



DRIPPING SPRINGS
Texas

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
City of Dripping Springs
Council Chambers, 511 Mercer St, Dripping Springs, TX
Tuesday, October 03, 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 6:01 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 (arrived at 6:20 p.m.)
Council Member Place 4 Travis Crow
Council Member Place 5 Sherrie Parks

Staff, Consultants & Appointed/Elected Officials present were:

City Administrator Michelle Fischer
Deputy City Administrator Ginger Faught
Interim Deputy City Administrator/City Treasurer Shawn Cox
City Attorney Laura Mueller
City Secretary Andrea Cunningham
IT Director Jason Weinstock
Building Official Shane Pevehouse
Content Marketing Specialists Stephanie Hartnett

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Crow led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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 proclaiming October 1 - October 8, 2023 as "National 4-H Week" in the City of Dripping Springs. Sponsor: Council Member Sherrie Parks**

Council Member Parks read the proclamation and presented it to Dripping Springs 4-H President Sienna Gonzurick and 4-H Members Everly Shumway, Quincy Raines, Cybil Shumway, and Britton Shumway.

- 2. Proclamation proclaiming the month of October 2023 as "National Domestic Violence Awareness Month" in the City of Dripping Springs, Texas. Sponsor" Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.**

Mayor Pro Tem Manassian read the proclamation and presented it to Hays-Caldwell Women's Center Chief Executive Officer Melissa Rodriguez and Board Member Amy Casner.

- 3. Proclamation proclaiming October 5, 2023, as "World Teachers' Day" in the City of Dripping Springs, Texas. Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.**

Council Member Parks read the proclamation and presented it to Dripping Springs ISD Director of Student Support Services Dr. Kristin Ray.

Mayor Foulds, Jr. presented an additional Proclamation proclaiming October 3, 2023, as "Michelle Fischer Day" in recognition of her 25 years of service to the City of Dripping Springs. Ginger Faught read and presented 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.

- 4. Approval of the September 19, 2023, City Council workshop and regular meeting minutes.**
- 5. Approval of the September 25, 2023, City Council special meeting minutes.**
- 6. Approval of the 2024 City Council & Board of Adjustment meeting calendar.**

7. **Approval of a Resolution declaring Nonbusiness Days for the purposes of the Public Information Act.**

Filed as Resolution No. 2023-R32

8. **Approval of a Resolution approving and accepting a Construction (Subdivision) Bond for Cannon Ranch Phase 1 Public Improvements.** *Applicant: Ashton Austin Residential*

Filed as Resolution No. 2023-R33

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian to approve Consent Agenda Items 4 – 8, with correction to Item 4 regarding attendance for the September 19, 2023, minutes to read that Council Member Tahuahua was absent and Mayor Pro Tem Manassian was present. Council Member Crow seconded the motion which carried unanimously 4 to 0.

BUSINESS AGENDA

9. **Discuss and consider approval of a Resolution Amending the City of Dripping Springs Personnel Manual.** *Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.*

Laura Mueller presented the staff report which is on file. Staff recommends approval; if further review is needed, staff recommends postponement to a date certain.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian to postpone the item to the November 7, 2023, City Council regular meeting. Council Member Parks seconded the motion which carried unanimously 4 to 0.

Council Member Tahuahua arrived.

10. **Discuss and consider the Appointment of two (2) individuals to the Dripping Springs Ranch Park Board of Directors for terms ending September 30, 2025.**

Andrea Cunningham presented the staff report which is on file. Staff recommends the reappointment of Pam Owens and Mike Carroll.

A motion was made by Council Member Parks to reappoint Pam Owens and Mike Carroll to the Dripping Springs Ranch Park Board of Directors for terms ending September 30, 2025. Mayor Pro Tem Manassian seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

REPORTS

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

Report is on file and available for review upon request.

11. **Planning Department Report**

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 13 – 15. Council Member Tahuahua 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 Attorney related to legal issues regarding personnel policy changes.** *Consultation with Attorney, 551.071*
- 13. Consultation with Attorney regarding legal issues related to the South Regional Water Reclamation Project, Wastewater, and Amendment 2 Permits, Wastewater Service Area and Agreements, Water Service, Wastewater Fees, and related items.** *Consultation with Attorney, 551.071*
- 14. Consultation with Attorney related to building inspection services.** *Consultation with Attorney, 551.071*
- 15. Consultation with Attorney and Deliberation of Real Property regarding legal and real estate issues related to potential facility sites and street extensions and expansions.** *Consultation with Attorney, 551.071; Deliberation Regarding Real Property, 551.072*

The City Council met in Executive Session from 6:34 – 7:26 p.m.

Council Member Crow recused from Executive Session Item 15 and exited the chambers.

No action or vote was taken in Executive Session. Council Member Crow recused from Executive Session Item 15 and exited the chambers. Mayor Foulds, Jr. returned the meeting to Open Session at 7:26 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian to consider Executive Session Items 14 and 15 in Open Session. Council Member King seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

- 14. Consultation with Attorney related to building inspection services.** *Consultation with Attorney, 551.071*

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian to direct staff and the City Attorney to pursue appropriate remedies related to building inspection services. Council Member Tahuahua seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Council Member recused from Item 15 and stepped off the dais.

- 15. Consultation with Attorney and Deliberation of Real Property regarding legal and real estate issues related to potential facility sites and street extensions and expansions.** *Consultation with Attorney, 551.071; Deliberation Regarding Real Property, 551.072*

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian to approve the real estate contracts as presented subject to finalizing personal property to convey. Council Member Parks seconded the motion which carried 4 to 0 to 1, with Council Member Crow recused.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

City Council & Board of Adjustment Meetings

October 17, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. (CC)

November 7, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. (CC & BOA)

November 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. (CC)

Board, Commission & Committee Meetings

October 4, 2023, DSRP Board at 11:00 a.m.

October 5, 2023, Historic Preservation Commission at 4:00 p.m.

October 10, 2023, Planning & Zoning Commission at 6:00 p.m.

October 11, 2023, Utility Commission at 4:00 p.m.

October 16, 2023, TIRZ No. 1 & No. 2 Board at 4:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

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

This regular meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

APPROVED ON: October 17, 2023

Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Cunningham, City Secretary