

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE CITY OF LAMPASAS, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
405 SOUTH MAIN STREET
Monday August 12, 2019**

The City Council of the City of Lampasas met in regular session on the above date with Mayor Misti Talbert presiding.

Council Members present:

T.J. Monroe, Mayor Pro Tem
Chuck Williamson
Randy Clark
Cathy Kuehne
Delana Toups (arrived at 6:05 p.m.)
Michael White (present for regular session only)

Council Members absent:

None

City Staff Present:

Finley deGraffenried, City Manager
Gary Cox, Assistant City Manager
Christina Marez, City Secretary
Becky Sims, Assistant City Secretary
Yvonne Moreno, Finance Director
Mandy Walsh, Economic Development Director
Cole Wheeler, Economic Development Intern
Van Berry, Golf Course Manager
Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director
Rickie Roy, Public Works Director
Flint Geagley, Electric Superintendent
Wayne Sanders, Electric Crew Supervisor
Micah Harry, Lineworker
Justin McDonald, Apprentice IV
Van Sims, Water/Wastewater Operations Manager
Sammy Bailey, Police Chief
Jody Cummings, Assistant Police Chief
Chuck Montgomery, Police Lieutenant
Steve Sheldon, Police Sergeant
Jacob Hummer, Police Sergeant
Andy McCatherine, Police Officer
Will Sneed, Police Officer
Garrett Bradley, Police Officer
Jeffry Smith, Fire Chief
Ronnie Withers, Fire Marshal
J. P. Harris, Firefighter Shift Captain
Bart Baker, Firefighter Driver Pump Operator
Colton Baker, Firefighter
Sean Schroeder, Firefighter
Jared Payne, Firefighter

WORKSHOP SESSION
5:30 P.M.

1. Call to order Workshop Session

Mayor Talbert called the workshop session to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Departmental Budget Presentations

- Parks, Parks Facilities, Cemetery

Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, reviewed some of the following items in his Department budgets:

- Chemical and botanical line item has increased
- Gas & diesel line item has also increased due to a full staff in his Parks Department
- Requesting an accelerated purchase of a truck for the Cemetery Department
- A new mower for the Cemetery Department has been included in the budget

- Golf Course

Van Berry, Golf Course Manager, reviewed some of the following items in his Department budget:

- Golf play at the Golf Course was down this year due to the dam flooding
- He reviewed the greens fees and memberships
- The Chemical and botanical line item was increased by \$1,000.00
- He cut the Merchandise line item by \$1,000.00 – he said he couldn't compete with retail stores that sell golf clubs; once he sells the golf clubs he has now, he won't purchase anymore
- He said that he had cut the Capital line item by \$12,500.00 that was for the purchase of an aerator but since he borrows the Parks Department one, he'll continue to do that instead; he did leave \$5,000.00 in that line item for irrigation satellite controllers
- He will be bringing an item before Council for cart trails paving once the bid process is complete

There was discussion about whether if a food or beverage truck was made available at the Golf Course, would it increase the play at the Golf Course. Berry said that he was not opposed to a food or beverage truck being at the Golf Course. He thought that maybe on the weekends only that it may be a benefit to the vendor.

3. Discussion regarding agreement between Oran Milo Roberts Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the City of Lampasas for future management of the City of Lampasas Hostess House.

City Manager deGraffenried explained that this item was placed on the agenda to allow discussion regarding transition of the Hostess House to the City managing it. As Council is aware, the City recently discussed management of the Hostess House with DRT, who after a meeting with their Board, they felt it was in the best interest of both parties for the City to manage bookings and day to day operations of the facility. City Staff, which included Mandy Walsh, Economic Development Director; Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director; Monica Wright, Information Systems Director; and Vicki Tower, Administrative Secretary, met to discuss and brainstorm booking procedures, cleaning, advertising and Staff

responsibilities. The booking would be done by Vicki Tower; advertising would be done by both Monica Wright and Mandy Walsh. As to the cleaning of the facilities, possibly continue to retain the cleaning services that DRT already has in place. The Parks Department would continue mowing the facility grounds.

deGraffenried said that City Staff believes the Hostess House could be operated without additional Staff or financial resources. Council will be asked to formally proceed with the transition on the regular agenda by review and approval of a Letter of Understanding. At a future date, Council could review the facility use policy and fees.

