



City Council Regular Meeting

Dripping Springs City Hall

511 Mercer Street - Dripping Springs, Texas

Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 6:00 PM

DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

With a quorum of council members present, Mayor Foulds called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

City Council Members

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

City Administrator Michelle Fischer

Deputy City Administrator Ginger Faught

Deputy City Administrator Shawn Cox

City Attorney Aniz Alani

City Secretary Diana Boone

Planning Director Tory Carpenter

IT Director Jason Weinstock

Farmers Market Manager Charlie Reed

Paralegal Operations Specialist Elliana Chon

Accounting Clerk Penny Appleman

DSRP Manager Lily Sellers

Utilities Director Gray Lahrman

Parks & Community Services Director Andy Binz

People & Communications Director Lisa Sullivan

Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz

Emergency Preparedness Homeland Security Director Roman Baligad

Municipal Court Judge Marilyn Miller

Planning & Zoning Chair Mim James

Founders Day Committee Member Kathy Boydston

Utility Commission Chair Chalie Busbey

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Wade King.

PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS

A member of the public that wishes to address the City Council 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 City Council 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 City Council must present the documents to the City Secretary or City Attorney providing at least seven (7) copies; if seven (7) copies are not provided, the City Council 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 Mayor may provide a statement of specific factual information, recitation of existing policy, or direction or referral to staff.

Kathy Boydston spoke in support of the DSRP rainwater collection system.

Charlie Busbey spoke concerning the result of the Municipal Election for Council Member Place 2.

Arvind Amid spoke requesting that the City adopt a policy on short term rentals.

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

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

1. Presentation recognizing Council Member Wade King for his public service.

Mayor Foulds presented an award to Council Member Wade King in recognition of his 14 years of public service to the City of Dripping Springs.

2. Administration of Oaths of Office, along with Statement of Officer, and issuance of Certificate of Election for elected officials for Mayor, Council Member Place 2, and Council Member Place 4.

Council Member elect Ana Grace Husted was sworn in by Texas Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Kevin Patrick Yeary.

Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr. and Council Member Wm. Travis Crow were sworn in by City of Dripping Springs Municipal Court Judge Marilyn Miller.

3. Recognition of Trevor DuBransky for Heroism.

Trevor DuBransky was recognized for his quick thinking and heroism that helped save a life. Mayor Foulds spoke as did Emergency Preparedness Homeland Security Director Roman Baligad who presented Trevor with a challenge coin. Multiple first responders, including Hays

County Sheriff Anthony Hipolito also spoke and presented Trevor with a certificate and challenge coin.

4. **Proclamation of the City of Dripping Springs proclaiming May 17th-23rd, 2026 as "Farmers Market Week" in the City of Dripping Springs, TX.** *Sponsor: Council Member Sherrie Parks.*

The Farmers Market Week Proclamation was read by Council Member Parks.

Farmers Market Committee Member Marianne Simmons was present to receive the proclamation; also present were Farmers Market Manager Charlie Reed and Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz.

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items will be acted upon in a single motion and are considered to be ministerial or routine. No separate discussion or action on these items will be held unless pulled at the request of a member of the City Council or City staff.

5. **Approval of the April 7, 2026 City Council and Board of Adjustment Meeting Minutes.**
6. **Approval of the appointment of Pamela Weinhammer and the reappointment of Dean Erickson and Gwyn Sommerfeld to the Historic Preservation Commission for two (2) year terms ending June 30, 2028, and the reappointment of Dean Erickson as chair for a one (1) year term ending June 30, 2027.**
7. **Approval of the job title change of the Content Marketing Specialist to Marketing Coordinator.** *Sponsor: Mayor Pro Tem Taline Manassian*
8. **Approval of the Co-Sponsorship Agreement between the City of Dripping Springs and Carrie Isaac for the July 4th Fire in the Sky Event at Dripping Springs Ranch Park.** *Sponsor: Council Member Sherrie Parks*
9. **Approval of a Use Agreement between the City of Dripping Springs and Hell Country Productions, Inc. for a Haunted House and Hayride at Dripping Springs Ranch Park.** *Sponsor: Council Member Sherrie Parks*
10. **Approval to authorize City Staff to exceed \$50,000.00 worth of purchases from SealMaster South Texas for the Purchase of Street Sealer approved in the FY-2026 Budget.** *Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds*
11. **Approval of a Transportation Improvement Construction and Contribution Agreement between the City of Dripping Springs, Hays County, and ME Headwaters REG, LP for the construction of a 250-foot southbound right-turn lane with a 50-foot taper and a right-turn signal head at the intersection of US 290 and Canyonwood Drive at an estimated cost of \$160,000.00 funded by Hays County in an amount not to exceed \$32,160.00 and the remainder funded by ME Headwaters REG, LP reflecting its proportionate share of the recommended transportation improvements attributable to the Headwaters project.** *Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.*

