

**MINUTES OF REGULAR CALLED MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE CITY OF LAMPASAS, TEXAS
CALVERT MUNICIPAL BUILDING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
302 E THIRD STREET
Monday, October 14, 2024
5:30 p.m. Special Session
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 Pearce presiding.

Council Members Present:

Charlie Pratus
Eric Hernandez
Davis Keele
Myles Haider
Zachary Morris
Cathy Kuehne

City Staff Present:

Finley deGraffenried, City Manager
Becky Sims, City Secretary
Monica Wright, IT Director
Kristy Acevedo, System Administrator
Kayleigh Stanley, Executive Secretary
Yvonne Moreno, Finance Director
Jody Cummings, Police Chief
Charlie Boswell, Asst Police Chief
Joe Adams, Fire Chief
Van Sims, WWW Operations Manager
Carlos Garcia, Street Superintendent
Wayne Sanders, Electric Superintendent

Council Members Absent

N/A

SPECIAL SESSION

5:30 p.m.

- I. Call to Order- *Mayor Pearce called the Special Session to order at 5:30 pm.*
- II. Adjourn into Executive Session- *Council member Pratus moved to adjourn into Executive Session at 5:31 p.m., the motion was seconded by Council member Hernandez and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- III. Section 551.074 (personnel matters), to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties of City Manager; and other personnel matters as allowed by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551
- IV. Adjourn into Special Session- *Council adjourned Executive Session and reconvened Special Session at 5:45 p.m.*

SPECIAL SESSION

- V. Discussion and possible action regarding items discussed during Executive Session.

Mayor Pro-Tem Morris moved to appoint Erin Corbell as the new City Manager with an effective date of November 18, 2024, the motion was seconded by Council member Haider and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.



VI. Adjourn Special Session

Mayor Pro Tem Morris moved to adjourn Special Session @ 5:48 pm, the motion was seconded by Council member Pratus and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

WORKSHOP SESSION

1. Call to order Workshop Session

Mayor Pearce called the workshop session to order at 5:50 p.m.

2. Presentation in honor of Chuck Williamson.

Mayor Pearce and City Council recognized late Council member Chuck Williamson for his contributions to the community with a token of appreciation presented to his family. Mr. Williamson is greatly missed and thought of often.



3. Discussion regarding Staff Monthly Reports to City Council.

Council member Haider inquired about modifying the format to remove minimal tasks that are reported by staff; such as meetings attended or supplies ordered.

Mayor Pearce inquired as to where would you start and stop with reported items. Council member Kuehne and Council member Hernandez appreciate the reporting as is from staff, it is transparent and informative.

Mr. deGraffenried offered to include more financial reporting at Council direction.

By consensus, staff reporting will not change at this time.

4. Discussion regarding any item on the regular agenda

Council member Kuehne would like to discuss agenda item 7.3. She is excited about the interest in board applicants; however, those that have put in the time, served and who are devoted and dedicated should be considered. Mayor Pro Tem Morris inquired about considering the three for reappointment together or individually. By consensus, Council would like to review them individually.

5. Adjourn Workshop Session

Mayor Pro Tem Morris moved to adjourn workshop at 6:00 p.m., the motion was seconded by Council member Pratus and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Call to Order- *Mayor Pearce called the regular session to order at 6:01 pm.*
- B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance- *Jody Cummings, Police Chief gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags were recited*
- C. Presentations and Proclamations

1.1	Citizen comments- Any citizen who desires to address the City Council on a matter that is not included on the Agenda may do so at this time.
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Central Texas Water Supply Corporation General Manager, Lee Kelley addressed Council regarding capital maintenance account. The account has not increased in several years and with inflation, consideration of discussion to increase rates would be much appreciated.

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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Sid Ball, EDC board member addressed Council regarding recommendations for reappointment to the LEDC Board. He explained that all applications were considered, it was not rubber stamped as stated at the previous council meeting. The recommendation to reappoint at the EDC Board meeting was based on the members dedication to the board and the community. He advised that this is his second term on the board and there is momentum. He witnessed these very board members spend over 5 hours of their day interviewing applicants for the EDC Director. They are dedicated, good people with a heart for Lampasas.

2.0	MINUTES
2.1	Discussion and possible action concerning approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 23, 2024

Council member Kuehne moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 23, 2024, the motion was seconded by Council member Keele, with Mayor Pro Tem Morris abstaining, the motion carried.

3.0	CONSENT AGENDA
3.1	Discussion and possible action regarding purchases and charges in excess of \$4,000 from September 1, 2024-September 30, 2024.
3.2	Discussion and possible action regarding the August 2024 Investment Report.
3.3	Discussion and possible action regarding the second reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 54, Parks and Recreation, Division 3 Golf Course Advisory Board, Section 54-76 Creation, Function, Composition, C Memberships.

Council member Pratus moved to approve the consent agenda, the motion was seconded by Council member Keele and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

