

October 12, 2026

The City Council of the City of Lavaca met for a regular monthly meeting Monday October 12, 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, Butch Maness, Kirk Barber, Jennifer Barber, Curtis McKee, Joe Patrick, Cadie Brown and Angela Gillooley.

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

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

Mayor Hardgrave updates. There were 292 customers at the ABC Recycling Center in September and 2921 YTD. There was 1 clean up notice served in September and 58 YTD. Fall Clean up was last week and we had 127 clean up customers and 51 recyclers in 4 days. The Intersection improvement project is in progress. West Birch Street Water line improvements bid opening will be Nov. 5, 2026. It was also noted that Shelly Vann completed the mandatory Treasurer Training on the ACE Hub.

Council members reviewed the report from the Police Dept. The Department performed 493 activities in September. LPD issued 10 tickets and 13 warnings. There were 6 arrests made in the month of September.

Council members reviewed the report from the Fire Dept. They responded to: 6 fire calls, 24 EMS calls and worked 3 football games.

Council members reviewed the report from the Public Works Dept. They replaced 12 meters that were not working, manually read 73 meters, repaired 1 water leak and completed 3 leak checks. They also completed 30 one call requests.

Angela Gillooley stated that the Chamber of Commerce had approved to pay for Christmas lights to be put on City Hall and SRCA for the holiday season again this year. Angela also announced that Nov. 21, 2026 will be the LACC holiday market, car show and cruise night.

Agenda Item #1: Millage Ordinance assessing 5.0 mill tax on real and personal property within the City of Lavaca. Gerald Schaefer made a motion to introduce the proposed ordinance and Mike Ray seconded the motion. All voted in favor and motion passed. Recorder Shelly Vann read the ordinance by title only. Lisa Hogan made a motion to suspend the rules for the 2nd and 3rd readings. Lorie Robertson seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed. Lorie Robertson made a motion to adopt the ordinance as 2026-05. Lisa Hogan seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed and ordinance 2026-05 was adopted.

Agenda Item #2: FSPWA 2027 Budget Proposal. Gerald Schaefer made a motion to approve the budget for 2027. Mike Ray seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

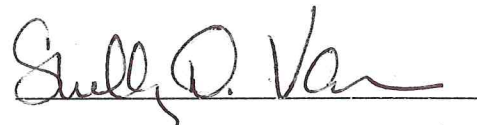
Mr. Verkamp spoke about the pending trail with Liberty Roofing over the roof at the police dept. He advised the council to allow Mayor Hardgrave and himself to come to a settlement agreement with Liberty Roofing. Gerald Schaefer made a motion to allow Mr. Verkamp and Mayor Hardgrave to speak with Liberty Roofing's Attorney and try to reach an agreement. Lorie Robertson seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

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

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



Mayor



Attest: Recorder