

January 9, 2023

The City Council of the City of Lavaca met for a regular monthly meeting Monday January 9, 2023, at City Hall in Lavaca. Board members present were Mayor Hugh Hardgrave, Aldermen: Mike Ray, Gerald Schaeffer, Rick Edgerton, Lorie Robertson, Benny Hunter, City Attorney John Verkamp and Recorder Shelly Hockaday. Aldermen Dale Teague was absent for roll call but arrived at 6:24PM. Visitors present were Dwayne Wallace and Randy Toon.

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of the December regular meeting. Lorie Robertson made a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Benny Hunter seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed. (DT did not vote)

Council members reviewed the report from the Police Dept. The Department answered 614 calls in December. LPD issued 4 tickets and 34 warnings. There were 2 arrests made in the month of December.

Council members reviewed the report from the Fire Dept. They responded to 1 smoke alarm, 1 grass fire, 1 gas leak, 2 vehicle accidents, and 15 EMS calls in December.

Council members reviewed contract amendment 4 for the Highway 96 sewer replacement project. This amendment defines additional engineering and surveying services as well as As-Built drawings for the project. The amendment total is \$23,315.00. Gerald Schaefer made a motion to approve amendment 4 and Lorie Robertson seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passed. (DT did not vote)

Council members reviewed a Radio Grant Proposal for the Police Dept. This proposal would approve \$7,753.60 in City funds to be used for this project if the grant is awarded. The proposed grant would pay \$23,260.78 which is 75% of the project. Rick Edgerton made a motion to approve the proposal and Gerald Schaefer seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passed. (DT did not vote)

Council members reviewed a Radio Grant Proposal for the Fire Dept. This proposal would approve \$16,468.59 in City funds to be used for this project if the grant is awarded. The proposed grant would pay \$49,405.80 which is 75% of the project. Lorie Robertson made a motion to approve the proposal and Mike Ray seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed. (DT did not vote)

Council members reviewed a rate increase for the City Attorney that would increase his salary from \$500 to \$750 per month. Lorie Robertson made a motion to approve the increase and Rick Edgerton seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the motion passed. (DT did not vote)

Dale Teague enters the meeting.

Gerald Schaefer made a motion to pay the bills for the month of January. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

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

Mayor

Attest: Recorder