Mayor Talbert expressed that though the City would be taking over the management of the Hostess House, this facility would not exist without DRT.

There was brief discussion of DRT offering the sale of all the inventory in the facility which included tables and chairs in the amount of approximately \$2,200.00.

4. Discussion regarding Compensation Market Analysis and possible financial impacts of implementation.

City Manager deGraffenried explained that at Council's direction, City Staff previously submitted a geographical comparison of salary ranges and actual compensation. As discussed with Council on July 29, 2019, City Staff has reviewed possible adjustments and impact to the City.

deGraffenried reviewed the following:

- The geographic study shows the salary schedule to be 18.7 percent below the market
- The number to try to be at should be 8 percent but it is not feasible for the City to do
- To increase the salary schedule by 8 percent would cause 50 positions to be below the starting salary of their grade level, which would be an amount he would not like to present to Council
- Maybe Council should look at the positions that have turn over most often. Currently, the Police Department has two vacancies, as well as the Fire Department, that need to be filled.
- The City will need to address the salary schedule in small bites, a little bit at a time so not to get further behind the market

Mayor Talbert said that the salary schedule needs to be looked at for the Fire and Police positions, as well as the Electric Department. The City continues to lose people because of more money being offered by other cities right down the road.

City Manager deGraffenried said that this salary study led by Assistant City Manager Cox has been a tedious project but very worthwhile and thanked him for his work on it. He asked if Council were available next Monday, August 19, 2019 to discuss the matter further.

It was the consensus of Council that a Special Meeting be held on Monday, August 19, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

5. Discussion regarding modifications to FY 2020 Budget; possible funding sources, Council priorities and tax rate.

City Manager deGraffenried provided an update on the status of the FY 2020 Budget using an overhead power point presentation:

- Budget Briefing
 - No increase in tax rate, utility or compensation
 - No movement, would have a balanced budget

Council member Toups arrived at 6:05 p.m.

deGraffenried continued with the following:

- Review from last Council meeting
 - Additional training funds for Assistant City Secretary/Zoning Administrator
 - Need to review Collection Station #3
 - SCADA Security, approximately \$14,000.00
 - PD phone system
 - 3rd Party inspection services contract
 - Opt out for paper billing
 - EDC Fund Balance
 - 2020 Paving, utilizing Fund Balance from 18/19 for a total in 2020 of \$750,000.00

deGraffenried reviewed a handout on rate comparisons of ad valorem, sales tax, electric, water and sewer rates of Lampasas to the following cities: Kerrville, Fredericksburg, Marble Falls, Burnet, Horseshoe Bay, Brady, Llano, Liberty Hill and Copperas Cove. In reviewing the findings, he said that the citizens of Lampasas receive good services at lesser fees than those cities.

deGraffenried continued:

- Considerations – Council Priorities
 - Technology infrastructure
 - Public Safety Communication
 - FD Engine
 - Building Maintenance position
 - Use of Fund Balance
 - Debt Profiles
 - Compensation

- Funding Options

○ Electric (last increase in 10/1/2017)	-	.0025 kwh increase	=	\$266,260.65
○ Water (last increase in 10/1/2018)	-	5% increase	=	\$141,345.05
○ Sewer (last increase in 10/1/2018)	-	5% increase	=	\$86,685.21
○ Sanitation (last increase 5/1/2018)	-	\$1.25 increase	=	\$42,990.00

Mayor Talbert said that Council can no longer not consider increases for the services that are provided by the City. It's also time to possibly look at a property tax increase. The City can no longer continue to carry the burden. The City is at the point of being 18.7% behind in the salaries market study. The City needs the revenue to compensate for the services provided.

Council member Clark asked that City Staff provide an example of the average bill impact to a family of four, or other similar comparisons, if the electric rates were increased.

deGraffenried noted the following:

- Budget workshop on Monday, August 19, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.
- Additional review and research
- Review Debt and Funding Options

6. Discussion regarding Chamber of Commerce 3rd Quarter Report.

Melissa Unger, Executive Chamber Director, reviewed the Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center 3rd Quarter Report and requested reimbursement in the amount of \$12,078.69.

