

**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
Tuesday, November 12, 2024
5:30 p.m. Workshop 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
Kayleigh Stanley, Executive Secretary
Yvonne Moreno, Finance Director
Jody Cummings, Police Chief
Joe Adams, Fire Chief

Council Members Absent

N/A

**WORKSHOP SESSION
5:30 p.m.**

1. Call to order Workshop Session

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

2. Discussion regarding status and updates on engineering projects and studies related to Pre-Treatment Improvements, Injections Site Improvements, and Supplemental and Alternative Water Source Study.

Jason Jones presented the following:

WWTP Pre-Treatment Improvements

- City's Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) completed in February 2021 describing pre-treatment improvements required at the City's WWTP site for Ajinomoto Foods North America (AFNA) waste stream.
- City's Industrial Rate Contract with AFNA expired April 30, 2023.
- City's Industrial Sewer Ordinance Wastewater Surcharge Fees were calculated by JHA and adopted in Summer 2023; monthly surcharges are ongoing based on water quality received in lieu of fees previously defined in Industrial Rate Contract.
- AFNA installed temporary onsite grease interceptors in Summer 2023, and City has continued to meet with AFNA team regarding ongoing impacts to City's WWTP facilities and proposed improvement needs.
- In October 2024, AFNA's engineering team presented an updated concept for onsite pretreatment of its waste stream. City comments have been provided and a follow-up meeting is planned for November 19, 2024 with AFNA's engineering team.

Hwy 190 and FM 580 Entry Point Improvements

- City’s November 2022 PER recommended new chemical injection vaults and control valves at Kempner WSC (KWSC) Hwy 190 and FM 580 water supply entry points.
 - *Retrofitted/Safety Hazards*
 - *Timeframe is Critical*

- Following budget updates in Summer 2024 and a request for an engineering proposal, City and JHA staff met in August 2024 to define scope of work for entry points improvements. It was recommended to move the City’s chemical injection vaults outside of TxDOT ROW and construct new chemical buildings and equipment that met current regulatory requirements.
 - *Private Property- Open Concept/Vault without Lid/Fenced Area*
 - *TxDOT ROW~ Safety Issues were identified in August*

- JHA updated the estimate of construction costs in September 2024 and provided a design proposal for the recommended improvements. We recommend acquiring land to accommodate the entire scope of work, design and obtain TCEQ approval for each site, and bid and construct the improvements in phases depending on final construction costs and budget constraints.
- JHA’s coordination with KWSC staff and engineer is ongoing, including a review of short-term options to control backflow at each of the entry points.
- JHA’s September 2024 Engineer’s Estimate of Probable Construction Cost for the project which includes engineering and land acquisition for both sites, is \$4,130,000. The phased construction options and costs are summarized in the table below.

Option	Description	Total Construction Cost Estimate
ROW	Original Project Scope (Injection vaults only in ROW at both sites)	\$ 935,400
1	Injection vaults and site work at both sites only (Base Bid)	\$ 1,500,650
2	Injection vault, site work, and chemical building at Hwy 190 only (no work at 580)	\$ 1,872,350
3	Injection vaults and site work at both sites, plus chemical building at Hwy 190	\$ 2,658,650
4	All improvements at both sites	\$ 3,726,650

- *Timeline based on growth projections*
 - *Able to maintain what we have*
- *Final Design-2025*
- *TCEQ Design Approval*
- *Secure Funding*
 - *2-3 Budget Cycles*

Local Water Supply Alternatives Study

The following water supply considerations are being developed as part of the ongoing study:

- Local groundwater wells could be utilized to supplement local storage reservoirs during times of KWSC outages; however, the local well yields are limited and future drought tolerance of local aquifers is unknown. The City’s existing peak water supply demands range between 2.0 and 3.0 MGD. A 1.0 MGD groundwater supply would require 5-each 150 gpm wells.
- Current minimum spring flows on Sulfur Creek are expected to support a surface water treatment plant (WTP) capacity of 3.0 MGD during drought periods. The WTP could be constructed in phases using membrane technology to remove the high TDS levels in the creek. The total project cost of a 1.0 MGD WTP designed for a 3.0 MGD expansion is being developed; however, it is

expected to range from \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000 based on recent project bids, which equates to a finished water treatment cost of \$5.00 to \$7.00 per 1,000 gallons.

