.00. Gerald Schaefer made a motion to accept the bid and proceed with the improvements. Rick Edgerton seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Council members reviewed a bid from Steve Beam Construction Inc. to repair the Cul-de-sac on Connie Ln in the amount of \$12,600. Rick Edgerton made a motion to approve the bid and proceed with the repairs. Benny Hunter seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Council members reviewed a bid on the state contract from Hahn Enterprises Inc. for a 20'x40' pavilion to be installed at the City Hall Park in the amount of \$71,812.50. Gerald Schaefer made a motion to accept the state contract bid and proceed with the project. Mike Ray seconded the motion. Rick Edgerton stated he wanted it known that in his opinion we don't need 3 parks in a town of 2000 people. We proceeded with a vote and all members present voted in favor except Rick Edgerton voted no. Motion passed.

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

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

Mayor

Attest: Recorder