

October 13, 2025

The City Council of the City of Lavaca met for a regular monthly meeting Monday October 13, 2025, at City Hall in Lavaca. Board members present were Mayor Hugh Hardgrave, Aldermen: Mike Ray, Gerald Schaefer, Mac Green, Lisa Hogan, Lorie Robertson, City Attorney John Verkamp, and Recorder Shelly Hockaday. Dawn Hutchins was absent. Visitors present were Jeremy Smith, Kirk Barber, Toby Beavers, and Payton Green.

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

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

Mayor Hardgrave provided a report to council members on the N. Davis street mill and overlay project. He also advised that we have served 68 clean up notices this year and had 302 customers at the ABC Center in August, 2956 YTD.

Council members reviewed the report from the Police Dept. The Department performed 336 activities in September. LPD issued 7 tickets and 26 warnings. There were 3 arrests made in the month of September.

Council members reviewed the report from the Fire Dept. They responded to: 11 fire calls and 35 EMS calls in September.

Council members reviewed the report from the Public Works Dept. They repaired 6 water leaks and replaced 31 meters that were not working. Arkansas Dept. of Health came in for an inspection and Sanitary Survey. Trenchless Leak Detection was here to make repairs to several sewer lines and we sent out 11 letters to repair missing or broken clean out caps that were found during smoke testing. They also pulled manholes during a heavy rain event and located 5 manholes that need repairs.

Agenda Item #1 – Ordinance 2025-07 – Annual millage ordinance. This has to be passed every year so Sebastian County can collect a 5.0 Mill tax on Real and Personal property that is in the City Limits of Lavaca. Mike Ray made a motion to introduce the proposed ordinance. Gerald Schaefer seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Gerald Schaefer made a motion to suspend the rules and read by title only. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Mike Ray made a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance as 2025-07. Lisa Hogan seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed, and Ordinance 2025-07 was adopted.

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

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

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Mayor

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Attest: Recorder