4.0	BOARDS/DEPARTMENT REPORTS
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5.0	ROUTINE MATTERS
5.1	<p data-bbox="289 245 1489 277">CITY MANAGER’S OPERATIONAL REPORT</p> <p data-bbox="289 308 1489 707"> Hostess House Staff was consulted regarding recent findings at the Hostess House that have resulted in several Change Order items. The most expensive was the adding of a new 800 amp, 120/208 3PH NEMA 3R Disconnect. The net for this item was \$31,036.06 and was verified for need and cost through Hendrix Consulting Engineers, the MEP of record for the project. Additionally, staff have been informed that several areas of construction, generally on the Pool side, have indicated rot and damaged structural members, which will likely result in additional Change Orders. The City maintains over half of the contractual contingency, and staff is hopeful that no increase in contract amount will be necessary. As oversight will transfer to the City Manager from the Assistant City Manager, additional information will be provided as it becomes available. </p> <p data-bbox="289 739 1489 1316"> AFNA After a lapse in several months without a scheduled meeting, staff met virtually with Ajinomoto Foods North America (“AFNA”) representatives on October 3rd regarding progress on mitigating loading of their production effluent. In addition to staff, the call also included the City’s consulting engineer on the matter, Jason Jones. Communication prior to the meeting on the 3rd had been primarily through email updates and individual phone calls. The City was informed that AFNA has engaged an additional engineering firm, Haskell, to fast track a 30% design for treatment of effluent on property AFNA currently owns. The treatment technology, Dissolved Air Floatation (“DAF”), is the method that was originally recommended in February 2021 by AFNA’s consulting engineers at the time. AFNA and Haskell are sharing all design criteria and specifications with the City for comment and recommendation. Staff and Jason have supplied Haskell with initial comments based on information received at the meeting. Haskell representatives indicated the 30% design would be finalized by the end of October, and AFNA staff indicated they would seek corporate funding after approval of the initial design. </p>

5.2	MAYOR’S COMMENTS
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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 regarding website photo contest.
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Council member Hernandez motioned to approve entry #1, the motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Morris and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

7.2	Discussion and possible action to appoint Jim Linderman and Van Berry to the Golf Course Advisory Board to replace Jane Bumpus and Patsy Greaves who chose not to apply for another term.
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Council member Kuehne moved to reappoint Chad Hamann and Andy Johnson and to appoint Jim Linderman and Van Berry to the Golf Course Advisory Board, the motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Morris, with Council member Haider in opposition, the motion carried.

7.3	Discussion and possible action to consider reappointment of Misti Talbert, TJ Monroe and Fin Erwin to the Economic Development Board.
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Council member Haider inquired if a member of the LEDC would like to answer related questions to Mr. Ball's public comments.

Mr. Roland Schaub was happy to address. Council member Haider inquired about interview process for applicants. Mr. Schaub advised that all applicants have the opportunity to speak during public comments and that there has not been a formal interview process to appoint board members. The process is different between elected officials and volunteer boards. The applications are reviewed and the board recommends appointments to Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Morris moved to appoint places individually, the motion was seconded by Council member Keele, with Kuehne in opposition, the motion carried.

*Council member Kuehne moved to reappoint Misti Talbert, TJ Monroe and Fin Erwin to the Economic Development Board, the motion failed for lack of a second.
Council member Kuehne moved to reappoint TJ Monroe to the Economic Development Board, the motion failed for lack of a second.*

Council member Kuehne moved to reappoint Misti Talbert to the Economic Development Board, the motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Morris, with Haider in opposition, the motion carried.

Council member Haider moved to reappoint Erwin to the Economic Development Board, the motion was seconded by Council member Kuehne, with Hernandez and Keele in opposition the motion carried.

Council member Hernandez moved to appoint Deorald Finney to the Economic Development board, the motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Morris, with Pratus and Kuehne in opposition the motion carried.

7.4	Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of two new FY 24/25 budgeted police patrol vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$135,559.00.
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Council member Hernandez moved to approve the purchase of two new FY 24/25 budgeted police patrol vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$135,559.00, the motion was seconded by Council member Kuehne and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

7.5	Discussion and possible action regarding engagement of services with Eckermann Engineering, Inc. for professional engineering and surveying services in connection with TxCDBG Project for drainage improvements.
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Council member Hernandez moved to approve engagement of services with Eckermann Engineering, Inc. for professional engineering and surveying services in connection with TxCDBG Project for drainage

improvements, the motion was seconded by Council member Haider and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

7.6	Discussion and possible action regarding extending the Project Limits of the 2 nd Street Roadway Improvements Project to address existing pavement failure and drainage, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.
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Council member Hernandez moved to approve extending the Project Limits of the 2nd Street Roadway Improvements Project to address existing pavement failure and drainage, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, the motion was seconded by Council member Kuehne and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

7.7	Discussion and possible action regarding approval of installation and removal of Christmas lights at WM Brook Park to H & H Tree Service in the amount of \$30,000.00 to be disbursed in three (3) installments
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Mayor Pro Tem Morris moved to approve the installation and removal of Christmas lights at WM Brook Park to H & H Tree Service in the amount of \$30,000.00 to be disbursed in three (3) installments, the motion was seconded by Council member Hernandez and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

7.8	Discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of a FY 24/25 budgeted High Ranger Bucket Truck for the Electric Department.
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Council member Hernandez moved to approve the purchase of a FY 24/25 budgeted High Ranger Bucket Truck for the Electric Department in the amount of \$246,676.00, the motion was seconded by Council member Kuehne and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Adjourn into Executive Session

Council member Hernandez moved to adjourn into executive session at 7:00 pm, the motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Morris and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council of the City of Lampasas, Texas will meet in closed Executive Session pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, as follows:

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8.1	Section 551.076 -Deliberations regarding security devices or security audits (1) the deployment, or specific occasions for implementation, of security personnel or devices; or (2) a security audit
8.2	Adjourn Executive Session and Reconvene Regular Session

Council adjourned Executive Session at 7:43 pm and reconvened Regular Session.

REGULAR SESSION

9.0	ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION
9.1	Discussion and possible action concerning items posted and discussed by Council in Executive Session

There was no action taken on items discussed during executive session

Adjourn – Council member Hernandez moved to adjourn at 7:44 pm, the motion was seconded by Council member Pratus and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Herb Pearce, Mayor

ATTEST

Becky Sims, City Secretary