Council did not have any questions or concerns. City Manager deGraffenried said that there was an action item in regular session for Council consideration of the requested reimbursement by the Chamber.

7. Discussion regarding any item on the regular agenda

There was no discussion.

8. Adjourn Workshop Session

Council member Kuehne moved to adjourn the workshop at 6:29 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council member Clark and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

A break was taken before going into regular session.

REGULAR SESSION 7:00 P.M.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Call to Order

Mayor Talbert called the regular session to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Jeffrey Smith, Fire Chief, gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags were recited.

C. Presentations and Proclamations

Chuck Montgomery, Lieutenant, acknowledged the following promotions:

- Introduction of Sgt. Steve Sheldon as the full-time Sgt. School Resource Officer (SRO) who replaced the vacancy that was left by former employee, Jeff Phillips.
- Introduction of Jacob Hummer as Patrol Sergeant that was the position held by Steve Sheldon.

Sammy Bailey, Police Chief, and Jody Cummings, Assistant Police Chief acknowledged the following:

- Officer Will Sneed was presented with the Life Saving Award from the National Awards Program of the American Police Hall of Fame. On June 3, 2019, Officer Sneed was dispatched regarding a subject stuck under a fence. Upon arrival, he found Tanner Lynch not stuck under a fence but partially entrapped by a trenching machine with a severe laceration and bleeding. Sneed applied a tourniquet to the stop the bleeding and stayed with Lynch until medical personnel arrived.
- Introduction of Marissa Moreno & Delana Fritz; Dispatch – Assistant Police Chief Cummings introduced the two new dispatchers: Moreno has been with the City two weeks and Fritz just a few days.

Flint Geagley, Electric Superintendent, acknowledged the following achievement:

- Introduction of Micah Harry-Electric Line Worker – Micah started with the Electric Department on November 17, 2014. Over the next five years, Micah has taken several lineworker classes and worked on the Power Delivery Program modules through the Northwest Lineman College. There are four modules containing ten tests. Each module along with a minimum of 2,080 hours of on-the-job training has been completed by Micah and is now eligible to be considered a Lineworker.

Mandy Walsh, Economic Development Director, introduced Cole Wheeler who was the intern hired through a grant that worked for both the City and Chamber.

- Cole Wheeler- Intern Presentation – Mr. Cole’s presentation included the duties he did for both the Chamber and the City and what he learned during this internship.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/CITIZEN COMMENTS	
1.1	Citizen comments – Any citizen who desires to address the City Council on a matter not included on the Agenda may do so at this time. The City Council may not deliberate on items presented under this Agenda Item.

There were no citizen comments.

1.2	Public Hearing to receive citizen comments regarding approval denial or approval with modifications the RCC Addition Final Replat of Lots 1,2,7,8 and the North ½ of Lots 3 & 6 of Block 19. Division A, commonly known as 906 East Avenue B.
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Becky Sims, Assistant City Secretary, explained that Ron Farr is requesting to replat the .967 acres into 6 lots. Mr. Farr was unable to be at the meeting.

Sims reviewed the following:

- The lots will meet the Single Family Residential-6 “SF-6” Zoning Regulations:
- The lots range from 6,630 square feet to 8,450 square feet, the width of each lot range from 51 feet to 65 feet and the depth of each lot are 129-130 feet.
- The alley between the properties was abandoned as shown on the plat on June 24, 2019.
- Twenty-one (21) notices were sent to property owners within 200 feet; two (2) were returned in favor of the request.
- This request was heard by the Planning & Zoning Commission on August 1, 2019, and they recommended approval to Council.

Mayor Talbert opened the public hearing for any citizen comments. There were none.

Mayor Pro Tem Monroe moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Council member Kuehne and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

1.3	Public Hearing to receive citizen input on items to be considered in the Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020.
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Mayor Talbert opened the public hearing to receive any citizen input and comments on any items included in the proposed budget.

