



DRIPPING SPRINGS
Texas

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
City of Dripping Springs
Council Chambers, 511 Mercer St, Dripping Springs, TX
Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

With a quorum of the City Council present, Mayor Foulds, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

City Council Members present were:

Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.
Mayor Pro Tem Taline Manassian
Council Member Place 2 Wade King
Council Member Place 3 Geoffrey Tahuahua
Council Member Place 4 Travis Crow
Council Member Place 5 Sherrie Parks

Staff, Consultants & Appointed/Elected Officials present were:

Deputy City Administrator Ginger Faught
City Attorney Laura Mueller
City Treasurer Shawn Cox
People & Communications Director Lisa Sullivan
City Secretary Andrea Cunningham
IT Director Jason Weinstock
Parks & Community Services Director Andy Binz
DSRP Manager Emily Nelson
Architectural Consultant Keenan Smith

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Joshua and Spencer from Austin Scout Troop 550 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS

A member of the public who desires to address the City Council regarding any item on an agenda for an open meeting may do so at presentation of citizens before an item or at a public hearing for an item during the City Council's consideration of that item. Citizens wishing to discuss matters not contained within the current agenda may do so, but only during the time allotted for presentation of citizens. Speakers are allowed two (2) minutes to speak during presentation of citizens or during each public hearing. Speakers may not cede or pool time. Members of the public requiring the assistance of a translator will be given twice the amount of time as a member of the public who does not require the assistance of a translator to address the City Council. It is the request of the City Council that members of the public wishing to speak on item(s) on the agenda with a noticed Public Hearing hold their comments until the item(s) are presented for consideration. Speakers are encouraged to sign in. Anyone may

request a copy of the City's policy on presentation of citizens from the city secretary. By law no action may be taken during Presentations of Citizens.

No one spoke during Presentation of Citizens.

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- 1. Proclamation of the City of Dripping Springs Proclaiming March 31, 2023, as "Pam Owens Day".** *Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.*

Mayor Pro Tem Manassian read the proclamation and presented it to Pam Owens.

- 2. Proclamation of the City of Dripping Springs Proclaiming the Week of April 15-22, 2023, as "International Dark Sky Week".** *Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.*

Council Member Parks read the proclamation.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items are anticipated to require little or no individualized discussion due to their nature being clerical, ministerial, mundane or routine. In an effort to enhance the efficiency of City Council meetings, it is intended that these items will be acted upon by the City Council with a single motion because no public hearing or determination is necessary. However, a City Council Member or citizen may request separate deliberation for a specific item, in which event those items will be removed from the consent agenda prior to the City Council voting on the consent agenda as a collective, singular item. Prior to voting on the consent agenda, the City Council may add additional items that are listed elsewhere on the same agenda.

- 3. Approval of the February 21, 2023, City Council regular meeting minutes.**
- 4. Approval of the March 7, 2023, City Council regular meeting minutes.**
- 5. Approval of the February 2023 City Treasurer's Report.**
- 6. Approval of an Escrow Agreement for the Mount Gainor Road Widening related to the Carter Tract.** *Sponsor: Council Member Crow*

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian to approve Consent Agenda Items 4 – 6. Council Member Parks seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and Council Member Parks requested a review of the February 21, 2023, minutes, specifically regarding Business Item 17.

BUSINESS AGENDA

- 7. Presentation and possible action regarding Feasibility Study, Concept Plan, and Cost Estimates for the Stephenson Building.** *Larry Irsik, Architexas. Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.*

Keenan Smith introduced the item. Larry Irsik gave a presentation which is on file. Staff is recommending authorization to negotiate an agreement for the production of construction

plans and authorization for staff to apply for a Certificate of Appropriateness with the Historic Preservation Commission.

A motion was made by Council Member Parks to authorize staff to apply for a Certificate of Appropriateness with the Historic Preservation Commission, and to authorize staff to negotiate a Professional Services Agreement with Architexas for construction drawings. Council Member King seconded the motion which carried 4 to 0 to 1, with Council Member Tahuahua abstaining.

