

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE CITY OF LAMPASAS, TEXAS
CALVERT MUNICIPAL BUILDING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
302 E THIRD STREET
Monday, June 28, 2021
5:30 p.m. Town Hall
6:00 p.m. Regular Session**

The City Council of the City of Lampasas met in Regular Session on the above date and time with Mayor Monroe presiding.

Council Members present:

Cathy Kuehne
Randy Clark
Chuck Williamson
Herb Pearce
Zachary Morris

City Staff Present:

Finley deGraffenried, City Manager
Becky Sims, City Secretary
Monica Wright, IT Director
Sammy Bailey, Police Chief
Jody Cummings, Assistant Police Chief
Joe Schwartz, Animal Control Officer
Jeffrey Smith, Fire Chief
Lewann Turner, Court Clerk
Flint Geagley, Electric Superintendent

Council Members Absent:

Bob Goodart

WORKSHOP SESSION

1. Call to order Workshop Session

Mayor Monroe called the Workshop Session to order at 5:31 p.m.

2. Discussion and updates related to COVID-19 Pandemic.

Chief Smith provided the following updates:

- State of Texas Active Cases- 21,146
- Total hospitalized in the State of Texas- 1,430
- 3,662 are completely vaccinated in Lampasas County
- 4,390 have received at least one vaccine

3. Discussion regarding draft Livestock/Fowl Ordinance and Debriefing from Town Hall.

Sammy Bailey, Police Chief advised that during the Town Hall meeting they went through the draft Ordinance; specifically explained the following:

- Prohibited Animals
- Animal Units
- Enclosures/Distance from property
- Animal Density
- Permits
- Exemptions/Exceptions/Waivers
- Penalties

Seven (7) citizens were in attendance

Open Discussion consisted of exotic animals, service animals, nuisance issue in Sunrise Hills, deed restrictions and waiver consideration. Chief Bailey advised that Council not review the first reading of the Ordinance this evening as it is still being reviewed by legal counsel; however; she anticipates it being ready at the next Council meeting.

4. Discussion regarding the July 7, 2021 Draft Agenda for the City Council Work Session.

Finley deGraffenried, City Manager presented Council with the amended draft agenda based on feedback from Council. Staff will move forward with consensus from Council. The morning is dedicated to the various projects and the afternoon focuses on the 2021 Council Work Plan after a brief tour of Historic Colored School and New Hope Baptist Church.

Council member Clark advised Council that he and Mayor Pro Tem Williamson met with Mr. deGraffenreid regarding funding. It is hard to plan without understanding the funding availability. He is for the WWTP Improvements, Hostess House Rehabilitation; however not in favor of taking on new projects. Mayor Monroe advised the Planning Session will provide opportunities to discuss project prioritization and funding options and availability. Council member Pearce inquired about the Comprehensive Plan. He doesn't feel the CPAC committee was able to truly engage in the process due to COVID. Council member Clark would like to have workshops to go through the Comprehensive Plan. Mayor Monroe advised that Staff will relate items to the Comprehensive Plan going forward to ensure we are utilizing the tool as it is intended.

5. Discussion regarding any item on the regular agenda.

There were no comments

8. Adjourn Workshop Session

Without objection Mayor Monroe adjourned the Workshop Session at 5:53 p.m. and went directly into Regular Session.

REGULAR SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Call to Order

Mayor Monroe called the Regular Session to order at 5:54 p.m.

B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Sammy Bailey, Police Chief, gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags were recited.

C. Presentations and Proclamations

- Flint Geagley- 35 years
- Lewann Turner- 5 years

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.
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There were no citizen comments

1.2	Citizen comments- Any citizen who desires to address the City Council on a matter that is included on the Agenda may do so at this time.
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There were no citizen comments

2.0	MINUTES
2.1	Discussion and possible action concerning approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 14, 2021

Mayor Pro-Tem Williamson moved to approve the minutes as presented, the motion was seconded by Council member Clark and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Kuehne abstained, Goodart absent)

3.0	CONSENT AGENDA
3.1	Discussion and possible action regarding the second reading of an Ordinance for a Specific Use Permit for property described as Lot 3, Block 8, Hanna Springs Addition, commonly known as 206 N Chestnut, Lampasas, Texas Lampasas County to allow for a Storage Building in an area zoned Retail.

