



STAFF REPORT
City of Dripping Springs
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Submitted By: Andrea Cunningham, City Secretary

Council Meeting Date: October 3, 2024

Agenda Item Wording: **Discuss and consider approval of a Resolution designating the Official Newspaper for the City of Dripping Springs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.**

Agenda Item Requestor: Andrea Cunningham, City Secretary

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.

Application packets were provided to Dripping Century News General Manager Dalton Sweat, and News-Dispatch Publisher Ashely Kontnier via email September 5th with a due date of September 22nd.

Both newspapers submitted applications by the due date and meet the requirements for Official Newspaper. The attached chart is a side by side comparison of information provided in the submitted applications. The cost comparison examples are taken from those submitted by Dripping Springs Century News.

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

- 2014 – 2015: News-Dispatch
- 2016 – 2023: Dripping Springs Century News

Recommended Council Actions: Staff recommends the selection of an Official Newspaper, at the discretion of the City Council, for Fiscal Year 2024.

Attachments:

1. Comparison Chart
2. Century News Application Packet
3. News-Dispatch Application Packet
4. Resolution Designating Official Newspaper
5. Official Newspaper Agreement

Next Steps/Schedule:

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