

**LAKEVIEW CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 20, 2025**

- I. Call to Order – 7:00 PM**
- II. Responding to the roll call** were Lindley Reubin, Wade Robson, Janet Castillo, Ralph Edge and Carl Hill. Bill Svehla was not present.
- III. APPROVAL –**
April 2025 Minutes
A. Cncl. Reubin moved to accept the minutes.
B. Cncl. Castillo 2nd the motion.
C. There being no discussion, approval was so ordered without objections.
- April 2025 Financials*
A. Cncl. Edge moved to accept the financials.
B. Cncl. Robson 2nd the motion.
C. There being no discussion, approval was so ordered without objections.
- III. Police Report: April 2025**
A. Mayor Behling indicated that the April 2025 Police Report was not included in the packet. However, it is currently at each councilmen's seat for review. Mayor Behling stated that the April 2025 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.
- IV. Code Enforcement/Building Official Report**
A. Mayor Behling indicated that the April 2025 Code Enforcement Report was not included in the packet. However, it is currently at each councilmen's seat for review. Mayor Behling stated that the report April 10, 2025 thru May 19, 2025 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. State Street Aid Program
1. Mayor Behling stated that he will be attending a meeting on June 18, 2025 at the Street State Aid Committee in Little Rock. If Cottage Terrace, Lakeview Cove and Crestline are added to the state contract, the state will do the inspection of the completed roads. If, however, the streets are not added to the state contract, we would need to hire an inspector or Consolidated Land Services may be able to do it. Mayor Behling also stated that after speaking with Atlas Asphalt instead of the August/September timeframe the project may be moved up to July 2025.

A. Dogwood Lane-Road/Sinkhole

1. Mayor Behling stated that Dr. Clint Wood with the University of Arkansas completed the on-site testing on Dogwood Lane. Mayor Behling stated that he has a meeting scheduled with Nathan Parnell of Geotechnical and Testing Services, Inc. and Billy Wehmeyer of Consolidated Land Services, Inc. tomorrow, May 21, 2025 at 11 AM to discuss the results and recommendations. Mayor Behling stated to the City Council that he will email them the report after the meeting.

B. Baxter County Sirens

1. Mayor Behling stated that he spoke with Judge Kevin Litty regarding the Baxter County sirens. Each siren will cost approximately \$35k-\$40k. The details of possible installation costs and a maintenance contract are unknown at this point. Mayor Behling stated that since the City of Lakeview is rural, the benefits of a tornado siren may be to a lesser degree because tornado sirens usually have more value in an urban area for its residents. Various points of discussion were brought up including tornado sirens are generally best used in urban areas, NOAA Weather Radios to receive weather alerts for the residents of the City of Lakeview and technology including cell phone weather text alerts from Nixle, etc. There was some concern brought up about the safety and well-being residents who may not have their cell phones and/or weather radios with them, etc. Questions were asked about grants (Mayor Behling stated that he is not aware of any grants for sirens), a safe haven in the City of Lakeview (there is not a safe haven nor is there the manpower to open the safe haven to make it available to the public), and if there is any liability to the City of Lakeview. Cncl. Edge stated that he would like to see the actual costs before moving forward. Mayor Behling stated that this issue would be tabled until the next city council meeting in June 2025.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Ordinance 25-01 re Annexation Surrey Meadows Subdivision

1. Mayor Behling stated that the possible annexation of Surrey Meadows Subdivision was first brought to the City Council in 2021.
2. *1st Reading*-Mayor Behling requested a motion to have Ordinance 25-01 re Annexation Surrey Meadows Subdivision placed on 1st Reading
3. Motion by Cncl. Reubin to place Ordinance 25-01 on 1st Reading.
4. Motion 2nd by Cncl. Edge.
5. Motion passed with 5 Yeas and 0 Nays.
6. Mayor Behling read Ordinance 25-01.
7. Mayor Behling stated that he would like to move Ordinance 25-01 quickly through the process because the residents of the Surrey Meadows Subdivision want their street re-paved. The City of Lakeview is currently having some streets re-paved this Summer or Autumn through the State Street Aid Program which could include Surrey Meadows Subdivision if this ordinance is adopted and passed in time.

A1. 2nd and 3rd Readings-Mayor Behling requested a motion to suspend the

- rules and have the 2nd and 3rd readings of Ordinance 25-01 read by title only.
1. Motion by Cncl. Edge to suspend the rules and have the 2nd and 3rd readings of ordinance by title only.
 2. Motion 2nd by Cncl. Castillo.
 3. Motion passed with 5 Yeas and 0 Nays for 2nd and 3rd readings.
 4. Mayor Behling read title of Ordinance 25-01.
- A2. *Passage*-With 3rd reading completed, Mayor Behling requested a motion to adopt Ordinance 25-01 re: Annexation Surrey Meadows Subdivision.
1. Motion by Cncl. Castillo to adopt Ordinance 25-01.
 2. Motion 2nd by Cncl. Edge.
 3. Motion passed with 5 Yeas and 0 Nays.
- A3. *Emergency Clause*-Mayor Behling requested a motion to invoke the Emergency Clause to adopt Ordinance 25-01 re: Annexation Surrey Meadows Subdivision.
1. Motion by Cncl. Edge to adopt Ordinance 25-01 under Emergency Clause.
 2. Motion 2nd by Cncl. Hill.
 3. Motion passed with 5 Yeas and 0 Nays.
- B. City Emails from .com to .gov
1. Act 429 has been adopted by the Arkansas Legislature for all cities to change their email addresses from .com to .gov. The City of Lakeview asked Todd Clayton of My-Techs to assist the City of Lakeview in moving forward with this change. The proposal that was received from My-Techs is an additional charge of \$124.88 per month email hosting charge.
 2. Mayor Behling asked the City Council for a motion even though it is a moot point because the Arkansas Legislature has already passed this into law changing from .com to .gov.
 3. Motion by Cncl. Castillo to change City Emails from .com to .gov.
 4. Motion 2nd by Cncl. Edge.
 5. Motion passed with 5 Yeas and 0 Nays.
- C. Search for New Police Chief
1. Mayor Behling stated that recruitment for a new Police Chief is currently underway.
- D. Alternate Check Signers
1. Due to the unfortunate passing of former Cncl. Newell, the City of Lakeview needs to have an alternate check signer if the mayor is out of town or unable to sign checks. There is currently one alternate check signer, Cncl. Reubin. The city needs an additional city councilman to take on this responsibility. Two city councilmen names were brought up, Cncl. Edge and Cncl. Robson. Cncl. Robson stated that he would be happy to take on this responsibility.
 2. Motion by Cncl. Edge for Cncl. Robson to be an alternate check signer.
 3. Motion 2nd by Cncl. Hill.

4. Motion passed with 5 Yeas and 0 Nays.

E. Reschedule June 2025 City Council Meeting

1. Mayor Behling stated that the June 17, 2025 City Council Meeting needed to be rescheduled. It was decided the Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at 7 PM would work for all.

2. Motion by Cncl. Edge to change the City Council Meeting to Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at 7 PM.

3. Motion 2nd by Cncl. Reubin.

4. Motion passed with 5 Yeas and 0 Nays.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

A. None

IX. ADJOURN:

A. Cncl. Hill made a motion to adjourn.

B. Cncl. Robson 2nd the motion.

C. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.