- 8. Discuss and consider approval of the selection of vendor(s) for Dripping Springs Ranch Park Network and Audio-Visual Request For Proposals and authorization for staff to negotiate respective professional services agreements. Sponsor: Council Member Parks.**

Jason Weinstock presented the staff report which is on file. Staff recommends the selection of Felix Media Solutions and UniVista.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian to authorize staff negotiate professional services agreements with Felix Media Solutions and UniVista for the Dripping Springs Ranch Park Network and Audio-Visual project. Council Member Parks seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

- 9. Discuss and consider approval of a Co-Sponsorship Agreement between the City of Dripping Springs and The Little Longhorn for Eggstravaganza at Dripping Springs Ranch Park on April 8, 2023. Sponsor: Council Member Parks.**

Emily Nelson presented the staff report which is on file. Staff recommends approval of the agreement.

A motion was made by Council Member Parks to approve a Co-Sponsorship Agreement between the City of Dripping Springs and The Little Longhorn for Eggstravaganza at Dripping Springs Ranch Park on April 8, 2023. Council Member Crow seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

REPORTS

Reports of Staff, Boards, Commissions, Committees, Boards and Agencies are on file and available for review upon request. The City Council may provide staff direction; however, no action may be taken.

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- 10. February Maintenance Report**
Craig Rice, Deputy Public Works Director
- 11. Planning Department Report**
Tory Carpenter, Planning Director

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian to adjourn into Executive Session under Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, Consultation with City Attorney and 551.072, Deliberation of Real Property and regarding Executive Session Agenda Items 12 – 16. Council Member Crow seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA

The City Council for the City of Dripping Springs has the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matter as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and 551.086 (Economic Development). The City Council for the City of Dripping Springs may act on any item listed in Executive Session in Open Session or move any item from Executive Session to Open Session for action.

- 12. Consultation with City Attorney regarding legal issues related to coordination with the Dripping Springs Visitors Bureau.** *Consultation with City Attorney, 551.071*
- 13. Consultation with City Attorney related to opioid lawsuits.** *Consultation with Attorney, 551.071*
- 14. Consultation with City Attorney and Deliberation of Real Property regarding property acquisition related to the South Regional Water Reclamation Project and East Interceptor.** *Consultation with Attorney, 551.071; Deliberation of Real Property, 551.072*
- 15. Consultation with Counsel related to litigation regarding the South Regional Water Reclamation Project, Wastewater Permits, Code Enforcement, and related items.** *Consultation with Attorney, 551.071*
- 16. Consultation with City Attorney and Deliberation of Real Property regarding legal and real estate issues related to potential civic sites.** *Consultation with Attorney, 551.071; Deliberation Regarding Real Property, 551.072*

The City Council met in Executive Session from 7:14 – 7:57 p.m.

Council Member Crow recused himself from Executive Session Agenda Item 16 and exited the chambers. An affidavit of potential conflict of interest is on file regarding his recusal.

No vote or action was taken during the Executive Session. Mayor Foulds, Jr. returned the meeting to Open Session at 7:57 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian to discuss and consider possible action regarding Executive Session Agenda Items 12 and 13. Council Member Crow seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

- 12. Consultation with City Attorney regarding legal issues related to coordination with the Dripping Springs Visitors Bureau.** *Consultation with City Attorney, 551.071*

A motion was made by Council Member Parks to direct People & Communications Director Lisa Sullivan and other staff to coordinate with the Visitors Bureau and explore future options related to the Bureau. Council Member Crow seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

13. Consultation with City Attorney related to opioid lawsuits. *Consultation with Attorney, 551.071*

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem to approve the resolution authorizing participation with the State of Texas through the Office of the Attorney General, in the latest opioid settlements and authorizing the Mayor to execute all related documents. Council Member Tahuahua seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Filed as Resolution No. 2023-R13

UPCOMING MEETINGS

City Council & Board of Adjustment Meetings

April 4, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. (CC & BOA)

April 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. (CC)

May 2, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. (CC & BOA)

May 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. (CC)

Board, Commission & Committee Meetings

March 22, 2023, Economic Development Committee at 4:00 p.m.

March 23, 2023, Emergency Management Commission at 12:00 p.m.

March 27, 2023, Transportation Committee at 3:30 p.m.

March 27, 2023, Founders Day Commission at 6:30 p.m.

March 28, 2023, Planning & Zoning Commission at 6:00 p.m.

March 30, 2023, Farmers Market Committee at 10:00 a.m.

April 3, 2023, Parks & Recreation Commission at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Parks seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

This regular meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

APPROVED ON: April 18, 2023

Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Cunningham, City Secretary

