

**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
Monday August 19, 2024
5:30 p.m. Special Session**

The City Council of the City of Lampasas met in a Special Called Meeting on the above date and time with Mayor Pearce presiding.

Council Members Present:

Zachary Morris
Charlie Pratus
Eric Hernandez
Davis Keele
Myles Haider

City Staff Present:

Becky Sims, City Secretary
Ryan Ward, ACM
Kayleigh Stanley, Executive Secretary
Charlie Boswell, Asst Police Chief
Yvonne Moreno, Finance Director
Chris Eicher, Parks Supervisor
Joe Adams, Fire Chief

Council Members Absent:

Cathy Kuehne

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

I. Call to order Special Session

Mayor Pearce called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Discussion and direction regarding modifications to the FY 2024/2025 Budget.

Yvonne Moreno, Finance Director provided the following for Council review and consideration: a detailed spreadsheet including budget expenses with projected Fund Balance borrowing amounts depending on COLA levels of 3%, 4% and 5% and property tax rates from \$0.34 to \$0.37. Council was also provided a spreadsheet consisting of the current rates for Sewer and Water, with the proposed \$5.00 base rate increase. Council discussed the following topics:

- *Water and Electric Rates were increased in July 2023 and Sewer rates were increased in 2018.*
- *Fund Balance is made up of our investments and is currently in the \$13 million dollar range.*
- *Staff salaries – Council requested a spreadsheet breaking down staff salaries by position.*
- *COLA is historically at 3% with the exception of a mid-year COLA raise in FY 2022/2023.*
- *Council member Haider inquired about scrubbing specific line items to potentially cut costs and use less from the Fund Balance. For example:*
 - *Injection Site*
 - *Turner Field Lighting*

Mr. Ward, ACM advised that review has been done, original cost for lighting was over \$800,000, able to procure contractor through LCRA and use some in house services.

- *Proposed Tax Rate was discussed at \$0.37 with a date for a Public Hearing to be held on September 3, 2024. At the September 9th Council Meeting, Council will adopt the tax rate.*

III. Adjourn Special Session

Mayor Pro Tem Morris moved to adjourn special session at 6:40 p.m., the motion was seconded by Council Member Hernandez 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