



**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Dripping Springs**  
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**Submitted By:** Diana Boone, City Secretary

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**Council Meeting Date:** November 5, 2024

**Agenda Item Wording:** **Discuss and consider approval of a Resolution designating the Official Newspaper for the City of Dripping Springs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.**

**Agenda Item Requestor:** Diana Boone, City Secretary

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**Summary/Background:** Pursuant to [Texas Government Code Section 2051 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. The following types of notices are published in the official newspaper of record:

- Public Hearing – planning and development notices, budget, tax rate, capital projects, etc.
- Bids – RFQ, SOQ, RFB, etc.
- Notices – ordinances, resolutions, elections, etc.

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

Below is an accounting of Official Newspaper Selection over the past 10 years:

- 2014 – 2015: News-Dispatch
- 2016 – 2024: Dripping Springs Century News

Application packets were provided to Dripping Century News General Manager Dalton Sweat, and News-Dispatch Publisher Ashely Kontnier via email with a due date of October 4, 2024.

Both newspapers submitted applications by the due date and meet the requirements for Official Newspaper. Dripping Springs Century News has more subscribers. Both newspapers are comparable in terms of pricing, but News-Dispatch costs slightly less.

**Recommended  
Council Actions:**

Staff recommends selecting News-Dispatch for Fiscal Year 2025 due to cost and to have an opportunity to collaborate with a new publisher in the spirit of turn taking.

**Attachments:**

Century News Application Packet  
News-Dispatch Application Packet  
Resolution Designating Official Newspaper  
Official Newspaper Agreement

**Next Steps/Schedule:**

Notify newspapers of decision  
Execute and file Resolution and Agreement  
Inform staff of decision and provide contact sheet as submitted with application.