

March 8, 2021

The City Council of the City of Lavaca met for a regular monthly meeting Monday, March 8, 2021, at City Hall in Lavaca. Board members present were Mayor Hugh Hardgrave, City Attorney John Verkamp, Aldermen: Mike Ray, Rick Edgerton, Dale Teague, Benny Hunter, and Gerald Schaefer, and Recorder Shelly Hockaday. Lorie Robertson was present via speaker phone due to travel. Visitors present were Randy Toon, Butch Maness and Jason Fitzgerald.

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of the February regular meeting. Gerald Schaefer made a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Mike Ray seconded the motion. All voted in Favor. Motion passed.

Council members reviewed the report from the Police Dept. The Department answered 367 calls in February. LPD issued 9 tickets, 1 warning and made 3 arrests in the month of February.

Council members reviewed the report from the Fire Dept. They responded to 1 grass fire, 1 vehicle accident and 23 EMS calls in February.

Council members reviewed the bids for the sanitation contract that will expire May 31, 2021. Rick Edgerton made a motion to accept the low bid from Cards Recycling for \$10.07 per household per month for the new contract. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed. Other bidders were Waste Management for \$12.79 and Altes Sanitation for \$14.20.

Council members reviewed bids to mow 6 City properties. This would include mowing, string trimming and blowing off of solid surfaces at the following properties every other week based on the need. Lavaca City Park- Harding Street, Shae Park- Shawna Drive in Village Park Subdivision, Police Station- 405 Dogwood Street, Fire Station/Library- 100-104 S. Davis Street, SRCA- 104 S. Division, Triangle Park- 1205 Hwy 96 SW. There were 11 bids received for this project. Bids were as follows: George Green of M & M Lawn Care \$390.00, Chris Rambo \$450.00, Chip Peacock \$475.00, Thomas Scherrey \$500.00, Chris Eberhard \$525.00, Ellis Landscape Service \$550.00, Danny Sharp \$600.00, Larry Johnson \$650.00, Trejo's Lawn Service \$800.00, Greenview \$965.00, Fern Lawn Care \$1300.00. Mike Ray made a motion to accept the low bid of \$390.00 per mow cycle of the 6 locations from George Green of M & M Lawn Care. Benny Hunter seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Council members reviewed resolution #2021-01 for Arkansas Rural Community Grant Program. This resolution would allow the City to apply for a matching funds grant to purchase a Washer/Extractor and PPE drying cabinet along with laundry detergent and a dispenser for the Fire Dept. The amount requested in the grant would be \$9400.65. If grant is awarded then the City of Lavaca would also pay \$9400.65 to complete the purchase of the items requested. Dale Teague made a motion to adopt resolution 2021-01 for this purpose. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Rick Edgerton made a motion to pay the bills for the month of March. Benny Hunter seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

With no further business on the agenda, meeting was adjourned. (DT/MR)

Mayor

Attest: Recorder

