

March 12, 2018

The City Council of the City of Lavaca met for a regular monthly meeting Monday March 12, 2018, at City Hall in Lavaca. Board members present were Mayor Hugh Hardgrave; Aldermen: Mike Ray, Rick Edgerton, Jeff Price, Dale Teague, Randy Overbey, Benny Hunter, attorney John Verkamp and Recorder Shelly Hockaday. Visitors present were Ken VanDusen, Steve Helms, Randy Toon and Jim Goodman.

The meeting was called to order at 7 P. M. Steve Helms led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Hardgrave led the prayer.

The Council approved the minutes of the February meeting as printed. (RE/DT)

Council members reviewed the report from the Police Dept.

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A motion was made by Mike Ray that the tabled business from February concerning Kenny Smithson and the Oak Bower Park property and roadway be voted on to decide the outcome. A yes vote would mean that you were in favor of paying the amount requested and a No vote would mean no payment would be made. Rick Edgerton 2nd the motion. Roll call for the vote resulted in 5 no votes and 1 yes by Randy Overbey. Motion passed with a NO vote.

Council voted to allow Mayor Hardgrave to enter into an agreement with Hawkins Weir Engineers, Inc. for the proposed 4th street water line improvements up to and including the bidding process. (DT/RO) Motion Passed.

Council voted to approve a \$1.40 per customer rate increase from Altus Sanitation due to Fort Smith landfill rates increasing 14% in 2018. This increase is only for the duration on the current contract which expires May 31, 2018. (BH/MR) 4-yes, 2-no, Dale Teague and Rick Edgerton. Motion passed.

Council voted to approve a \$1.00 per hour raise for Randy Toon. This would retro back to his promotion date. (RE/RO) Motion Passed.

Council voted to suspend the rules and place an item on the agenda. (RE/JP) Motion Passed.

New Item: Purchase of 2018 fully equipped Dodge Charger for the Police Dept. Council discussed the item and a motion was made by Dale Teague to not hire a 3rd officer until July 1, 2018 and proceed with the purchase. 2nd by Mike Ray, all in favor and motion passed.

Council voted to suspend the rules and place another item on the agenda. (RE/MR) Motion Passed.

New Item: Approval to hire Scott McDonald as a full time officer at the rate of \$15.00 per hour beginning on July 1, 2018 if the academy begins in January 2019. If academy begins in February 2019 then the hire date would be August 1, 2018. (DT/MR) Motion passed.

Council voted to pay the bills for the month of March. (DT/MR)

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

Attest: Recorder

