

**LAKEVIEW CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 15, 2026**

I. Call to Order – 7:00 PM

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

III. APPROVAL:

August 2026 Minutes

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

August 2026 Financials

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

IV. Police Report: August 2026

- A. Mayor-Elect Ralph Edge stated that the August 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-Elect Ralph Edge stated that the report August 10, 2026 thru September 14, 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. City Master Plan

- 1. Mayor-Elect Ralph Edge stated that Cncl. Fiske and Cncl. Robson are to meet with Mayor-Elect Sheila Wingard, of Gassville to discuss the proposed City Master Plan. At this time, four cities are looking into moving forward with the City Master Plan. The cities are Lakeview, Gassville, Cotter and Norfolk. Each city if all participate would have to pay approximately \$10,000.00-\$12,000.00 each. Former Mayor Behling stated that the last time the City of Lakeview had a City Master Plan completed was in 2005.

B. Council Seat Filled

- 1. Mayor-Elect Edge indicated that the council seat has been filled. Cncl. Gary Brown represents Ward 1 Position 1. Terms expires in 2028.

C. Arkansas Fun Grant

1. Mayor-Elect Ralph Edge stated that the city is still waiting to hear back from the Arkansas Fun Grant regarding the outcome of a possible grant.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Stamford Lane

1. Mayor-Elect Ralph Edge encouraged the city council members to read the recent memo from Jim Kuchenbecker, Code Enforcement. At this point, the legal process continues to move forward.

B. Issue 3-Arkansas Constitutional Amendment

1. Mayor-Elect Ralph Edge stated that Issue 3 is an amendment coming on up on ballot that would allow cities in the State of Arkansas to set up economic districts within their cities. These economic districts are to encourage growth of a city.

C. New Building Progress

1. Mayor-Elect Ralph Edge stated that Jim Phelps, Maintenance, has been instrumental in moving this building construction progress forward. It is almost completed.

D. Basketball Goals

1. The asphalt basketball court has been poured and cured. Striping of the court has been completed. The new basketball court hoops have arrived. The hoops still need to be set in concrete. This final step should be completed shortly.

E. Date for Budget Meeting

1. Mayor-Elect Ralph Edge asked the city council to consult their calendars so they can schedule a budget meeting.

F. 2027 Mil Rate

1. Mayor-Elect Ralph Edge stated that he recommends keeping the Mil-rate at 3.
2. Cncl. Svehla made a motion to keep the Mil-rate at 3 mil.
3. Cncl. Hill 2nd the motion.
4. Motion carried with 6 Yeas and 0 Nays.

G. Coffee with the Mayor

1. Mayor-Elect Ralph Edge stated that he is excited to start an informal “Coffee with the Mayor” once per month for community members to meet, get involved in the community and express their ideas, hopes and concerns regarding the City of Lakeview.

H. Community Involvement

1. Mayor-Elect Ralph Edge stated that he wanted to recognize and acknowledge community members:
 - A. Mr. B’s Quick Cuts who has been mulching, weeding and tending to some of the garden areas in the city park walking path. It looks great!
 - B. Janice Snyder and Tom King. They have been re-painting the scenic entrance statutes with the boy and the hog. It now has vibrant colors once again.
 - C. Hog Wild Septic who donated the money for the basketball hoops.
 - D. Bill Svehla, City Councilmen, for the City of Lakeview, who has served as councilmen for approximately 30 years. Cncl. Svehla stated that he loves this city and is blessed to live here.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

None

IX. ADJOURN:

- A. Cncl. Svehla made a motion to adjourn.
- B. Cncl. Hill 2nd the motion.
- C. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.