There were no citizen comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Monroe moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Council member Kuehne and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

2.0	MINUTES
2.1	Discussion and possible action concerning approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 22, 2019

Mayor Pro Tem Monroe moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Council member Kuehne and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

2.2	Discussion and possible action concerning approval of minutes of the Special Meeting on July 29, 2019.
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Mayor Pro Tem Monroe moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Council member Kuehne and with a vote of six in favor and one abstention (Toups), the motion carried.

3.0	CONSENT AGENDA
3.1	Discussion and possible action regarding purchases and charges in excess of \$4,000 from July 1, 2019-July 30, 2019

Mayor Pro Tem Monroe moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Council member Clark and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

4.0	BOARDS/DEPARTMENT REPORTS
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There were no Board or Department reports.

5.0	ROUTINE MATTERS
5.1	City Manager's Operational Report

City Manager deGraffenried reviewed his report:

- 281 South – City Staff has previously reported that TxDOT is proposing to reconfigure South 281 from the Lampasas County line to US Highway 190. The project is currently in the planning stage and one public meeting was held on June 18th regarding the timeline and proposed alignment. Staff understands that some concerns have been raised regarding access to the Hostess House, particularly if large events are held. Although Chief Bailey can provide ingress and egress coverage for large events, similar to other gatherings, TxDOT will continue to accept comments regarding the project. The next public meeting for the project is tentatively scheduled for late Fall of 2019 with additional meetings identified through Spring of 2020. Construction is tentatively scheduled for Summer of 2022.
- Comprehensive Plan - Council has likely seen the announcement for the upcoming Community Open House on August 29, 2019. Postcards will be mailed to all utility customers next week encouraging their attendance and input on the Community Survey. The Survey is available online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LampasasCompPlan>. Additionally, two focus group meetings and the initial meeting of the Advisory Committee will be held on August 28, 2019. Also, if you submit the survey in before August 29, 2019, you will be entered in a drawing to win one of three \$100.00 gift cards.
- Back to School - Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, reports that over 460 attended the Back to School event at Hanna Springs Pool. Volunteers provided haircuts, school supplies, Kid ID's and food. In its second year, the event has expanded in offerings and participation. The event could not be done without the dedicated Pool and Parks Staff.
- FMC - Council may have heard that Advent Health, which operates Rollins Brook in Lampasas, has acquired Family Medicine Clinics in Lampasas and Copperas Cove. The acquisition will likely strengthen and solidify healthcare options for Lampasas. As a note, Rollins Brook is consistently rated in the top 10 percent of all Advent Health facilities for patient care.
- Goats - The goats are delayed a couple of weeks. Originally clearing of Sulphur Creek, generally east of Western, was to commence on August 17, 2019, however, due to other commitments, they will not be here until September 1, 2019.
- Third Street – City Staff have reviewed the initial plans for East Third Street improvements. The ambitious project calls for reshaping of pavement from Key to east of the Western intersection including streetscaping, railing, accessibility and elimination of culverts at Western. City Staff continues to review the Plan Set and would welcome Council review during a future meeting or individually at City Hall.

5.2	MAYOR’S COMMENTS
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Mayor Talbert reminded everyone that school starts on Thursday, August 15, 2019, so keep your eyes open for school kids.

6.0	UNFINISHED BUSINESS
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There was no unfinished business.

7.0	NEW BUSINESS
7.1	Discussion and possible action regarding the approval, denial or approval with modification of the RCC Addition Final Replat

Becky Sims, Assistant City Secretary, explained that this item was discussed in public hearing.

Council member White moved to approve the RCC Addition Final Plat of Lots 1, 2, 7, 8 and the North ½ of Lots 3 & 6 of Block 19, Division A, commonly known as 906 East Avenue B. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Monroe and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

7.2	Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of HOT Funds request from Lampasas County Chamber of Commerce for Wine Tour Event
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Melissa Unger, Executive Chamber Director, explained that the Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center is requesting \$1,288.56 for the 2019 Wine Tour event. This is the 9th Annual Tour event that continues to go. This year the event will be held on September 28, 2019. The Chamber has expanded advertisement of this event in wine publications/magazines for better advertisement that lends to better demographics. The Chamber is requesting 25% of each bus expense (\$562) along with a portion of advertising costs (\$726.56).

