

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LAMPASAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD
OF THE CITY OF LAMPASAS, TEXAS
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2020
JACK CALVERT MUNICIPAL BUILDING BOARD ROOM
302 EAST THIRD STREET
5:30 P.M.**

The Lampasas Economic Development Corporation of the City of Lampasas met in regular session on the above date with President Charlie Pratus, III presiding.

LEDC Members Present:

Steve Hudson
Neal Leavell
Misti Talbert
Ronnie Vineyard

LEDC Members Absent:

TJ Monroe
Roland Schaub
David Millican - Ex-Officio
Bobby Carroll – Ex-Officio

City Staff Present:

Finley deGraffenried, City Manager/Executive Director
Mandy Walsh, Economic Development Director
Chasity Shifflett, Administrative Assistant

**REGULAR SESSION
12:00 p.m.**

I. Call to Order

President Pratus called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Open forum for citizen comments and questions (limited to five (5) minutes per person)

There were no citizen comments.

III. Discussion and possible action concerning approval of the minutes dated June 17, 2020

Board member Talbert moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Board member Hudson. President Pratus abstained from vote due to being absent. The motion carried unanimously. (Monroe, Schaub, Millican and Carroll absent)

IV. Discussion and possible action regarding development & funding of Phase I infrastructure for the LEDC Business Park

Mandy Walsh, Economic Development Director, gave the Board an update on the EDA Grant.

Topics of discussion included:

- Cares Act Disaster Grant is an 80/20 match as opposed to typical EDA 50/50 match.
- Impact DataSource is running an economic impact study on a potential business prospect to include in the grant application.
- Walsh is sending a impact letter template to businesses to evaluate how COVID affected their business.
- In addition, there are support letter templates going out to businesses.
- Possibly a quick turnaround to process due to it being a disaster relief grant.
- Langford (grant writer) will attempt to have the grant submitted by the next LEDC meeting.

No action taken.

V. Discussion and possible action regarding the FY 2020-2021 LEDC Budget

Mandy Walsh reviewed the FY 2020-2021 LEDC Budget with the Board.

Topics of discussion included:

- Reviewed overall budget as discussed in the previous LEDC Meeting
- Reviewed Economic Development Programs line item, which grants funding to various community organizations, provides incentives for existing businesses and new business recruitment and funds the LEDC Life Safety Grant program

Board member Vineyard moved to accept the FY 2020-2021 LEDC Budget and present to City Council. The motion was seconded by Board member Leavell, the motion carried unanimously. (Monroe, Schaub, Millican and Carroll absent)

VI. Discussion and possible action regarding recommendation to City Council for appointment of members to open positions on the LEDC Board

Board member Hudson moved to recommend reappointment of TJ Monroe, Misti Talbert and Neal Leavell to City Council. The motion was seconded by Ronnie Vineyard. The motion carried unanimously. (Monroe, Schaub, Millican and Carroll absent)

VII. Update and possible action regarding Financials for June and July 2020

Mandy Walsh reviewed the financials with the Board. Receipt was acknowledged without formal action.

No action taken.

VIII. Update on the following:

1.) County and LISD Updates

There were no updates on the County due to the absence of Ex-officio member Carroll.
There were no updates on LISD due to the absence of LISD Ex-officio member David Millican.

2.) Staff Updates

Mandy Walsh, Economic Development Director, reviewed the following:

- Internet Project – Walsh discussed with the Board that Roll Call and Next Link have worked on a utility pole attachment agreement with the City. Walsh advised the agreements will be presented to City Council at the next meeting for conditional approval. There will be additional updates discussed as received.
- Development – Walsh advised the Board that there is a prospect looking at the old Aaron’s building and the lot behind it. Cherry on Top was awarded the Life Safety Grant in the amount of \$1,979. The business owner will receive the funds once the Certificate of Occupancy is issued. Lampasas Beer Market had a soft opening on August 10, 2020. Joe Abel is working with Eckermann Engineering for a new spa & gym on Central Texas Expressway.
- Sales Tax – Walsh advised there was an increase in sales tax by 24.19% from this time last year.
- Heritage Foundation – There has been a request from the Heritage Foundation to use HOT funds to purchase interpretive signs around Hanna Spring. The Heritage Foundation is also working on constructing a series of wading pools in the spillway of the spring for park visitors to enjoy.
- Congressman Visit – Mandy informed the Board that the Congressman Williams will be coming to Lampasas on August 28, 2020 to see the LTX sign and to visit the Boot Mural.
- EDA Grant - Walsh reminded the Board that support letters and impact letters are being sent out to businesses.
- #LampasasRising – A publication reached out to Walsh about leveraging economic development and highlighted the social media campaign.

IX. Items that the Board Members may request to be placed on the next agenda

- Heritage Foundation
- Investigate historic preservation tax abatement incentive

X. Adjourn

Board member Hudson moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Board member Vineyard and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Leavell, Schaub, Millican and Carroll absent)

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Charlie Pratus III, President

Chasity Shifflett, Administrative Assistant