

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE CITY OF LAMPASAS, TEXAS
CALVERT MUNICIPAL BUILDING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
302 E THIRD STREET
Friday, March 8, 2024
12:00 p.m. (noon) Regular Session**

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

Council Members Present:

Chuck Williamson
Eric Hernandez
Davis Keele
Zachary Morris
Charlie Pratus

City Staff Present:

Finley deGraffenried, City Manager
Becky Sims, City Secretary
Charlie Boswell, Asst Police Chief
Ryan Ward, ACM
Joe Adams, Interim Fire Chief
Timothy Davis, Deputy Chief
Stacey Ybarra, EDC Director

Council Members Absent:

Cathy Kuehne

REGULAR SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Call to Order

Mayor Pearce called the Regular Session to order at 12:00 pm.

Mayor, Council and Staff took a moment to wish Mr. deGraffenried a Happy Birthday.

B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Charlie Boswell, Assistant Police Chief gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags were recited

C. Presentations and Proclamations

PUBLIC HEARINGS/CITIZEN COMMENT	
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.

Mr. Gordon Thornton addressed Council regarding closing of the Lampasas Municipal Airport during the Solar Eclipse Event. He questioned timing of notice to pilots and visitors. He cited a 120-day notice requirement through FAA and Notice of Termination. He advised of site plan for planes to park safely and possible adjacent area that will need to be mowed prior to event. He provided pictures of site plan layout from another airport regarding his idea for Lampasas. Council thanked Mr. Thornton for hid 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

1.3	Public hearing to receive citizen comments for a Specific Use Permit to allow for a daycare in an area zoned Retail, described as Lot 8, Block 31, LSC 1 st Addition, commonly known as 107 W 5 th Street. Lampasas, Texas Lampasas County.
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Mayor Pearce opened the Public Hearing. Becky Sims, City Secretary advised of the following:

- The business owner is applying for a Specific Use Permit (SUP) to allow for a daycare facility in an area zoned Retail.
- The property is zoned Retail “R”, the area surrounding the property is Retail “R” and Two-Family (Duplex).
- All notifications and publications, as required by Ordinance and Statute, have been made. Staff mailed twenty-four (24) notices to property owners within 200 feet of the applicant’s property, to date Staff received two (2) notices in favor of the request and none in protest.
- This location is designated as Urban Residential in the Comprehensive Plan
 - Located along collector and arterial roadways, new neighborhood serving retail, personal service and restaurant uses may be appropriate, provided they adhere to the urban character of the area.
- The Planning Commission met on Thursday, March 7, 2024 and did recommend approval.

With no additional comments, the public hearing was closed.

2.0	MINUTES
2.1	Discussion and possible action concerning the approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 26, 2024

Council member Williamson moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 26, 2024, the motion was seconded by Council member Pratus and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Kuehne absent)

3.0	CONSENT AGENDA
3.1	Discussion and possible action regarding purchases and charges in excess of \$4,000 from February 1, 2024-February 29, 2024

Council member Williamson moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, the motion was seconded by Council member Keele and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Kuehne absent)

4.0	BOARDS/DEPARTMENT REPORTS
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5.0	ROUTINE MATTERS
5.1	City Manager’s Operational Report

City Manager deGraffenried reviewed his report:

- Rural Transportation-
 - As addressed in letter from Judge Blackburn to Mr. Gleason, Public Transportation Division Director, there has been discussion among Bell County, Milam County, Coryell County and two Urbanized Zones to explore options and perform due diligence to form a new district. There have been no formal decisions to withdraw from Hill Country Transit District (HCTD). Judge Hoyer has replied to Judge Blackburn that he hopes that HCTD stays intact; however, would like to have the opportunity to join the new district since Lampasas County does connect to Bell and Coryell Counties.
- Ground Water Study-
 - This portion of the alternative/supplemental study has been completed. Hard copies can be made available upon request.

- Eclipse Town Hall
 - Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 6:00 pm.
 - Current Reservations
 - 41 camping sites at WM Brook Park
 - 57 camping sites at 580 Sports Complex
 - 27 RV sites at 580 Sports Complex
 - At Council direction we can discuss the Airport closing at the March 25, 2024 meeting, per public comments made by Mr. Gordon Thornton, Council agreed.
- KWSC Meeting Debrief
 - 2006 Water Supply Contract has been emailed to Council as requested
 - Ivy Mountain Improvement to be considered
 - Emergency Water Contract Renewal for consideration
 - Possible consideration of amendment to contract.

5.2	MAYOR’S COMMENTS
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The Mayor had no comments this afternoon.

6.0	UNFINISHED BUSINESS
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There was no unfinished business.

7.0	NEW BUSINESS
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7.1	Discussion and possible action to approve the first reading of an Ordinance for a Specific Use Permit to allow for a daycare in an area zoned Retail, described as Lot 8, Block 31, LSC 1 st Addition, commonly known as 107 W 5 th Street. Lampasas, Texas Lampasas.
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Mayor Pro Tem Morris moved to approve the first reading of an Ordinance for a Specific Use Permit to allow for a daycare in an area zoned Retail, described as Lot 8, Block 31, LSC 1st Addition, commonly known as 107 W 5th Street. Lampasas, Texas Lampasas, the motion was seconded by Council member Keele and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Kuehne absent)

7.2	Discussion and acceptance of Certification of Unopposed Candidates for May 4, 2024 General Election for the City of Lampasas
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Council member Pratus moved to accept the Certification of Unopposed Candidates for May 4, 2024 General Election for the City of Lampasas, the motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Morris and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Kuehne absent)

7.3	Discussion and possible action regarding the Order of Cancellation of the May 4, 2024 General Election for the City of Lampasas
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Council member Keele moved to approve the Order of Cancellation per the acceptance of the Certification of Unopposed Candidates as presented by the authority responsible, Becky Sims, City Secretary as required by the Texas Secretary of State, the motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Morris and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Kuehne absent)

7.4	Discussion and acceptance of Notice of Rescission from Brant Martin regarding Industrial Park Property located at 1203 McLean Street.
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Council member Keele moved to accept the Notice of Recission from Brant Martin regarding the Industrial Park Property located at 1203 McLean Street, to direct staff to transition and discontinue existing contract and to consider use of property at a future meeting, the motion was seconded Council member Williamson, with Mayor Pro Tem Morris abstaining, the motion carried. (Kuehne absent)

7.5	Discussion and consideration to fill vacancy on CIP committee.
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Council member Keele volunteered to replace Mayor Pearce on the CIP committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Morris moved to appoint Council member Keele to the CIP Committee, the motion was seconded by Council member Williamson and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Kuehne absent)

Adjourn- Council member Hernandez moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 pm, the motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Morris and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Kuehne absent)

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Herb Pearce, Mayor

ATTEST

Becky Sims, City Secretary