LAKEVIEW CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
July 21, 2026

I. Call to Order – 7:00 PM

II. **Responding to the roll call** were Bill Svehla, Lindley Reubin, Wade Robson, Chuck Fiske and Carl Hill.

III. APPROVAL:

June 2026 Minutes

A. Cncl. Svehla moved to accept the minutes.
B. Cncl. Robson 2nd the motion.
C. There being no discussion, approval was so ordered without objections.

June 2026 Financials

A. Cncl. Reubin moved to accept the financials.
B. Cncl. Fiske 2nd the motion.
C. There being no discussion, approval was so ordered without objections.

IV. Police Report: June 2026

A. Mayor Ralph Edge stated that the June 2026 Police Report was being presented and asked if there were any questions concerning the report. There being no questions, the report is on file for public review.

V. Code Enforcement/Building Official Report

A. Mayor Ralph Edge stated that the report June 8, 2026 thru July 16, 2026 was being presented and asked if there were any questions concerning the report.
B. Report is on file for public review.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Revisit Petition for Sunday Liquor Sales
1. Mayor Ralph Edge indicated that more signatures are needed to move the petition for Sunday Liquor Sales forward. Approximately 22 signatures have been gathered and 55 signatures are needed.

B. Discussion on City Master Plan
1. Mayor Ralph Edge reiterated the premise behind a City Master Plan which is a long-range policy guide. The smaller cities in Baxter County may want to share the costs of a City Master Plan. Cost $10,000-$12,000 which would be shared by each participating city. Mayor Ralph Edge stated that Cncl. Fiske is going to be the point person for our city and will be in contact with Mayor Jeff Braim in Gassville who initiated this proposed City Master Plan to see if this is a viable way forward.

C. Fill Vacant Seat on City Council
1. Mayor Ralph Edge introduced Gary Brown. Mr. Brown gave a brief background on himself.
2. Mayor Edge requested a motion to accept the filling of the vacant seat for Ward 1 Position 1 (term expiring in 2028, formerly Cncl. Edge's Seat) with Gary Brown.
3. Motion passed with 5 Yeas and 0 Nays.
4. Mayor Edge administered the State of Arkansas Oath of Office.
5. Cncl. Brown then took his seat on the city council.

D. Complaint-City of Lakeview (Stamford Lane)
1. Mayor Ralph Edge stated the legal proceedings are moving forward as designed.

VII. <u>NEW BUSINESS:</u>

A. Urban Hunter Presentation
1. The Urban Hunter Association presented a check in the amount of $500.00 to the City of Lakeview. Photos were taken of the check presentation.

B. Arkansas Fun Grant
1. Mayor Edge stated that a Lakeview resident, Allison Wiseman, proposed looking into a playground for children in the City of Lakeview's park. Allison Wiseman stated that she had found a grant which the city may qualify for which is the Arkansas Fun Grant for cities smaller than 7,500 population wise. Mayor Edge introduced Allison and asked her to give a short presentation on the benefits of a children's park and the grant. A brief discussion was held. Further investigation and planning regarding the grant still needs to be done. The deadline for the grant is August 28, 2026 for this cycle. Mention of adding a pickleball court was included.
2. Resolution 26-06 Recreational Facilities Arkansas Fun Grant
3. Mayor Edge asked for a motion to approve moving forward with the Arkansas Fun Grant. A brief discussion was held.
4. Cncl. Robson made a motion to approve moving forward with the Arkansas Fun Grant.
5. Cncl. Svehla 2nd the motion.
6. Motion passed with 6 Yeas and 0 Nays.

C. City of Lakeview Website
1. Mayor Edge stated that it had come to his attention by VisionAmp which is our website provider that the City of Lakeview's website was not ADA compliant which left the city financially exposed. Mayor Edge indicated the ADA compliant feature through VisionAmp costs an additional $1,000.00 per year.

D. Building of New Maintenance Structure
1. Mayor Edge stated that the new maintenance structure was going to cost more to build than initially thought (concrete costs, overhead doors).
2. Mayor Edge asked for a motion to approve additional funding from $60,000.00 to $80,000.00 for additional construction expenditures.
3. Cncl. Hill made a motion to approve the additional funding for the building of the new maintenance structure.
4. Cncl. Robson 2nd the motion.
5. Motion passed with 6 Yeas and 0 Nays.

E. Animal Control
F. Mayor Edge indicated the City of Lakeview does not have a current contract with Baxter County for animal control with Baxter County. The line item in the budget for animal control contract need to be raised from $250.00 per year to $500.00 per year.

G. Overhead Doors/Maint
1. New overhead doors are needed on the current maintenance structure.

H. Resolution 26-05 Amend the 2026 Annual Budget
-Animal Control
-Cyber Security ADA
-Storage Building
-New Overhead Doors/Maint
1. Mayor Edge asked for a motion to amend the 2026 Annual Budget
2. Cncl. Reubin made a motion to approve amending the 2026 Annual Budget.
3. Cncl. Hill 2nd the motion.
4. Motion passed with 6 Yeas and 0 Nays.

VIII. <u>ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR</u>:
1. Jeri Van Patten asked that the city council consider replacing the basketball courts (these courts were recently removed due to the building of the new maintenance structure) because local teens were using the basketball court. The City of Lakeview had planned on rebuilding the basketball court in the future. An interim basketball court may be a possibility. She also mentioned that a pickleball court would be a good feature to add to the city park.

IX. <u>ADJOURN</u>:
A. Cncl. Svehla made a motion to adjourn.
B. Cncl. Hill 2nd the motion.
C. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.