

September 14, 2026

The City Council of the City of Lavaca met for a regular monthly meeting Monday September 14, 2026, at City Hall in Lavaca. Board members present were Mayor Hugh Hardgrave, Aldermen: Mike Ray, Mac Green, Gerald Schaefer, Lisa Hogan, Lorie Robertson, Dawn Hutchins, City Attorney John Verkamp, and Recorder Shelly Vann. Visitors present were Jeremy Smith, Butch Maness, Kirk Barber, Jennifer Barber, Dwayne Wallace, Sherri Greenwood, Steve Ray, Angela Gillooley, and Paul Sanders.

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of the August 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 updates. There were 389 customers at the ABC Recycling Center in August and 2629 YTD. There were 6 clean up notices served in August and 57 YTD. Intersection improvement project is in progress. Mayor Hardgrave wanted to recognize our Police Dept for the perfect score they received on the 2026 ADLEST Standards audit. It was also noted that Susan Hayden completed the mandatory Treasurer Training on the ACE Hub.

Council members reviewed the report from the Police Dept. The Department performed 471 activities in August. LPD issued 2 ticket and 5 warnings. There were no arrests made in the month of August.

Council members reviewed the report from the Fire Dept. They responded to: 8 fire calls, 33 EMS call.

Council members reviewed the report from the Public Works Dept. They replaced 49 meters that were not working, repaired 10 water leaks and installed 2 new water taps. They also completed sewer smoke testing and 55 one call requests.

Agenda Item #1: Review bids on surplus property. (ABC hut) We received 2 sealed bids.

Tyler White \$351.00

Jamie Childers \$200.00

Gerald Schaefer made a motion to award the bid the Tyler White for \$351.00 and he is responsible for moving the building within 7 days of 9-14-26. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Agenda Item #2: Consider salary schedule modification for cost of living. Gerald Schaefer made a motion to increase the salary schedule by 3% for the cost of living and the schedule should be reviewed every year for cost of living. Lisa Hogan seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed. A copy of the salary schedule with the 3% cost of living adjustment will be filed with the minutes.

Agenda Item #3: Request to drill well for irrigation and livestock purposes. Curtis McKee of 1508 Nixon Rd is requesting permission to drill a well on his property. Lorie Robertson made a motion to grant the request. Dawn Hutchins seconded the motion. Mike Ray abstained from the vote but all others voted yes. Motion passed.

Lisa Hogan made a motion to pay the bills for the month of September. Gerald Schaefer seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Lorie Robertson made a motion to adjourn. Dawn Hutchins seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

Attest: Recorder