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**Tuesday**  
**February 23rd, 2021**

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News at 7:20am & 12, 6pm & 10pm

## The Weather



**The high yesterday 68° The low at 6:15am was 42°**

**Today:** Sunny and up to 78° with S-SW wind 15 mph and gusting to 25.

**Tonight:** Mostly clear with a low around 55° and south wind 10-15 mph and gusting to 20.

**Wednesday:** Partly sunny and clearing to sunny with a high around 71°. The SW wind of about 10 mph will shift in the afternoon to northerly as a front drops down that will likely bring moisture on Thursday. The overnight low will be down to 43° and the wind N-NE at 5-10 mph.

**The Rest of the week:** Thursday will bring a 50% chance of rain, clouds, and a high of 51°. The rain chance is up to 70% overnight and it will get down to about 41°

Friday will be partly sunny as the front passes through. It will get up to 61° and the light north wind will shift to south in the afternoon. Saturday and Sunday will be pretty nice, though there is a 20% chance of another shower Saturday night and Sunday. The afternoon highs will be in the upper 60s and low 70s.

## City Council Meets

A special city council session was held on February 18, 2021 to nominate Chuck Williamson to fill the remaining term of the Place 3 seat vacated by Gordon Nelson. Mr. Williamson was unanimously approved and was sworn in on the regularly scheduled council meeting held on Monday, February 22, 2021.

Fire Chief Jeff Smith reported on the ongoing (and seemingly never ending...) COVID-19 pandemic. Chief Smith relays that our overall COVID numbers took a dive last week due to the severe weather and that Lampasas reports an increase of only 107 cases since the last city council meeting. Sadly though, there was one COVID related fatality to bring the total fatal cases for Lampasas County to 25.

Chief Smith also notes, that starting sometime in March, Lampasas will be authorized to administer about 300 vaccines per week; that is an increase of 100 from our current authorization limits.

City Manager Finley deGraffenried gave a brief "storm fall out" report. He reports that our current water storage tanks are steadily getting filled. Mr. deGraffenried was sure to empathize with the citizens of Lampasas and pushed hard for the city to absorb what he called "ancillary and congestion charges" in relation to the electrical demands our city faced. He reiterated his request for there to be no increase in rates, and council wholeheartedly acknowledged that no increase in rates was necessary and the city would cover these temporarily inflated charges. The city manager also acknowledged the community's frustration with a lack of trash pickup, but was confident that would be remedied by end of the week. Mayor Talbert then directed city staff to organize an opportunity for the community to provide feedback and share frustrations with what has been called "the storm of the century."

Council approved the second reading allowing Mr. and Mrs. Kirk their special use permit for an accessory dwelling

located at 8 Chris James Lane.

City Manager Finley deGraffenried gave his operational report and indicated his goal of presenting council with the Comprehensive Plan Status, Priorities and Implementations will be presented on March 8.

Police Chief Bailey submitted a request that the police department provide security and traffic control for all approved special events. Council loved that idea and approved Chief's request unanimously.

Finally, council approved the administration's request that the city polices be updated to reflect current practices in regards to sick time accrual, accrual of vacation and longevity pay.

## Commissioners' Court

Yesterday's Commissioners Court began with a letter from Edith Harrison. The letter included multiple shout-outs to the helping heroes of last week's winter weather! There were so many people who took the opportunity to stand up and help the community and their fellow neighbors. Mentioned were: Sheriff Ramos and his wife Rebeca who helped make a warming station with food at the Catholic Church for many people who were without electricity and water; A man whose neighbor's house caught fire while they were trying to stay warm noticed and contacted the Lampasas Fire Dept. who were able to save both the residents and the home; Jerry Harrison who donated PVC pipe to Ace Hardware to help people get the material needed to be able to fix busted pipes. It was stated in the letter that that was just the tip of the iceberg of stories of our people helping other people in this great community!

As for our new designated Representative/Septic Inspector, Jerry Harris will be taking FA Taylors place, once all certifications are completed. Congratulations Jerry.

A Contract for contract tracing hours was approved for Dr Hay and her assistants. The contract now covers 45 hours up from the previous 20 hours from the previous contract.

Jerry Hanson sent in a letter about the Farmers Market on the square 2021, with changes he had in mind. The market will be opening in mid-March and be open till December. There will be a \$5 dollar charge to vendors that will be donated to a non-profit organization. He does hope to grow the market! The Farmers Market for 2021 was approved. (Cont'd on Back)



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#### Friday February 26th:

**St. Mary's Food Pantry.** 10:30am-noon. 701 N. Key

#### Wednesday March 3rd:

**Kinder Book Drive.** 10am-noon. Drop off Books, Cash or checks to buy books for Kinder classes in Lampasas. 1st St. Church of Christ. Lampasas County Retired Teachers Assn.

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## The Blotter



**Lampasas Police Dept. blotter for Friday** showed suspicious activity in the 900 block of E 4th St. at 5:01AM. A theft in the 700 block of Dent St. at 3:03PM, Reckless driver on Hollywood Dr. at 4:13PM, and a criminal Trespassing in the 500 block of N Spring St. at 6:41PM.

Lampasas Sheriff's Dept. blotter shows a fraud case, and a few calls for help.

Kempner showed calls for civil matters, and medical. Lometa had a welfare check otherwise pretty quite.

**The Burn Ban is lifted until Tuesday.**

## Based on all this...

### The revised list of Candidates is:

**Mayor-** TJ Monroe- (Current Mayor Pro-Tem)  
Myles Haider – Business Owner

**Place 1-** Zac Morris- Attorney  
Clayton Tucker- Political Organizer

**Place 2-** Randy Clark (incumbent) -unopposed

**Place 3-** Chuck Williamson (appointed to fill Nelson's remaining term)

**Place 6-** Herb Pearce- Business Owner -unopposed

## Monday Meetings

**Lampasas County Commissioners** meet at 9am in the courthouse Monday morning. Their agenda items were posted in Friday's Radiogram.

**Lampasas City Council** will hold its regular sessions on Monday evening in the Calvert Building on 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Their agenda includes a 5:30pm workshop where they'll meet with the Planning Commission to study a Comprehensive Plan and set priorities and implementation.

They'll also swear in Chuck Williamson, who they appointed this week to fill out the unexpired term of recently resigned Place 3 Councilman Gordon Nelson. Nelson had unseated Williamson in the last election in the same Place. Now, Councilman Williamson will get his seat back.



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## Happy Birthday

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The workshop session will also get updates on the COVID Pandemic, discuss Personnel Policy and winter storm damages and outages.

In the Regular Session of the Council at 7pm, they will hear the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of an ordinance for a Specific Use Permit on a property at 8 Chris James in Lakehill Estates, then review several reports from administration.

In new business the Council will discuss Special Events for the City in 2021, consider an update on the contract with the Brazos River Authority for the water the City gets out of the Stillhouse Lake, and consider a new ordinance for City Employees sick and accrued leave.

## Sports

**Lady Badger Softball** is scheduled to be in action on Tuesday, 2/23, with 5 and 7pm games at Lake Belton. After that, they are scheduled to be at the Llano Varsity tournament at Llano on Thursday thru Saturday.

District play will begin on Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at home against Gatesville.

**Badger Baseball**, like many other activities, has had changes, but the original schedule has them playing Liberty Hill on Monday at 7pm on the artificial turf field at Liberty Hill. After that it's the Salado tournament on Thursday thru Saturday against various teams.

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