



**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Dripping Springs**  
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**Submitted By:** Johnna Krantz, Community Events Coordinator

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**Council Meeting Date:** March 3, 2026

**Agenda Item Wording:** **Public hearing, discussion, and possible action on a Special Event Permit application submitted by Evilhawk Entertainment for Swampy Tonk: Mudbugs & Music event on March 28, 2026, and a Temporary Road Closure Permit application for portions of Hays Street and South College Street for the event beginning March 27, 2026. Sponsor: Council Member Sherrie Parks**

**Agenda Item Requestor:** Ian Evilsizor, Evilhawk Entertainment

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**Summary/Background:** Evilhawk Entertainment is planning a single-day concert and crawfish festival to be hosted March 28, 2026 at Pig Pen BBQ in Dripping Springs, Texas. *North Hays County Fire/Rescue ESD #6 has reviewed the site plan and is satisfied. Breakaway fencing will allow for additional exits in case of emergency. Emergency Exit signs will be lit and clearly visible. Parking attendants will wear reflective vests and utilize flashlights for safety and parking directions. NHCFR will inspect all electrical equipment and temporary structures during set up. Fire Marshal Dillon Polk will be present at the event.*

Event organizers have requested a Temporary Road Closure Permit for a portion of Hays Street between S Bluff Street and S College Street, and a portion of S College Street between US 290 and Hays Street. *North Hays County EMS ESD #1 has reviewed the site plan and is satisfied with the route for emergency access during the event. Hays County Law Enforcement has recommended utilization of an LED message board to notify drivers of slow traffic and detour. Applicant will rent or borrow a message board from the City Maintenance Department.*

The event will include food, beverage, and merch sales, as well as family-friendly activities. *Temporary food vendors will be permitted and inspected by NHCFR and the City's Environmental Health Inspector. Merchandise vendor has obtained an itinerant vendor permit.*

Road Closures would begin at 12:00 Noon on Friday, March 27, 2026. All roads would reopen at 5:00 AM on Sunday, March 29, 2026 or when Hays County Officers deem it safe to do so. Property owners within 500ft of the event have been notified of this application by mail prior to this meeting. To date, only two property owners have contacted City Staff with concerns about this event. Their concerns have been resolved and they have no objections.

*Event Co-Host and owner of Pig Pen BBQ, Bill Warren, talked with Fabienne Bollom, owner of neighboring Rolling In Time & Dough about the event. At the time of writing this report, Ian Evilzisor stated that according to Bill, Fabienne is ok with the event, and he is going to go to Rolling In Thyme & Dough to introduce himself and speak with Fabienne as well.*

*Attendance for this event will be capped at 1,000. Ranch Park requires one (1) security officer per 250 attendees. Applicant will meet this guideline with two (2) off-duty Hays County Constables and one (1) vehicle, and 2 private security guards for a total of four (4). If ticket sales are capped at or below 750; security will be reduced to two (2) off-duty Constables with vehicle and one (1) private security guard.*

Event organizers have secured permission for parking on nearby property owned by First Baptist Church of Dripping Springs, including paved lots and the grassy field south of Hays Street. Event organizers are working toward arrangements with another property owner in the area for additional parking. *Applicant has secured approval for use of the Pioneer Plaza parking lot at 101 Hays Street by DS Water Supply Corp., and is on track to meet the recommended total of 400 parking spaces.*

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of the Special Event Permit once the event organizer secures legal parking for approximately 400 attendee vehicles to support an attendance of 1000.

Event organizers have submitted an updated Traffic Control Plan which *has been reviewed by the City Engineer, and the City's Emergency Management Committee, including representatives from Hays County Law Enforcement, North Hays County Fire/Rescue, and NHCEMS.*

Staff recommends approval of the Temporary Road Closure Permit with the condition that *the applicant meets all requirements from NHCFR and Law Enforcement.*

**Attachments:**

- 2026 – Evilhawk Special Event Application for Swampy Tonk
- 2026 – Evilhawk Road Closure Application
- Swampy Tonk Site Plan and Traffic Map (Reviewed) *Revised*
- Swampy Tonk – Run of Show Schedule
- 2026 Evilhawk Event Management Plan
- Neighborhood Notification Map – Swampy Tonk
- Notification Letter to area residents – RECEIVED
- Permission from First Baptist Church for Parking
- 2026 – Evilhawk Entertainment COI

**Next Steps/Schedule:**

1. Notify the Applicant of Council decision.
2. If approved:
  - a. Issue the Special Event Permit.
  - b. Issue the Temporary Road Closure Permit.
  - c. Notify the public.