

August 12, 2024

The City Council of the City of Lavaca met for a regular monthly meeting Monday August 13, 2024, at City Hall in Lavaca. Board members present were Mayor Hugh Hardgrave, Aldermen: Mike Ray, Gerald Schaeffer, Rick Edgerton, Lisa Hogan, Lorie Robertson, Benny Hunter, City Attorney John Verkamp and Recorder Shelly Hockaday. Visitors present were Alicia Jetton, Darin Jetton, Butch Maness, Mac Green, Randy Toon and Angela Gillooley.

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

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

Council members reviewed the report from the Police Dept. The Department answered 599 calls in August. LPD issued 10 tickets and 20 warnings. There were 3 arrests made in the month of August.

Council members reviewed the report from the Fire Dept. They responded to: 2 structure fire, 1 power line down, and 16 EMS calls in August.

Council members reviewed the bids received for the El Paso Street Improvements. Lorie Robertson made a motion to accept the low bid from Cove Creek Construction for \$267,781.00. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Council members reviewed amendment #1 from Hawkins Weir Engineers for construction phase engineering services not to exceed \$27,740.00 which would increase the total contract to 53,460.00. Lorie Robertson made a motion to approve the amendment and Benny Hunter seconded the motion. There was a lengthy discussion about this contract before the vote. Mike Ray, Rick Edgerton, Lisa Hogan, Lorie Robertson and Benny Hunter voted No and Gerald Schaefer voted yes when polled. Motion failed.

Gerald Schaefer stated that in the future the Engineer should be present for all meetings regarding their contracts to answer any questions that arise.

Council members reviewed an engineering contract from McClelland Consulting Engineers, INC for 9 various intersection improvements. Mike Ray made a motion to approve the contract in the amount of \$25,000 up to and including bid opening. Rick Edgerton seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Council members reviewed budget changes to the FSPWA 2024 budget. Gerald Schaefer made a motion to table the budget at this time. Lisa Hogan seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed and item was tabled.

Council members reviewed a request from Mark Martin to drill a well on his property at 1311 Hwy 253 N in Lavaca for the purpose of watering gardens, lawn and livestock. Lisa Hogan made a motion to approve the request. Gerald Schaefer seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

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

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

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Mayor

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Attest: Recorder