

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE CITY OF LAMPASAS, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
405 SOUTH MAIN STREET
Monday, July 15, 2019
5:30 p.m. Special Session**

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
Michael White
Randy Clark
Cathy Kuehne

Council Members absent:

Delana Toups

City Staff Present:

Finley deGraffenried, City Manager
Gary Cox, Assistant City Manager
Christina Marez, City Secretary
Yvonne Moreno, Finance Director
Sammy Bailey, Police Chief
Rickie Roy, Public Works Director
Mandy Walsh, Economic Development Director

**SPECIAL SESSION
5:30 P.M.**

1. Call to order Special Session

Mayor Talbert called the special session to order at 5:31 p.m.

2. 2019/2020 Organization Reporting and Requests for Support

City Manager deGraffenried explained that representatives from requesting organizations were present. Derrick Berrios, LCHEC Director, was not able to attend the meeting but is requesting funds again this year.

deGraffenried reviewed a handout that was provided to Council that shows history of the organizations funded and the amounts paid since 2015. Those on the list included Hill Country 100 Club; Heart of Texas Defense Alliance; LAFTA; LCHEC; Hill Country Children's Advocacy; Vision Lampasas and Christmas on the Creek.

Mayor Talbert started with DRT's request.

Diane Davis, DRT President, thanked Council for the opportunity to come before them and make their request for possible funding. She explained that DRT was requesting \$6,600.00 to renovate

and update both the upstairs and downstairs kitchen areas with new black marble countertops and a new stove. They also would put in curtains on both floors to block off the kitchen areas from the rest of the hall areas. Fresh paint to both floors as well.

Mayor Pro Tem Monroe said that Council had previously asked for a history list of bookings at the Hostess House and asked if one had been done.

Ms. Davis said that she did not have a list, however, she had a total of \$16,000.00 in rentals since last year but she didn't know the number of bookings.

Mayor Pro Tem Monroe asked how DRT markets the Hostess House facility.

Ms. Davis said that they advertise in the Texas Trails Map, Lampasas Dispatch Record and Visitor's Guide, and their website.

Council asked the fees for use of the Hostess House.

Ms. Davis reviewed the following:

- \$100.00 booking fee – non refundable
- 100.00 per hour with minimum of three hours
- \$100.00 cleaning fee – refundable
- If booked all day, discounted to \$800.00 for use from 8:00 a.m. to midnight

Council asked if DRT had a budget they could present to Council.

Ms. Davis replied that they do not have a budget.

Council discussion with Ms. Davis included:

- Does DRT do any fundraisers that could raise funds for improvements to the Hostess House? Ms. Davis replied no; their money comes through donations or rental.
- What does DRT do with the rental money? Ms. Davis replied: pay for cleaning the facility, the Manager gets twenty percent (20%) of rental, upkeep of the facility, utilities, air conditioner repair, etc.
- Council asked when does DRT uses the Hostess House? Ms. Davis replied that they have Game Day every other month and they meet six times a year.
- Council expressed that they didn't want DRT to think they couldn't or shouldn't use the facility. DRT has earned the utilization of the facility for all that they have done to restore and have this facility today. Council's only concern is that this asset is not being utilized at full capacity.

After no further discussion, Council thanked Ms. Davis for her presentation and said that Council will evaluate DRT's request for possible funding.

Mayor Talbert explained to those present the reason why the organizations were asked to this meeting is because Council is looking at what can be budgeted or whether the City can give the same amount as requested previous years.

Mayor Talbert moved to Hill Country Children's Advocacy Center request.

The Representative thanked Council for the opportunity to submit a funding request. She presented Council a handout that showed the services that they provided for the Lampasas Community since 2017. The services included forensic interviews, therapy, education and training. She also reviewed the statistics. Their request for funding was \$3,000.00.

Council thanked the Representative for the information provided and for the important services they provide to the community.

Mayor Talbert moved to Heart of Texas Defense Alliance request.

