



City Council Regular Meeting

Dripping Springs City Hall

511 Mercer Street – Dripping Springs, Texas

Tuesday, November 04, 2025, at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

With a quorum of Council Members present, Mayor Foulds called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

City Council Members Present

Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.

Mayor Pro Tem Taline Manassian

Council Member Place 2 Wade King

Council Member Place 3 Geoffrey Tahuahua

Council Member Place 5 Sherrie Parks

City Council Members

Council Member Place 4 Travis Crow

Staff, Consultants, & Appointed/Elected Officials

City Administrator Michelle Fischer

Deputy City Administrator Ginger Faught

Deputy City Administrator Shawn Cox

City Secretary Diana Boone

Planning Director Tory Carpenter

Deputy City Attorney Aniz Alani

IT Director Jason Weinstock

Parks & Community Services Assistant Director Emily Nelson

Parks & Community Services Director Andy Binz

People & Communications Director Lisa Sullivan

Aquatics Manager Drew Hughes

Founders Day Committee Member Scott Berry

Parks & Recreation Commissioner Bryant Scheppler

Parks & Recreation Commissioner Hope Boatright

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian.

PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS

A member of the public that wishes to address the City Council on any issue, regardless of whether it is posted on this agenda, may do so during Presentation of Citizens. It is the request of the City Council that individuals wishing to speak on agenda items with a public hearing hold their comments until the item is being considered. Individuals are allowed two (2) minutes each to speak regarding issues not on the

agenda and two (2) minutes per item on the agenda and may not cede or pool time. Those requiring the assistance of a translator will be allowed additional time to speak. Individuals are not required to sign in; however, it is encouraged. Individuals that wish to share documents with the City Council must present the documents to the City Secretary or City Attorney providing at least seven (7) copies; if seven (7) copies are not provided, the City Council will receive the documents the following day. Audio Video presentations will not be accepted during Presentation of Citizens. By law no action shall be taken during Presentation of Citizens; however, the Mayor may provide a statement of specific factual information, recitation of existing policy, or direction or referral to staff.

Ashley Kontnier with News Dispatch spoke concerning the Annual Newspaper Selection.

Dalton Sweat with Century News spoke concerning the Annual Newspaper Selection.

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Proclamations and Presentations are for discussion purposes only and no action shall be taken.

- 1. A Proclamation of the City of Dripping Springs Declaring November 4 through 8, 2025 as Municipal Courts Week.** *Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.*

This proclamation was signed by Mayor Foulds, not read aloud.

- 2. Presentation with Update on Solid Waste Services.** *Texas Disposal Systems*

This update was presented by Dan Slovak with Texas Disposal Systems.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items will be acted upon in a single motion and are considered to be ministerial or routine. No separate discussion or action on these items will be held unless pulled at the request of a member of the City Council or City staff.

- 3. Approval of the October 7, 2025 City Council regular meeting minutes.**
- 4. Approval of a resolution finding the rates proposed by Texas Gas Service Company ("TGS") seeking to increase natural gas revenues by \$41.1 million annually are unreasonable and accordingly denied; requiring TGS to continue to charge its existing rates to customers within the City; and requiring that the City's reasonable rate case expenses be reimbursed in full by TGS within 30 days of the adoption of this resolution.** *Sponsor: Mayor Pro Tem Taline Manassian*

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member Parks, to approve Consent Agenda item 4.

The motion to approve carried unanimously 4 to 0.

Item 3 will be brought back to council for approval at the following meeting.

BUSINESS AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Parks and seconded by Council Member King, to move item 12 to be considered first on the Business Agenda.

The motion carried unanimously 4 to 0.

12. Discuss and consider approval of a Resolution of the City of Dripping Springs designating the Official Newspaper for the City of Dripping Springs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

A motion was made by Council Member King and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian, to continue service with News Dispatch as recommended by staff.

The motion carried unanimously 4 to 0.

5. Discuss and consider approval of a Facilities Use Agreement between the City of Dripping Springs, Dripping Springs Independent School District, and Dripping Springs Lions Club for the 2026 Founders Day Festival. *Sponsor: Council Member Sherrie Parks*

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member Tahuahua, to approve the Facilities Use Agreement.

The motion to approve carried unanimously 4 to 0.

6. Public hearing, discussion, and consideration of approval of a Resolution of the City of Dripping Springs adopting the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan. *Sponsor: Mayor Pro Tem Taline Manassian*

a. Staff Report

The staff report was presented by Parks & Community Services Director Andy Binz.

b. Public Hearing

No one spoke during the Public Hearing.

c. Resolution

A motion was made by Council Member Parks and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian, to approve the resolution adopting the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan.

