

December 11, 2023

The City Council of the City of Lavaca met for a regular monthly meeting Monday December 11, 2023, at City Hall in Lavaca. Board members present were Mayor Hugh Hardgrave, City Attorney John Verkamp, and Aldermen: Mike Ray, Rick Edgerton, Lorie Robertson, and Recorder Shelly Hockaday. Dale Teague, Gerald Schaefer and Benny Hunter were absent. Visitors present were Dwayne Wallace, Ken VanDusen, Richard Bodine, Amy Herrera, Diego Herrera and Randy Toon.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM and Randy Toon led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Hardgrave led the prayer.

The Council approved the minutes of the November regular meeting. (RE/LR)

Council members reviewed the report from the Police Dept. The Department answered 533 calls in November. LPD issued 9 tickets and 24 warnings. There were 5 arrest made in the month of November.

Council members reviewed the report from the Fire Dept. They responded to 1 gas leak, 2 grass fires, and 14 EMS calls in November.

Mayor Hardgrave informed the Council that the City of Lavaca had been awarded a TAP grant from ARDOT in the amount of \$339,000. This will be used to build a sidewalk on the East side of Hwy 96 from the area of Dollar General to Hanson Drive.

Considering rising inflation and the overall increase of cost of goods and services over the past several years, the Mayor recommended adoption of ordinance 2023-10. Council reviewed proposed ordinance 2023-10 that would increase the purchasing limits from \$5,000 to \$10,000 without prior Council approval by the Mayor. A motion was made by Mike Ray to introduce the proposed ordinance by title only. Lorie Robertson seconded the motion and all voted in favor including the Mayor. Rick Edgerton made a motion to suspend the rules and forgo the 2nd and 3rd readings. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor including the Mayor. Mike Ray made a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance 2023-10. Lorie Robertson seconded the motion and all voted in favor including the Mayor. Motion passed.

Council members reviewed a proposal from TLS Group, Inc. for \$15,650.00 to install new cable at the traffic signal at Hwy 22/ Hwy 96. Lorie Robertson made a motion to approve the proposal. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor including the Mayor. Motion passed.

Council members reviewed the 2024 budget proposal. Rick Edgerton made a motion to approve the 2024 budget. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor including the Mayor. Motion passed.

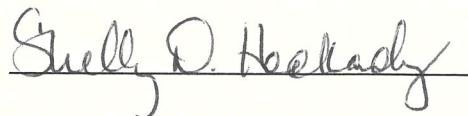
Council members reviewed a remodeling proposal from Justin Green Custom Homes for City Hall in the amount of \$14,200. Rick Edgerton made a motion to approve the proposal. Lorie Robertson seconded the motion and all voted in favor including the Mayor. Motion passed.

Rick Edgerton made a motion to pay the bills for the month of December. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor including the Mayor. Motion passed.

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



Mayor



Attest: Recorder