

March 9, 2026

The City Council of the City of Lavaca met for a regular monthly meeting Monday March 9, 2026, at City Hall in Lavaca. Board members present were Mayor Hugh Hardgrave, Aldermen: Mike Ray, Gerald Schaefer, Lisa Hogan, Lorie Robertson, Dawn Hutchins, City Attorney John Verkamp, and Recorder Shelly Vann. Mac Green was absent. Visitors present were Jeremy Smith, Kynlee Schaefer, Michael Fuchtmann, Toby Beavers, and Butch Maness.

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

The Council reviewed the minutes of the February regular meeting. Lorie Robertson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as printed. Lisa Hogan seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Council members reviewed the report from the Police Dept. The Department performed 421 activities in February. LPD issued 3 tickets and 19 warnings. There were 3 arrests made in the month of February.

Council members reviewed the report from the Fire Dept. They responded to: 8 fire calls and 22 EMS calls in February.

Council members reviewed the report from the Public Works Dept. They replaced 34 meters that were not working. Sprayed all City maintained property. Assisted with lift station improvements at Berry Ridge and well clean outs in Berry Ridge, Village Park and Hwy 253 lift stations. They also completed 43 one call requests.

Mike Ray spoke and asked that a letter of commendation placed in Marcus Walker's personnel file in reference to his actions during an incident that took place in January 2026.

Agenda Item 1: Planning Commission recommendation, rezoning request. There was discussion on this item and Mr. Verkamp will have an ordinance ready for a vote next month. No action was taken tonight.

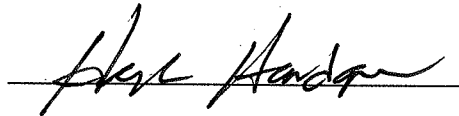
Agenda Item 2: Sanitation Contract. Council reviewed a 1 year contract extension with Cards, now Ecowaste Solutions, Inc. for residential trash pickup in the City Limits of Lavaca. If approved this would extend the contract with Ecowaste Solutions, LLC with a price increase from \$12.51 to \$12.91 per residential customer. Mike Ray made a motion to extend the contact with the price increase for 1 year. Gerald Schaefer seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 3: Consider Budget Amendments, Water and Sewer Budgets. Gerald Schaefer made a motion to approve the budget amendment for water in the amount of \$2195.00. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed

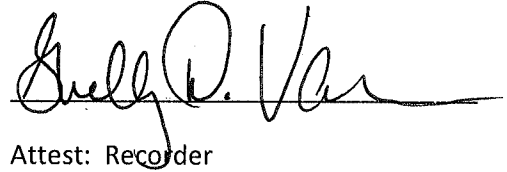
Mike Ray made a motion to approve the budget amendment for sewer in the amount of \$136,869. Lisa Hogan seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Lisa Hogan made a motion to pay the bills for the month of March. Gerald Schaefer seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Lorie Robertson made a motion to adjourn. Lisa Hogan seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Meeting was adjourned.

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Mayor

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Attest: Recorder