Mayor Pro Tem Williamson moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, the motion was seconded by Council member Morris and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Goodart absent)

4.0	BOARDS/DEPARTMENT REPORTS
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Monica Wright, IT Director presented her annual report to Council that detailed the following:

- Staff
- Technology Overview (300+ Hardware and 20+Software Applications)
- Fiber Network
- Highlighted 25+ FY 20-21 Completed Projects
- Cybersecurity Training
- Website/Social Media Avenues

5.0	ROUTINE MATTERS
5.1	City Manager's Operational Report

City Manager deGraffenried reviewed his report:

Comp Plan The City submitted final edits to Halff and Associates on June 22nd which included mostly grammatical corrections. Staff wanted to review the document one last time after extensive edits were provided to our consultants earlier this spring. Halff indicated they will make the corrections and get the final plan back to the City right away.

Rehearing On June 21st, the City received notification and the Appellant's Motion for Rehearing related to the Eighth Court of Appeals recent judgement regarding Central Texas Water Supply Corporation ("CTWSC") v. Kempner Water Supply Corporation ("KWSC") and the City of Lampasas. Their points for rehearing rely on their claim that actual costs mean something other than costs and calculations specifically defined in the Contract. Although no formal strategy has communicated to City staff, as a member of the CTWSC Board, I understand the CTWSC has not yet determined or authorized appeal to the Supreme Court should be rehearing be denied. At this time, our counsel will likely not answer the motion. The Motion is available for review at your request.

Senator Buckingham

Senator Buckingham's staff contacted the City last week and requested a meeting with members of Council on July 2nd at 2:15 p.m. It is staffs understanding the Senator would like to review, and receive input on, the recent legislative session, and any other issues important to Lampasas. As Council may be aware, the Senator has announced plans to run for the Office of Texas Land Commissioner. Becky will post notice of a possible quorum based on Council's attendance.

Pre-Treatment

After a request for an update from Ajinomoto Foods North America ("AFNA"), the City received word that an engineering proposal had been developed by AFNA's consultants to address the loading at the pre-treatment facility. At this time City staff and AFNA staff are coordinating a meeting time for next week, however; the City would prefer to have the proposal reviewed by the City's consulting engineers prior to the meeting, and have them attend any meeting if possible. Staff will provide updates as they become available.

CIP Committee

The CIP Committee met on Thursday to review and provide input to the Committee Statement and Summary. This section provides highlights on identified projects as well as perspective from the Committee regarding duties, meeting frequency, and trends. Common themes related to impacts of growth, development pressures on infrastructure, and implementation of the Comprehensive Plan are also referenced in this section. After final edits, based on Committee input, the Report will be packaged for Council review at the July 12th meeting.

Development

City staff have been preparing utilities for several projects in the City including Cefco, Whataburger and the Community Church. Staff is now up to date, after earlier weather delays, in providing taps and relocating utility poles for Cefco; and relocating electric for Whataburger. Despite material costs, and as indicated by the Building Official's report, residential development continues to see double digit percent increases over the same period in 2020.

Spring Ho

Staff has been busy the past few weeks in preparation for Spring Ho. Parade and run routes have been inspected and cleared if necessary, and Lt. Montgomery reports that all events have adequate and requested police coverage. Events start July 5th and will conclude the following Sunday, July 11th.

Business Park

At the recent LEDC meeting, the Board discussed and approved publication of a Notice of Project related to phase 1 infrastructure development at the Business Park. The project, which includes roadway, drainage, and water and sewer extensions, will require Council approval, by resolution, later this summer. Based on a prospect's needs, the extensions and roadway could serve between 8 and 16 business sites. The LEDC extended utilities to the Business Park site in 2015, however; did not extend utilities within the property.

