

May 8, 2023

The City Council of the City of Lavaca met for a regular monthly meeting Monday, May 8, 2023, 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. Alderman Dale Teague was absent. Visitors present were Randy Toon, Brett Peters, and Butch Maness.

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 April 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.

Council members reviewed the report from the Police Dept. The Department answered 581 calls in April. LPD issued 8 tickets and 29 warnings. There was 1 arrest made in the month of April.

Council members reviewed the report from the Fire Dept. They responded to 2 vehicle accidents and 11 EMS calls in April.

Council members reviewed the 1 sealed bid from Dean Gibson to purchase a 10 acre parcel of property owned by the City that was previously used for Sewer Lagoons with access from Hwy 253. Mr. Gibson's bid was for \$1655.00 per acre, for a total of \$16,550.00. Lorie Robertson made a motion to accept Mr. Gibson's bid and proceed with the sale of the property to Mr. Gibson. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Council members reviewed a proposal from Hawkins Weir Engineers, INC. for a water and sewer rate study. The proposal is a not to exceed fee of \$79,040.00. This is a requirement from Act 605 for all Water systems in the state of Arkansas. Lorie Robertson made a motion to approve the proposal and proceed with the rate study. Benny Hunter seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Council members reviewed a proposal from Hawkins Weir Engineers, INC. for parking lot and sidewalk improvements at the City Park located by City Hall. These improvements would include ADA accessible parking and sidewalks for the new pavilion. The proposal is a not to exceed fee of \$11,000.00. Mike Ray made a motion to approve the proposal and proceed with the project. Gerald Schaefer seconded the motion and everyone voted in favor except Rick Edgerton. Motion passed.

Council members reviewed a recommendation from the planning commission on a rezoning request for 1201 Hwy 253 NW. The request was to rezone the property from R1 to R2 or R3. The planning commission advised the council that the proof of notification was not met by the owner of the property and that there was concern from neighbors about flooding. The existing water line in front of this property would not support the request and the requestor did not show up for the scheduled meeting. Based on all of these concerns the commission recommended that the zoning for this property remain

as R1. Rick Edgerton made a motion to uphold the decision of the planning commission. Benny Hunter seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Council members reviewed a proposed resolution in support of naming the bridge in front of City Hall the "Corporal Terry Wayne Johnson Memorial Bridge". Corporal Johnson lost his life while on duty in an accident at the bridge in 2016. Gerald Schaefer made a motion to approve the resolution. Lorie Robertson seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Council members reviewed a quote from Signal Tek to upgrade 4 crosswalk flashing beacon assembly for \$64,000.00. Mike Ray made a motion to proceed with the upgrade. Gerald Schaefer seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Council members reviewed a quote from Cove Creek Construction, Inc. for the following street and sidewalk repairs in the amount of \$19,807.00. North Harding Street, South Davis Street, Monte Lane, Holt Street by 2305, Casey Court & Carley Drive intersection, Rock Court cul de sac, and sidewalk on Turtle Creek Drive by sewer manhole. Lorie Robertson made a motion to accept the bid and proceed with the repairs. Gerald Schaefer seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Mike Ray made a motion to pay the bills for the month of May. Rick Edgerton seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

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

Mayor

Attest: Recorder