Unger also noted that currently one bus is full and the wineries only allow for 2 bus loads of people.

Mayor Pro Tem Monroe moved to approve the request from the Lampasas County Chamber of Commerce of HOT Funds for the 9th Annual Lampasas County Wine Tour event on September 28, 2019 in the amount of \$1,288.56. The motion was seconded by Council member Toups and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

7.3	Discussion and possible action regarding Chamber of Commerce 3 rd Quarter Report.
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Melissa Unger, Executive Chamber Director, explained that the Lampasas County Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center is requesting reimbursement in the amount of \$12,078.69 for their 3rd Quarter Report.

Council member Kuehne moved to accept the Chamber of Commerce 3rd Quarter Report. The motion was seconded by Council member White and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

7.4	Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of HOT Funds request for Indian Artifact Event.
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Libby Bluntzer, Vision Lampasas representative, explained that for the 2018 event, Vision Lampasas requested \$1,500.00, which was held on September 22, 2018. There were approximately 350 people in attendance and Quality Inn and Best Western hotels reported that 10-15 rooms were booked for last year's event.

Bluntzer said that this year, Vision Lampasas is requesting the use of HOT Funds to cover the total cost of the facility (show barn) rental of \$1,000.00, total cost of Police Officer staffed overnight at \$360.00 and the remaining funds to be used for their promotion/advertising outside of Lampasas.

Council member Clark moved to approve the request from Vision Lampasas of HOT Funds for event expenses related to the Indian Artifact, Gem and Mineral Show on September 21, 2019 in the amount of \$1,500.00. The motion was seconded by Council member Toups and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

7.5	Discussion and selection of possible winner of website photo contest entry.
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City Manager deGraffenried explained that there were eight entries. He informed Council that winners normally receive a City of Lampasas cup but now there are City of Lampasas totes that will be given away instead. He said that there were eight cups left.

The photo entries included:

- Entry 1, "Beautiful Color" submitted by Sharil Meeks
- Entry 2, "A Little Night Music" submitted by Karon Justice
- Entry 3, "Spring Ho Festival 2019 Fireworks Display" submitted by Loida Stephenson
- Entry 4, "Fabulous Blooms" submitted by Diane Davis
- Entry 5, "Quietude" submitted by Destiny Kyzer
- Entry 6, "Summer Sunset" submitted by Mary Burbey
- Entry 7, "Beautiful Sky Over Lampasas" submitted by Sheila Martinez
- Entry 8, "Tekla at Sulphur Creek" submitted by William Knauer

Council member Kuehne moved to select Entry 2, "A Little Night Music" submitted by Karon Justice as the photo contest winner.

The motion failed due to lack of a second.

Council member Kuehne moved to select Entry 2, "A Little Night Music" submitted by Karon Justice to receive a City tote bag and all other entries to receive a City of Lampasas cup. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Monroe and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

7.6	Discussion and possible action regarding repairs to the hydraulic system of the 2007 Holt CAT 416 E Backhoe in the amount of \$6,493.42
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Van Sims, Water/Wastewater Operations Manager, explained that the Water Department is requesting Council approval of the expenditure to Holt CAT in the amount of \$6,493.42 for repairs to the hydraulic system of the City owned 2007 CAT 416 E Backhoe.

Mayor Pro Tem Monroe moved to approve the expenditure to Holt CAT in the amount of \$6,493.42 for the repairs to the 2007 Holt CAT 416 E Backhoe. The motion was seconded by Council member Toups and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

7.7	Discussion and possible action regarding Letter of Understanding (LOU) with Daughters of Republic (DRT) regarding management of Hostess House.
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City Manager deGraffenried explained that Council is asked to consider formal action to proceed with transitioning management from the DRT to the City for the Hostess House. The draft agreement, prepared by the City Attorney, Jo-Christy Brown, includes provision to allow DRT use of the Hostess House in acknowledgement of their stewardship, support, and efforts to care for the Hostess House for the last 25 years. Although the draft requires additional minor inclusions, Council may consider this draft with authorization for the Mayor to make minor modifications.