- The City should consider an emergency water supply interconnection with its neighboring water system to the north, formerly known as Corix Utilities. In addition, Corix Utilities may consider purchasing capacity in the proposed surface water treatment plant on Sulfur Creek as an additional supply for its Lometa Water System.
- The proposed development of a local water supply source should be considered an augmentation to the City's existing supplies from Lake Stillhouse Hollow. Thus, we have are in the process of developing recommendations for a coordinated effort to firm up the current water supply infrastructure, including a review of the CTWSC and KWSC surface water treatment plant raw water intake locations and elevations.

3. Discussion regarding any item on the regular agenda

There were no questions regarding items on the regular agenda.

4. Adjourn Workshop Session

Council member Hernandez moved to adjourn workshop at 6:17 p.m., the motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Morris and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

REGULAR SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Call to Order

Mayor Pearce called the regular session to order at 6:17 p.m.

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

There were no presentations or 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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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.

1.3	Public hearing to receive citizen comments on rescinding Ordinances 395, 607 and 783 regarding swimming and fishing in Sulphur Creek.
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Mayor Pearce opened the Public Hearing

Becky Sims, City Secretary advised of the following:

At the September 23, 2024 meeting, City Council directed staff to update signage and Ordinances related to prohibiting swimming and fishing in Sulphur Creek. The creek is a navigable waterway and owned by the State of Texas; which makes the Ordinances hard to enforce. Staff has worked closely with the TML Risk Pool, State of Texas and the City Attorney for guidance and best practices. While the City is repealing the Ordinances, the City takes a neutral stance and will not promote nor prevent activities at the creek, unless it becomes a law enforcement matter. All activities will be at one's own risk.

Council member Kuehne and Council member Haider inquired about protecting the golf course. Mrs. Sims and Mr. Eicher advised that would be addressed by a separate Ordinance. Council member Haider would like to see a draft Ordinance within the 30 days.

With no additional comments, Mayor Pearce closed the Public Hearing.

2.0	MINUTES
2.1	Discussion and possible action concerning approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 28, 2024

Council member Keele moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 28, 2024, the motion was seconded by Council member Hernandez, with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

3.0	CONSENT AGENDA
3.1	Discussion and possible action regarding purchases and charges in excess of \$4,000 from October 1, 2024- October 31, 2024.

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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N/A

5.0	ROUTINE MATTERS
5.1	CITY MANAGER'S OPERATIONAL REPORT Promotions Chief Cummings is pleased to report, that due to the retirement of Timmy Ryan, Patrol Sergeant Larry Wilson was offered and accepted the position of Sergeant Investigator. The interview panel also recommended that Patrol Officer John Rinehart be promoted to the position of Patrol Sergeant. Officer Wilson is currently in his 13 th year of service to the City, and Officer Rinehart brings over 19 years of experience from the City of Killeen and Lampasas County, and has been employed by the City for 1 year. Water Alliance Staff will be attending an informational meeting on the Central Texas Water Alliance on November 8 th in Belton. The Alliance was promoted initially by Bell County Judge David Blackburn as a means to advocate for additional water capacity and solutions for Bell and Coryell County. Judge Hoyer noted, and our staff have followed, various entities support of the Alliance

