

January 8, 2024

The City Council of the City of Lavaca met for a regular monthly meeting Monday January 8, 2024, at City Hall in Lavaca. Board members present were Mayor Hugh Hardgrave, Aldermen: Mike Ray, Rick Edgerton, Lorie Robertson, City Attorney John Verkamp and Recorder Shelly Hockaday. Aldermen Benny Hunter, Gerald Schaefer and Dale Teague were absent. Visitors present were Butch Maness, Paul Sanders and Randy Toon.

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of the December regular meeting. Rick Edgerton made a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor including the Mayor. Motion passed.

Council members reviewed the report from the Police Dept. The Department answered 641 calls in December. LPD issued 9 tickets and 25 warnings. There were 5 arrests made in the month of December.

Council members reviewed the report from the Fire Dept. They responded to 1 structure fire, 3 grass fires, and 35 EMS calls in December.

Council members reviewed a resolution to adopt the Sebastian County Hazard Mitigation plan. This plan is updated every 5 years and each city needs to participate in order to receive FEMA funds during a disaster. The updated plan has already been approved by FEMA. Lorie Robertson made a motion to adopt as resolution 2024-01. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor including the Mayor. Motion passed.

Council members reviewed an On Call Services Contract from Hawkins Weir Engineers, INC with a starting balance of \$10,000. Mike Ray made a motion to approve the contract. Lorie Robertson seconded the motion and all voted in favor including the Mayor. Motion passed.


Council members reviewed a budget amendment and a quote for the purchase of a 2024 Chevy Colorado Pickup from Rhodes Chevrolet for \$33,035.00. A motion was made by Lorie Robertson to amend the budget and proceed with the purchase. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor including the Mayor. Motion passed.

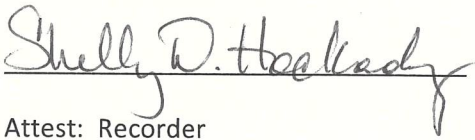
Council members considered creating a savings account with First National Bank in the name of "The Sewer Refurbishment and Replacement Reserve" Account with the funds from CD#1128768 that is up for renewal. All current authorized signers will be on this account except Dale Teague who resigned his position. This is a new requirement of Act 605. Lorie Robertson made a motion to cash in the CD and open the account. Rick Edgerton seconded the motion and all voted in favor including the Mayor. Motion passed.

Council members reviewed a letter of resignation from Alderman Dale Teague. Mike Ray made a motion to accept the resignation and declare a vacancy for Ward 1 position 1. Rick Edgerton 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 January. Lorie Robertson seconded the motion and all voted in favor including the Mayor. Motion passed.

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

  
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Mayor

  
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Attest: Recorder

