

October 9, 2023

The City Council of the City of Lavaca met for a regular meeting Monday, October 9, 2023, at City Hall in Lavaca. Board members present were Mayor Hugh Hardgrave; Aldermen Benny Hunter, Mike Ray, Rick Edgerton and Lorie Robertson; and City Attorney John Verkamp. Absent were Aldermen Gerald Schaeffer and Dale Teague and Recorder Shelly Hockaday. Visitors present were Brandon Woodrome, Gena Deakins, Dwayne Wallace, Jeremy Smith, Ken Van Dusen, and Randy Toon.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

The Council approved the minutes of the September 11, 2023, meeting as presented. (RE/BH)

Randy Toon presented the Police Report for the month of September. Three arrests, 20 warnings and 14 citations were issued in September.

A Resolution authorizing the Sebastian County District Court, Greenwood Department, to destroy certain records prior to 2020 was presented for consideration. Mike Ray's motion to approve this resolution was seconded by Lorie Robertson, all members present voting yes. Resolution 2023-05 was approved.

A petition to re-zone a parcel of property in the 600 Block of Highway 96 SE from Commercial/Residential 1 to Residential 2 was approved by the Planning Commission following a Public Hearing on September 19, 2023. Mike Ray's motion to proceed with the re-zoning was seconded by Benny Hunter. On a roll call vote Benny Hunter voted Yes, Mike Ray voted Yes, Rick Edgerton voted Yes, Lorie Robertson abstained. Mayor Hardgrave cast a Yes vote to approve the motion.

The Council voted to appoint Dwayne Wallace to the FSPWA Board. (BH/LR)

Ordinance 2023-03, an ordinance to assess a 5 mill tax on all real and personal property in the City of Lavaca and a 5 mill Voluntary Fire Tax on the same property in the City of Lavaca for the year 2023 to be collected in the year 2024 was presented for consideration. Lorie Robertson's motion to introduce the ordinance was seconded by Benny Hunter, all members present voted yes. Rick Edgerton's motion to waive the second and third readings of the ordinance was seconded by Mike Ray, all members present voted yes. Mike Ray's motion to adopt the ordinance was seconded by Lorie Robertson, all members present voted yes.

The Council voted to pay the bills for the month of October. (BH/MR)

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor: Hugh Hardgrave