

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LAMPASAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD
OF THE CITY OF LAMPASAS, TEXAS
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2019
OLD CITY HALL BOARD MEETING 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:

Misti Talbert
Steve Hudson
Neal Leavell
Ronnie Vineyard
TJ Monroe
Roland Schaub
David Millican - Ex-Officio (arrived at 5:54 p.m.)

LEDC Members Absent:

Bobby Carroll – Ex-Officio

City Staff Present:

Finley deGraffenried, City Manager/Executive Director
Mandy Walsh, Economic Development Director
Vicki Tower, Assistant City Secretary

**REGULAR SESSION
5:30 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 October 16, 2019

Board member Leavell moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Board member Talbert and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Millican and Carroll absent)

IV. Discussion and possible action regarding review of water, wastewater and road design for the Business Park by Eckermann Engineering

Derrek Eckermann, with Eckermann Engineering, reviewed water, wastewater and road designs for the Business Park.

Topics of discussion included:

- Project Update/Schedule
- Overall plan and profile map
- Utility layout
- Signage
- Street width
- Pavement section options
- Curb and gutter
- Street lights
- Storm drains

Ex-Officio Board Member, David Millican, arrived at 5:54 p.m.

No action was taken.

V. Update and possible action regarding October Financials

Finley deGraffenried, City Manager/Executive Director, reviewed the October financials with the Board.

No action was taken.

VI. Discussion and possible action regarding cancelling December LEDC regular meeting

Board member Schaub moved to cancel the December LEDC regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Board member Talbert and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Carroll absent)

VII. Discussion regarding downtown revitalization and corridor redevelopment

Mandy Walsh, Economic Development Director, discussed downtown revitalization and corridor redevelopment with the Board.

Topics of discussion included:

- Walsh attended the Texas Downtown Association annual conference in Georgetown
- Downtown improvement matching grants
 - Fire suppression
 - ADA compliance
- Example – City of Bryan – Life safety issue grants

- Consensus of the Board to allow Walsh to further research Life Safety Issue Grants

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.

David Millican, LISD Ex-officio member, reviewed the following:

- Enrollment is good but attendance is terrible - flu and strep throat going around

2.) Staff Updates

Mandy Walsh, Economic Development Director, reviewed the following:

- Downtown
 - Staff met with new owners of 511 East Third Street regarding conceptual plans.
 - Four downtown buildings are currently being discussed with prospects
 - Wool & Vine has officially opened
 - Three-dimensional “LTX” sign for downtown – tourist attraction and will encourage photo opportunities
 - Walsh is working with Courtyard Square Association on a calendar for more consistent events to drive traffic downtown
 - Corvettes on the Square event – January 18, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Ladies Night on the Square – the first “Ladies Night on the Square” was hosted by Merk & Tilley’s from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on November 14, 2019 and was a huge success.
- Central Business District
 - Developer for project at 707 South Pecan has submitted his concept and staff is continuing to work with him on zoning requirements. The Planning & Zoning Board and City Council have been given preliminary presentations regarding the project
 - Rick Hardin (Santa Fe Depot owner) has engaged an Austin artist to paint a train mural on the north side of the Santa Fe Depot
- Internet Project – Staff is working with potential internet service providers, backbone connections and legal counsel related to possible deployment.
- Workforce Development Luncheon – luncheon has been rescheduled – will be Friday, January 31, 2020

- TDA – Walsh attended the Texas Downtown Association (TDA) conference in Georgetown in October. Walsh told the Board that there are grant and incentive options we might consider moving forward as we gain more interest in downtown, particularly pertaining to restoration of our historic buildings.
- Sales Tax – Comptroller’s office reported another strong month of sales tax revenue for the City of Lampasas. For the month of November, the City saw an increase of 7.7% versus last year.

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

- Engineering services for the Business Park by Eckermann Engineering

X. Adjourn

Board member Hudson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. The motion was seconded by Board member Talbert and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried. (Carroll absent)

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2020.

Charlie Pratus III, President

Vicki Tower, Assistant City Secretary