



Utility Commission Regular Meeting

Dripping Springs City Hall

511 Mercer Street – Dripping Springs, Texas

Thursday, December 18, 2025, at 4:00 PM

MINUTES **DRAFT**

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

With a quorum of commissioners present, Chair Busbey called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Commission Members

Charlie Busbey, Chair

Barney Austin

Lara Dudek (Present at 4:04 p.m.)

Matthew Ordway (Absent)

Zach West

Staff, Consultants, & Appointed/Elected Officials

Utilities Operations Manager Gray Lahrman

Administrative Assistant Micaela Betts

City Attorney Aniz Alani (Absent)

PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS

A member of the public that wishes to address the Commission 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 Commission 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 Commission must present the documents to the City Secretary or City Attorney providing at least six (6) copies; if six (6) copies are not provided, the Commission 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 Chair may provide a statement of specific factual information, recitation of existing policy, or direction or referral to staff.

PRESENTATIONS

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

No one spoke during Presentation of Citizens.

MINUTES

1. **Consider approval of the November 20, 2025 Utility Commission regular meeting minutes.**

A motion was made by Commissioner West and seconded by Commissioner Austin, to approve November 20, 2025, meeting minutes. Thus, with the notion that dates in item 3 on November 20, 2025 minutes will be corrected to reflect the right calendar year (March 19,2026 and March 12,2026). The motion to approve carried unanimously 4 to 0.

UTILITY REPORTS

Reports listed are on file and available for review upon request. The Commission may provide staff direction; however, no action shall be taken.

2. **Water & Wastewater Facility Report**

This item was presented by the Utilities Operations Manager Gray Lahrman. This report is intended for informational purposes only, no action was taken. Full report can be found on our website.

BUSINESS AGENDA

CLOSED SESSION

The Commission 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), 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.

The commission did not meet in Closed Session.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Utility Commission Meetings

January 15, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.
February 19, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.
March 12, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.
April 16, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

City Council Meetings

January 6, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
January 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
February 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
February 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
March 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

In accordance with standard parliamentary procedures, which allow the Chair to adjourn the meeting without a motion after the completion of all agenda items, Chair Busbey declared the meeting adjourned at 4:45 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 **December 10, 2025 at 12:00 PM.***