The motion to approve carried unanimously 4 to 0.

7. Discuss and consider approval of a Maintenance and Use Agreement between the City of Dripping Springs and the Dripping Springs Youth Sports Association. *Sponsor: Mayor Pro Tem Taline Manassian*

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member Tahuahua, to approve the Maintenance and Use Agreement with the Dripping Springs Youth Sports Association.

The motion to approve carried unanimously 4 to 0.

8. **Discuss and consider approval of a request from the Dripping Springs Independent School District to allow the delayed payment of Site Development Permit Application Fees for Dripping Springs High School #2.** *Applicant: Scott Berry, P.E., Chief Operations Officer, DSISD.*

DSISD Chief Operations Officer Scott Berry and DSISD Board Member Rob McClelland presented this item.

No action was taken at this meeting.

9. **Discuss and consider selection of the bidder and authorize staff to finalize agreement as presented by staff for the West Interceptor Segment 2 Project.** *Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.*

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member Tahuahua, to accept Arguijo Corporation as the bidder and authorize staff to finalize the agreement as presented for the West Interceptor Segment 2 Project.

The motion carried unanimously 4 to 0.

10. **Discuss and consider issuing requests for proposals for Bond Counsel, Engineering, and Financial Advisory services in connection with Texas Water Development Board projects.** *Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.*

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member Parks, to authorize issuing requests for proposals for Bond Counsel, Engineering, and Financial Advisory services in connection with Texas Water Development Board projects if required.

The motion carried unanimously 4 to 0.

11. **Discuss and consider approval of the selection of an applicant to provide professional audit services and authorization of staff to finalize the Professional Services Agreement.**

This item was considered last on the Business Agenda.

12. **Discuss and consider approval of a Resolution of the City of Dripping Springs designating the Official Newspaper for the City of Dripping Springs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.**

This item was considered first on the Business Agenda.

13. **Discuss and consider approval of the 2026 City Council & Board of Adjustment meeting calendar.**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member Parks, to approve the 2026 City Council meeting calendar, including the March 17th meeting date.

The motion to approve carried unanimously 4 to 0.

11. Discuss and consider approval of the selection of an applicant to provide professional audit services and authorization of staff to finalize the Professional Services Agreement.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member Tahuahua, to approve the selection of ABIP and authorize staff to finalize the Professional Services Agreement.

The motion to approve carried unanimously 4 to 0.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member Tahuahua, to go into Closed Session for items 14, 16, and 17, under sections 551.071, 551.072, and 551.074.

The motion carried unanimously 4 to 0.

Closed Session began at 7:02 p.m.

The City Council has the right to adjourn into closed session on any item on this agenda and at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matter as authorized by law or by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation With Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberation Regarding Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gifts), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits), 551.0761 (Deliberation Regarding Critical Infrastructure Facility), and 551.087 (Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations), and 551.089 (Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits). Any final action or vote on any Closed Session item will be taken in Open Session.

- 14. Consultation with Attorney and Deliberation Regarding Real Property and interlocal discussions related to TIRZ Priority Projects and Other Potential Strategic Real Property Acquisitions.** *(Consultation with Attorney, 551.071; Deliberation Regarding Real Property, 551.072)*
- 15. Consultation with Attorney regarding legal issues related to the South Regional Water Reclamation Project, Wastewater, and Amendment 2 Permits, Wastewater Service Area and Agreements, Water Service and Agreements, Wastewater Fees, Wastewater Infrastructure Agreements, facility liability coverage, and related items.** *(Consultation with Attorney, 551.071)*
- 16. Deliberation on the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, and duties of the Deputy City Attorney, City Attorney, Executive Assistant/Paralegal, Utilities Director, and Public Works Director** *(Deliberation Regarding Personnel, 551.074).*
- 17. Consultation with City Attorney related to planning and zoning regulations and fees as applied to governmental entities.** *(551.071, Consultation with Attorney).*

Council Member King left towards the end of Closed Session, at 8:28 p.m.

Closed Session ended at 8:37 p.m.

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A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member Tahuahua, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion to adjourn carried unanimously 3 to 0.

Council Member King left at 8:28 p.m. and did not vote on this item.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF MEETING

I certify that this public meeting is posted in accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 551, Open Meetings. This meeting agenda is posted on the bulletin board at the City of Dripping Springs City Hall, located at 511 Mercer Street, and on the City website at, www.cityofdrippingsprings.com, on October 29, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

APPROVED ON: *Month, XX, 202X*

Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Diana Boone, City Secretary