



**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Dripping Springs**  
**PO Box 384**  
**511 Mercer Street**  
**Dripping Springs, TX 78602**

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**Submitted By:** Andrea Cunningham, City Secretary

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**Council Meeting Date:** October 13, 2020

**Agenda Item Wording:** **Approval of a Resolution designating Dripping Springs Century News as the Official Newspaper of the City of Dripping Springs, Texas for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.**

**Agenda Item Requestor:** Andrea Cunningham, City Secretary

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**Summary/Background:** Pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 2051.049 Selection of Newspaper, the governmental entity or representative required to publish a notice in a newspaper shall select, in accordance with this subchapter, one or more newspapers to publish the notice, which is subject to certain criteria in sections 2051.044 – 2051.051.

Annually the City solicits submissions from local newspapers that meet the publishing requirements and staff reviews each submission accordingly. All approved submissions are provided to the Council for selection.

Submission packets were provided to Dripping Century News General Manager Dalton Sweat and Editor Bonnie Gonzalez, and News-Dispatch Publisher Cyndy Slovak-Barton and Editor Anita Miller via email and USPS mail on September 17, 2020 and due October 6, 2020.

As of the submission deadline the City has received a submission from Century News, and the News-Dispatch has declined to submit. Century News meets all of the criteria for selection and has provided the City excellent customer service over the past three years with regards to the posting of City related public and legal notices.

**Recommended Council Actions:** I recommend City Council selection of Century News for the City's Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Official Newspaper.

**Attachments:**

1. Century News Submission
2. News-Dispatch Notice to Decline
3. Resolution designating selection of newspaper
4. Agreement regarding designation of official newspaper

**Next Steps/Schedule:**

1. Execute and file agreement and resolution
2. Notify staff of designation