Council member Clark moved to approve the Letter of Understanding and authorize the Mayor to make minor modifications and execute the document. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Monroe and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

7.8	Discussion and possible action regarding the award of a contract to Texas Materials Group, Inc. in the amount of \$ 114,050.00 for the annual street maintenance program.
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Rickie Roy, Public Works Director, explained that the request for sealed bids on this project was published on July 19th, 2019 with a bid opening on August 6, 2019. A total of four (4) bids were received in response to the solicitation:

- Smith Paving, Inc., Manchaca, Texas \$297,500.00
- Texas Materials Group, Inc., Cedar Park, Texas \$114,050.00
- RKJ, Lampasas, Texas \$179,375.00
- Lone Star Paving, Temple, Texas \$138,975.00

The roadways included in this project are:

1. W. Avenue E from Key Avenue to Ridge Street
2. Walnut from W. Avenue E to the hospital parking lot
3. Broad Street from W. Avenue E to Lampasas Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
4. W. 6th St. from Key Avenue to Ridge Street
5. E. Avenue G from Northington Street to McLean Street

The apparent low bidder is Texas Materials Group, Inc., who have previously performed work for the City and are qualified and to perform the work according to the specifications. A total of 12,500 square yards of materials was bid for the maintenance project at a cost of \$9.124 per sq. yard and a total cost of \$114,050.00.

City Manager deGraffenried said that if Council is favorable, Council could allow to amend the approval amount up to 25 percent for possible additional paving work in the City.

Council member Kuehne moved to authorize up to 25 percent above the bid amount of \$114,050.00 to Texas Materials Group, Inc. for the annual street maintenance program including any additional paving work. The motion was seconded by Council member White and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

7.9	A Resolution of the Lampasas, Texas City Council determining a public necessity for acquiring fee simple title to a ±0.04 acre tract of land situated in Block 60, Lampasas Springs Addition, filed in cabinet 1, slide 14, in the plat records of Lampasas County, Texas, for use as an easement for public drainage utilities and /or other municipal purposes; authorizing the City Attorney to take legal actions including filing proceedings in Eminent Domain, if necessary, to acquire the easement property on behalf of the Citizens of the Lampasas Community for public propose(s); and providing an effective date.
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Gary Cox, Assistant City Manager, explained that City Staff has been working with Eckermann Engineering for the design of drainage and roadway improvements along West Avenue E. A portion of the project requires the acquisition of easements from three (3) property owners along the western side of W. Avenue E between N. Spring Street and N. Race Street for drainage improvements. City Staff has made contact with two (2) property owners, received verbal agreement to provide easements, and is currently working to finalize these agreements. The third owner (Eugene Gaddy) is deceased and the property has passed to heirs. City Staff has located contact information (New Mexico & Arizona) and sent certified mail requesting contact to the heirs and received receipt of delivery. After 60 days, City Staff has not received a response.

Cox said that in order to move the project forward, City Staff has requested the assistance of the City Attorney, Jo-Christy Brown, to obtain the easement needed for drainage improvements.

Council member White moved to approve the Resolution of the Lampasas, Texas City Council determining a public necessity for acquiring fee simple title to a ±0.04 acre tract of land situated in Block 60, Lampasas Springs Addition, filed in cabinet 1, slide 14, in the plat records of Lampasas County, Texas, for use as an easement for public drainage utilities and /or other municipal purposes; authorizing the City Attorney to take legal actions including filing proceedings in Eminent Domain, if necessary, to acquire the easement property on behalf of the Citizens of the Lampasas Community for public propose(s); and providing an effective date. The motion was seconded by Council member Clark and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

7.10	Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of purchase of two replacement trucks due to age and condition in an amount not to exceed \$ 25,000.00 per truck for the Cemetery and Animal Shelter.
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Chris Eicher, Parks & Recreation Director, and Gary Cox, Assistant City Manager, reviewed the following information:

