November 9, 2026

The City Council of the City of Lavaca met for a regular monthly meeting Monday November 9, 2026, at City Hall in Lavaca. Board members present were Mayor Hugh Hardgrave, Aldermen: Mike Ray, Gerald Schaefer, Mac Green, Lisa Hogan, Lorie Robertson, Dawn Hutchins, City Attorney John Verkamp, and Recorder Shelly Vann. Visitors present were Jeremy Smith, Butch Maness, Dwayne Wallace, Jeremy Shores, Doc Crossland, and Melissa Crossland.

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of the October 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 321 customers at the ABC Recycling Center in October and 3242 YTD. There was 0 clean up notice served in October and 58 YTD. The Intersection improvement project is in progress. Lorie Robertson, David Dixon, Toby Beavers, and Scott McDonald have all completed the AI training.

Council members reviewed the report from the Police Dept. The Department performed 487 activities in October. LPD issued 3 tickets and 13 warnings. There were 4 arrests made in the month of October.

Council members reviewed the report from the Fire Dept. They responded to: 10 fire calls, 23 EMS calls and worked 5 football games. They also had special events at the school for Fire Prevention Month.

Council members reviewed the report from the Public Works Dept. They replaced 17 meters that were not working, tested 16 meters in question, repaired 2 water leaks and made 1 new tap. They also completed 37 one call requests.

Agenda Item #1: Consider bids for the West Birch Street water line upgrade and extension project. This would increase the current water line to a 6" line, add a new fire hydrant and loop the line into Hwy 255 line from Quincy Street. Bids received for the project are as follows.

M. Phillips Construction, Inc.	$135,845.00
Goodwin & Goodwin, Inc.	$168,639.00
Redding Industries, Inc.	$208,586.00
Crawford Construction Company	$245,420.00
A J Greenwood Plumbing and Excavation, Inc.	$357,643.54
Owen Industries	$413,915.04

After Jeremy Shores with Hawkins Weir Engineers tabulated the bids his recommendation to the council was to accept the low bid of $135,845 from M. Phillips Construction, Inc. Gerald Schaefer made a motion to accept the bid from M. Phillips Construction, Inc. Lisa Hogan seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Agenda Item #2: Consider engineering contract amendment for construction phase engineering services. If approved this would increase the not to exceed fee for engineering from $17,140.00 to $43,140.00. Lorie Robertson made a motion to approve the change and proceed with the project, and Mike Ray seconded the motion. Mike, Gerald, Lisa, Lorie, and Dawn voted Yes, and Mac Green voted No. Motion passed.

Agenda Item #3: Certify past due sanitation charges and property maintenance charges.

Past Due Sanitation Charges	Past Due	Adm Fee	Total to Collect
1016 Bitticks Street, Lavaca, AR	$212.88	$50.00	$262.88
1103 Bitticks Street, Lavaca, AR	$35.48	$50.00	$85.48
2011 Holt Street, Lavaca, AR	$212.88	$50.00	$262.88
Property Maintenance Charges	Charges	Admin Fee	Total to Collect
Parcel # 69290-0028-00000-00			
1001 Jessie Drive, Lavaca, AR	$225.00	100.00	325.00

Lisa Hogan made a motion to certify all of the above charges to the County Collector as a lien on the personal property and or Real Estate taxes of the individual responsible for the charges and collect in 2027. Dawn Hutchins seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 4: Consider appointment to FSPWA board. Mayor Hardgrave recommended that Billy Newbolt be appointed to serve on the board of Franklin, Sebastian Public Water Authority as a representative for the City of Lavaca. Mike Ray made the motion to appoint Billy Newbolt and Lorie Robertson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.

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

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

Mayor

Attest: Recorder