



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

Council Meeting Date: February 17, 2026

Agenda Item Wording: **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

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. 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. The event will include food, beverage, and merch sales, as well as family-friendly activities.

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.

Attendance for this event will be capped at 1,000. 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.

To date, two property owners have contacted City Staff with concerns about this event. Their concerns have been resolved and they have no objections.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the Special Event Permit once the event organizer secures legal parking for approximately 400 attendee vehicles.

Event organizers have submitted an updated Traffic Control Plan for which is under currently review by the City Engineer. Staff recommends approval of the Temporary Road Closure Permit contingent on approval by the City Engineer.

Alternatively, if any issues have not yet been resolved by the February 17 meeting, Council could choose to postpone the item until March 3, 2026.

Attachments:

- 2026 – Evilhawk Special Event Application for Swampy Tonk
- 2026 – Swampy Tonk Site Plan and Traffic Map
- Evilhawk Entertainment letter to residents – FINAL.pdf
- Neighborhood Notification Map – Swampy Tonk.pdf
- Permission from First Baptist Church for Parking
- Swampy Tonk – Run of Show Schedule.doc
- 2026 Evilhawk Event Management Plan.pdf
- Operational Permit Fire Inspection Request for Swampy Tonk.pdf
- 2026 – Evilhawk Road Closure Application.pdf
- 2026 – Evilhawk Entertainment COI.pdf

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.