- It has been determined that there is a need for both the Cemetery and Animal Shelter for the replacement of their trucks due to the age and condition.
- City Staff contacted local dealers to obtain quotes. They received the following:
 - Benny Boyd Dealership – both trucks would be 2019 Ram 15000 4x2 quad cabs V8 engines priced at approximately \$28,809.96 each
 - HGAC contract – choice of 2019 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 double cab V6 at \$20,588.00; 2019 1500 Crew cab V6 flex at \$19,610.00; or 2019 Ford F150 XL Supercab V6 at \$18,720.00
 - Hoffpaur Chevrolet – 2019 Chevrolet Double cab V8 at \$27,826.33 each \$32,991.00 or 2019 F150 4x2 V8 at \$33,715.00

Mayor Talbert expressed that Council shouldn't be considering what is presented without formal quotes that allow apples to apples comparison. City Staff needs to package up specifications of what type of truck we are wanting, ie. V8 or V6 motor etc.

Both Council members White and Clark expressed that a V8 motor would be best.

Council member White preferred, when possible, to buy locally.

Council member Clark moved to table this item. The motion was seconded by Council member White and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

7.11	DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING THE PROPOSED TAX RATE UPON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION WITHIN THE CITY OF LAMPASAS, TEXAS, FOR THE 2019 TAX YEAR FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF LAMPASAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020; APPORTIONING SAID LEVY AMONG THE VARIOUS FUNDS AND ITEMS FOR WHICH REVENUE MUST BE RAISED INCLUDING PROVIDING A SINKING FUND FOR THE RETIREMENT OF THE BONDED
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DEBT OF THE CITY

Yvonne Moreno, Finance Director, explained that if the proposed tax rate will exceed the rollback rate, adjusted for sales tax, or the effective tax rate (whichever is lower), please take a record vote to place the proposal to adopt a proposed rate on the agenda of a future meeting as an action item.

The proposed tax rate in the FY 2019-2020 Budget is \$0.395218. The proposed rate is higher than the effective rate of \$0.388521 and therefore, if Council proposes, by motion, the proposed tax rate, Council may not ultimately vote a higher rate, but could vote a lower rate.

Mayor Pro Tem Monroe moved to place the proposal to adopt the tax rate of \$0.420000 on the agenda of a future meeting as an action item. The motion was seconded by Council member Clark and with a recorded roll call vote by the City Secretary, Christina Marez, as follows:

Council member Williamson	Yes
Council member Clark	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Monroe	Yes
Mayor Talbert	Yes
Council member White	Yes
Council member Kuehne	Yes
Council member Touns	Yes

With a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

7.12	DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING SCHEDULING TWO PUBLIC HEARINGS REGARDING THE PROPOSED TAX RATE UPON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION WITHIN THE CITY OF LAMPASAS, TEXAS, FOR THE 2019 TAX YEAR FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF LAMPASAS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020; APPORTIONING SAID LEVY AMONG THE VARIOUS FUNDS AND ITEMS FOR WHICH REVENUE MUST BE RAISED INCLUDING PROVIDING A SINKING FUND FOR THE RETIREMENT OF THE BONDED DEBT OF THE CITY
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Yvonne Moreno, Finance Director, explained that if the motion passes to place the proposal to adopt a proposed tax rate above the effective tax rate of \$0.388521 on the agenda of a future meeting as an action item, then the Governing Body must schedule two public hearings on the proposal. These hearings must take place within the boundaries of the unit, on a weekday that is not a holiday, and in a public building or, if a public building is not available, in a building normally open to the public.

Moreno said that the proposed date for the first hearing is Monday, August 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. The proposed date for the second hearing is Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. * NOTE: The second hearing may not be held earlier than the third day after the date of the first hearing. The meeting to adopt the budget and the tax rate must take place at least three (3) days but not more than fourteen (14) days from the date of the second hearing. Proposed date to adopt the budget and tax rate is Monday, September 9, 2019.

Mayor Pro Tem Monroe moved to schedule the two Public Hearings on the proposed tax rate for Monday, August 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council member Touns and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Adjourn

Mayor Pro Tem Monroe moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council member Clark and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2019.

Misti Talbert, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christina Marez, City Secretary