

January 12, 2026

The City Council of the City of Lavaca met for a regular monthly meeting Monday January 12, 2026, at City Hall in Lavaca. Board members present were Mayor Hugh Hardgrave, Aldermen: Mike Ray, Gerald Schaefer, Mac Green, Lisa Hogan, Dawn Hutchins, City Attorney John Verkamp, and Recorder Shelly Vann. Visitors present were Jeremy Smith, Kirk Barber, Brittany Marshall, and Butch Maness. Lorie Robertson was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P. M. Gerald Schaefer led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mac Green led the prayer.

The Council reviewed the minutes of the December regular meeting. Lisa Hogan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as printed. Gerald Schaefer seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Mayor Hardgrave provided a report to council members on the N. Davis street mill and overlay project and advised that 4071 customers used the ABC Center in 2025.

Council members reviewed the report from the Police Dept. The Department performed 536 activities in December. LPD issued 3 tickets and 36 warnings. There were 3 arrests made in the month of December.

Council members reviewed the report from the Fire Dept. They responded to: 6 fire calls and 20 EMS calls in December.

Council members reviewed the report from the Public Works Dept. They replaced 7 meters that were not working. Repaired 3 water leaks, killed 2 old taps, and put in 3 new taps. They also dug up and killed a fire hydrant that was leaking. It will be replaced in a more suitable location with a new one.

Agenda Item #1 - Ordinance to amend personnel policies, sick leave compensation. This would allow non-uniformed employees to be paid for up to 60 unused sick days upon death, or after the employee has been qualified to begin receiving retirement benefits from APERS. Gerald Schaefer made a motion to introduce proposed ordinance 2026-01. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed. Mike Ray made a motion to suspend the rules for the 2nd and 3rd readings. Lisa Hogan seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed. Lisa Hogan made a motion to adopt as ordinance 2026-01. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed, ordinance 2026-01 was adopted.

Lisa Hogan made a motion to pay the bills for the month of January. Dawn Hutchins seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Gerald Schaefer made a motion to adjourn. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

Attest: Recorder