Anniversaries

Staff takes the opportunity to recognize employees who began their career with the City of Lampasas in June: Flint Geagley, 35 years; Joe Adams, 19 years; Ronnie Withers, 19 years; Danny Donovan, 11 years; Lewann Turner, 5 years; Sean Schroeder, 14 years; Dave Paddie, 12 years; Rachel White, 1 year; Jeremy Herring, 1 year; Joe Levine, 14 years; Abel Palacio, 4 years; Morris Wilkins, 2 years; and Garry Spore, 16 years.

5.2	MAYOR'S COMMENTS
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Mayor Monroe wanted to recognize Mike White for another great Sulphur Creek Car Cruise.

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 replacement of the Irrigation System at the 580 Sports Complex.

Chris Eicher, Parks Director advised Council that the 580 Sports Complex Irrigation System was damaged in the winter storm. Staff contacted vendors for repair and replacement. The system is not repairable due to damage to the control board. Becky Sims, City Secretary has filed a claim with TML. Staff is hopeful that it will be covered; however at this time Staff is asking for Council to approve the replacement in an amount not to exceed \$38,000.00. This item would be funded out of the Park Facilities Maintenance Budget. Council member Kuehne asked how this would affect any future maintenance needs; Mr. Eicher advised that maintenance is a necessity and that Staff is hopeful the replacement will be covered by insurance.

Mayor Pro-Tem Williamson moved to approve the replacement of the Irrigation System at the 580 Sports Complex in an amount not to exceed \$38,000.00, Council member Kuehne seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote the motion carried. (Goodart absent)

7.2	Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of the Voluntary Annexation Ordinance of Hillside Acres Subdivision.
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Mayor Pro Tem Williamson moved to approve the first and final reading of the Hillside Acres Voluntary Annexation Ordinance, Council member Kuehne seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote the motion carried. (Goodart absent)

7.3	Discussion and possible action regarding the first reading of the Livestock and Fowl Ordinance
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There was no action taken on this item. It will be presented for approval at the next Council meeting.

7.4	Discussion and possible action regarding the Request for Proposal seeking qualified commercial prospects to build, expand or relocate their business to the Lampasas Industrial Park
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Mr. deGraffenried presented the Request for Proposal for Council consideration. Staff is still working on the details of the request; however, wanted to see if Council felt this met the needs of finding the right business prospect. Mayor Monroe and Council member Clark liked the proposal layout and the scoring system. The upkeep of the land will be the responsibility of the tenant. Staff will finish fine tuning the document and will present at the next Council meeting. (Goodart absent)

7.5	Discussion and possible action regarding use of 580 Sports Complex for the Annual Lampasas County Area Go Texan BBQ Cook-off to be held on October 9, 2021.
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Mayor Pro Tem Williamson moved to approve the use of the 580 Sports Complex for the Annual Lampasas County Area Go Texan BBQ Cook-off to be held on October 8-9, 2021, Council member Clark seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote the motion carried. (Goodart absent)

7.6	Discussion and possible action regarding renewal of the City's Health Insurance Coverage for City Employees with Scott & White Plan for October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022 and authorize the City Manager to execute related documents.
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Council member Clark moved to approve renewal of the City's Health Insurance Coverage for City Employees with Scott & White Health Plan for October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022, Mayor Pro Tem Williamson seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Goodart absent)

7.7	Discussion and possible action regarding lease agreement renewal with Quadient and a new IX-5 AF Mailing System.
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Mayor Pro Tem Williamson moved to approve the lease agreement renewal with Quadient and a new IX-5 AF Mailing System, Council member Kuehne seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Goodart absent)

7.8	Discussion and possible action regarding the proposed Joint Use Agreement between the City of Lampasas and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company DBA AT&T Texas.
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Council member Kuehne moved to approve the proposed Joint Use Agreement between the City of Lampasas and Southwestern Bell Telephone Company DBA AT&T Texas, Mayor Pro Tem Williamson seconded the motion and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Goodart absent)

Adjourn- Council member Clark moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m., the motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Williamson and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Goodart absent)

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

TJ Monroe, Mayor

ATTEST:

Becky Sims, City Secretary