Keith Sledd, Representative, reviewed the information that was provided in Council's packet:

- Organization & Purpose
 - A Regional (7 cities and 3 counties) municipally funded non-profit corporation
 - Formed February 2003 in response to an expressed need by the communities of Central Texas most affected by the activities of Fort Hood
 - Promotes the importance and sustainability of Fort Hood and all defense-related industries, organizations and institutions in the Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood area
- Active Duty/Retired Population with Family Members
- Current Focus
- Fort Hood SH9 Projects
- Governor's Committee to Support the Military Findings & Recommendations
- Rail/Truck Multi-Modal Facility
- IH-14/Gulf Coast Strategic Highway Coalition
- Updates
- Fort Hood "Fast Facts"
- Their funding request was \$5,630.00

Council thanked Mr. Sledd for his information and for Heart of Texas Defense Alliance being a great resource to the City.

Mayor Talbert moved to the Lampasas County Water Control and Improvements request.

Paul Wilborn, Lampasas WCID Board of Directors President, reviewed the information that was provided in Council's packet:

- He reviewed the map that showed the Sulphur Creek Watershed Floodwater Retarding Structures.
- He reviewed the history of funding from the City and County since 2014.
- He reviewed the projects completed by WCID from summer of 2014 to present.
- Their funding request was \$10,000.00 in order to update and maintain the nine flood control dam sites.

Council thanked Mr. Wilborn for his presentation and the work WCID does to ensure the safety of the community.

Mayor Talbert moved to the Cooper Spring Nature Park request.

Harrell Clary, Cooper Spring Nature Park Board member, reviewed the following:

- Brief history of Cooper Spring Nature Park
 - 2008, 16 acres donated by Rex Johnson (now 26 acres)

- 2009, a few trails opened through the brush
- 2014-2015, removal of non-native brush; construction of entry building and plaza, installation of decorative fence at entrance; construction of 8-foot perimeter fence; planting of 60 species of grass and flowers; fencing off of area for Spring Ho BBQ Cookoff
- 2016, approval of grant request from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) of nearly \$70,000.00 for trail improvements
- 2017-2018, installation of benches and large limestone rocks throughout the park; installation of original metal art at the park entrance.
- 2019, planting of 4 acres of grass
- Future plans
- Request for funding from the City
 - Continued water and electrical service
 - The Parks Department has agreed to provide the machines and labor to install the trails. Amount estimated in TPWD Grant Application is \$37,204.00.
 - Local Government cash donation of \$10,000.00 for the TPWD Grant Application

Council thanked Mr. Clary for his presentation.

Hill Country 100 Club – No representative was present. Sammy Bailey, Police Chief, said that they are requesting the same as last year which was \$1,500.00.

Mayor Talbert moved to the Christmas on the Creek funding request.

Katherine Mezger, Jeanie Smith, Robin Gradel and David Love, Christmas on the Creek members, were present at the meeting. They reviewed the different Christmas decorations that the Committee has purchased over the past two years, as well as the most recent purchases. They explained that their funding comes from fundraisers and donations.

Mrs. Mezger said that this year, the Committee is requesting for the City to pay the \$30,000.00 for the installation of the Christmas lights in the park as the Committee bears the expense of the other Christmas decorations.

Council thanked all the organizations for their presentations and will consider their requests.

3. Discussion regarding modifications and inclusions to the FY 2020 Budget

City Manager deGraffenried asked Council if they had any modifications or if they wanted any inclusions made to the budget.

Council member White expressed his opinion of not wanting the City to fund any money to any organization that doesn't have a budget to present to Council.

The Mayor and Council members asked that City Staff research the City's full participation in any maintenance costs to the Hostess House.

deGraffenried reviewed a memo that addressed considerations for Council based on discussions at the July 8, 2019 Council meeting:

- Consider creation of funding source for utility extensions and improvements for Council approved Economic Development projects including commercial and residential development.
- Consider referring the Skate Park to the Parks Board for further review and recommendation.
- Security cameras at injection sites.
- Restrooms at Campbell Park.

4. Adjourn Special Session

Council member Kuehne moved to adjourn the special session at 7:27 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council member Clark and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Toups absent)

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2019.

Misti Talbert, Mayor

ATTEST:

Christina Marez, City Secretary