

November 8, 2021

The City Council of the City of Lavaca met for a regular monthly meeting Monday November 8, 2021, at City Hall in Lavaca. Board members present were Mayor Hugh Hardgrave, Aldermen: Mike Ray, Gerald Schaefer, Rick Edgerton, Lorie Robertson, Benny Hunter, and Recorder Shelly Hockaday. City Attorney John Verkamp and Alderman Dale Teague were absent. Visitors present were Butch Maness, Cindy Swain, Dwayne Wallace, Paul Sanders and Randy Toon.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P. M. Paul Sanders led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Hardgrave led the prayer.

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

Council members reviewed the report from the Police Dept. The Department answered 526 calls in October. LPD issued 19 tickets and 8 warnings. There were 9 arrests made in the month of October.

Council members reviewed the report from the Fire Dept. They responded to 2 vehicle accidents, 1 structure fire and 29 EMS calls in October.

Council members reviewed the FSPWA 2022 budget. Gerald Schaefer made a motion to approve the budget. Benny Hunter seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Council members reviewed ordinance 2021-06 to set salaries for all elected officials. Mike Ray made a motion to introduce the ordinance. Gerald Schaefer seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Rick Edgerton made a motion to suspend the rules and read the ordinance by title only. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion was read by title only. Rick Edgerton made a motion to adopt the ordinance with the current yearly salaries of \$17,000 for Mayor, \$1890 for Recorder and \$1890 for Alderpersons. These salaries will remain until 1-1-2023 when new yearly salaries of \$18,500 for Mayor, \$2,400 for Recorder and \$2,400 for Alderpersons will go into effect. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Mike Ray made a motion to certify sanitation charges for 1016 Bitticks Street in Holt addition in the amount of \$220.64, and 2311 Holt Street in the amount of \$67.23. Gerald Schaefer seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Council members reviewed ordinance 2021-07 to rezone property at 1410 E. Main Street from C-1 to R-1. Gerald Schaefer made a motion to introduce the ordinance. Lorie Robertson seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Rick Edgerton made a motion to suspended the rules and read by title only. Lorie Robertson seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion was read by title only. Mike Ray made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Gerald Schaefer seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Passed.

Gerald Schaefer made a motion to certify the following property clean up charges. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Butler Addition Lot 89-A	\$750.00	68782-0089-00000-00
104 W. Houston Street, Lavaca	\$1075.00	69359-0043-00000-00
202 W. Houston Street, Lavaca	\$200.00	69359-0039-00000-00
306 Connie Lane, Lavaca	\$300.00	68846-0026-00000-00

Council members reviewed 2021 budget amendments. Rick Edgerton made a motion to approve the amendments. Lorie Robertson seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion Passed.

Council members discussed a Community Service Bonus for Volunteer Fire and Reserve Police. Lorie Robertson made a motion as follows: In light of the fact that our Voluntary Fire and Rescue personnel and the Reserve Police Officers do not qualify for Premium Pay under the present requirements of the American Rescue Plan Act and because certain members of those departments, as identified by Fire Chief Paul Sanders and Police Chief Charles Toon, continued to serve the community in their capacity as Volunteer Fireman and First Responders or Reserve Police Officers during the COVID pandemic, I recommend a Community Service Bonus of \$1200, payable from the General Fund of the city, be awarded to the following members of the Lavaca Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department: Paul Sanders, Chris White, Dan Mello, Isaiah Schoeppey, Holly Hill, David Dixon and Nichole Geske; and Reserve Police Officer Toby Beavers. Gerald Schaefer seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Rick Edgerton made a motion to pay the bills for the month of November. Lorie Robertson seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

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

Mayor

Attest: Recorder