

October 10, 2022

The City Council of the City of Lavaca met for a regular monthly meeting Monday October 10, 2022, at City Hall in Lavaca. Board members present were Mayor Hugh Hardgrave, City Attorney John Verkamp, Aldermen Mike Ray, Rick Edgerton, Gerald Schaefer, Lorie Robertson, Benny Hunter, and Dale Teague and Recorder Shelly Hockaday. Visitors present were Butch Maness, Steven Lamar 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 approved the minutes of the September regular meeting. (RE/MR)

Council members reviewed the report from the Police Dept. The Department answered 574 calls in September. LPD issued 10 tickets and 11 warnings. There were 4 arrest made in the month of September.

Council members reviewed the report from the Fire Dept. They responded to 1 vehicle accident, 5 grass fires, and 23 EMS calls in September.

Council members reviewed a proposal from Cove Creek Construction, Inc to repair areas of Franklin Street, Kelly Circle, and Stoneledge Drive. Mike Ray made a motion to approve the proposal and proceed with the repairs. Lorie Robertson seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Passed.

Council members reviewed a re-plat request from Steven Lamar concerning the rail road bed North of Joyce Drive. After much discussion and advice from Attorney John Verkamp a motion was made by Gerald Schaeffer to table the re-plat. Benny Hunter seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Passed and no action was taken.

Council members reviewed a re-plat request from Justin Green concerning lots 22 and 27 in River Pointe. Rick Edgerton made a motion to grant the request for the re-plat. Lorie Robertson seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Council members reviewed the sealed bids received for the 2013 Ford F150 truck. Bids received were: Josh Belk \$5100.00, Chris Akers \$4000.00, Kenneth Wilson \$4650.00 and Michael Cole \$1002.00. Lorie Robertson made a motion to proceed with the sale of the truck to the high bidder, Josh Belk for \$5100.00. Dale Teague seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Passed.

Council members reviewed ordinance 2022-06 assessing a 5.0 mill tax on real and personal property within the corporate limits of the City of Lavaca for 2022. Lorie Robertson made a motion to introduce the ordinance. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor. After a reading by title only Gerald Schaefer made a motion to suspend the rules for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Lorie Robertson then made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Benny Hunter seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Ordinance was adopted.

Council members reviewed the 2023 FSPWA proposed budget. Lorie Robertson made a motion to approve the budget. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Council members reviewed 2023 salary adjustments for city employees. Gerald Schaefer made a motion to give full and part time employees a \$1.00 per hour raise. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed. Mike Ray added for the record that when the Fire Dept Floor project and the backup generator project are complete he would like to look at using any ARPA funds that are left to do another onetime bonus for employees.

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

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

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Mayor

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Attest: Recorder