	<p>through Resolution; and Lampasas County has also voiced the desire to participate. Staff will report details of the meeting on Tuesday evening.</p> <p>Hostess House</p> <p>Staff have stayed in close contact with our design and construction administration consultants from Reliance Architecture on the progress of Hostess House renovations, and status of Requests for Information, Requests for Proposals, and Change Orders. The summary of activity on those items indicates 9 change orders, representing value engineering, credits and increases to the project as a result of unforeseen structural and electrical remediation primarily. The city remains within the contingency, and staff is hopeful, with the walls and structure open, any additional changes will be minimal.</p> <p><i>To date there have been 3 change orders that have been paid that include work change proposals 1-4, The 4th change order with the remaining work change proposals 5-9 is under review.</i></p> <p>Stakeholders'</p> <p>Just a quick reminder, the Community Stakeholders' meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13th at 5:30 p.m. in the Old Middle School. The meeting, hosted by the City and LEDC, is intended to build relationships and open communication with other entities and organizations. Staff will facilitate the round table discussion, and are hopeful that the meeting will foster a greater understanding of each group's issues, successes, and opportunities.</p> <p><i>Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, and a soul generated by love.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>-Martin Luther King</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you for the opportunity</p>
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5.2	MAYOR'S COMMENTS
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Mayor Pearce recognized Mr. deGraffenried for his last Council Meeting as the City Manager. Mrs. deGraffenried addressed City Council thanking them on behalf of Mr. deGraffenried and their family for the support and relationships over the past 12 years.

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 Haider moved to select entry #1, the motion failed for lack of a second.

Mayor Pro Tem Morris moved to approve entry #2, the motion was seconded by Council member Pratus and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

7.2	Discussion and possible action regarding the award of a bid from HOLT CAT Power Systems in the amount of \$319,460.00 for stand-by emergency generators utilizing CARES ACT funding and Wastewater Operating funds.
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Council member Kuehne moved to approve the award of a bid from HOLT CAT Power Systems in the amount of \$319,460.00 for stand-by emergency generators utilizing CARES ACT funding and Wastewater Operating funds, the motion was seconded by Council member Keele and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

7.3	Discussion and possible action to consider approval of the Hazard Mitigation Action Plan Update by Resolution.
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Council member Pratus moved to approve the Hazard Mitigation Action Plan Update by Resolution, the motion was seconded by Council member Haider and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

7.4	Discussion and possible action to purchase 100 LED Street Lights at a discounted bulk rate from Techline, Inc. in the amount of \$25,500.00.
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Mayor Pro Tem Morris moved to purchase 100 LED Street Lights at a discounted bulk rate from Techline, Inc. in the amount of \$25,500.00, the motion was seconded by Council member Pratus and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

7.5	Discussion and possible action regarding rescinding Ordinances 395, 607 and 783 regarding summing and fishing in Sulphur Creek
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Mayor Pro Tem Morris moved to approve rescinding Ordinances 395, 607 and 783 regarding summing and fishing in Sulphur Creek and to create an Ordinance protecting the Golf Course within the next meeting or two for consideration of approval, the motion was seconded by Council member Keele and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

7.6	Discussion and possible action concerning the approval of a bid from Toyota of Cedar Park in the amount of \$43,510.00 for a 2024 Toyota Tacoma SR5 4WD to replace a 2000 F250 pickup for the Civil Building Inspector.
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Mayor Pro Tem Morris moved to approve the bid from Toyota of Cedar Park in the amount of \$43,510.00 for a 2024 Toyota Tacoma SR5 4WD to replace a 2000 F250 pickup for the Civil Building Inspector, the motion was seconded by Council member Hernandez, Mayor Pearce opened the floor for discussion. Council member Haider inquired why Toyota, Mr. Ellett advised of durability and cost. With no further discussion and motion carried with a unanimous vote.

7.7	Discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of installation services and labor for fiber build out at the 580 Sports Complex in the amount of \$16,031.33.
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Mayor Pro Tem Morris moved to approve the purchase of installation services and labor for fiber build out at the 580 Sports Complex in the amount of \$16,031.33, the motion was seconded by Council member Hernandez and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Adjourn

Mayor Pro Tem Morris moved to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. pm, the motion was seconded by Council member Hernandez and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Herb Pearce, Mayor

ATTEST

Becky Sims, City Secretary