12. **Approval of a Resolution of the City of Dripping Springs Authorizing the Execution of an Advanced Funding Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the Dripping Springs Crosswalk Improvement Project.** *Sponsor: Council Member Travis Crow*

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member Tahuahua, to approve Consent Agenda item 5. The motion carried 4 to 0, with 1 abstention by Council Member Husted.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member Tahuahua, to approve Consent Agenda items 6 through 12. The motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

BUSINESS AGENDA

13. **Discussion and possible action regarding Task Order No. 5 between the City of Dripping Springs and Carollo Engineers, Inc. for additional final design phase services related to the solids storage and recuperative thickening facility for the South Regional Water Reclamation Facility Expansion.** *Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.*

This item was presented by Utilities Director Gray Lahrman

A motion was made by Council Member Tahuahua and seconded by Council Member Parks, to approve Task Order No. 5 between the City of Dripping Springs and Carollo Engineering for additional final design phase services.

The motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

14. **Discussion and possible action regarding a Texas Water Development Board Water Supply Infrastructure Grant application.** *Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.*

- a. City of Dripping Springs Advanced Purification Project
- b.. Dripping Springs Ranch Park Rainwater Collection System

This item was presented by Deputy City Administrator Ginger Faught and DSRP Manager Lily Sellers. Eva Steinle-Darling with Carollo Engineering, Inc. was in the audience to help answer questions.

A motion was made by Council Member Husted and seconded by Council Member Parks, to approve the Texas Water Development Board Water Supply Infrastructure Grant application for both projects, with the understanding that if prioritization or further action is required before a regular scheduled meeting, Council will call a special meeting to revisit.

The motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

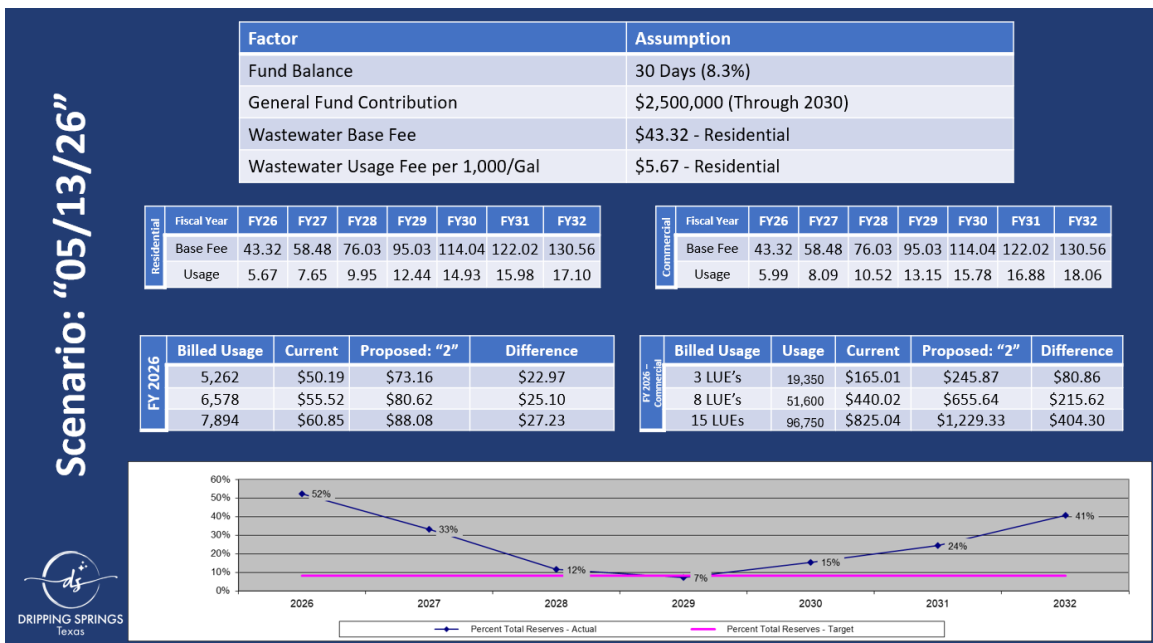
15. **Public hearing, discussion, and possible action regarding an ordinance amending Chapter 20, Article 20.02, Section 20.02.006(c) and Chapter 20.06, Article 20.06.004 of the City's Code of Ordinances to modify wastewater and water service rates.** *Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.*

The item was presented by Deputy City Administrator Shawn Cox. Planning & Zoning Commission Chair Mim James was present in the audience and was available to offer his expertise if needed.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member Parks, to approve the ordinance amending the water rates as presented in March and the wastewater service rates consistent with Scenario 5.13.26, with the \$2.5 million contribution by the City, with a 90 day implementation.

The motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Wastewater Rates:



Water Rates:

Rate Recommendations:

• Water – Residential/Commercial:

Meter Size	Current	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
5/8" or 3/4"	35.00	36.75	37.85	37.85	37.85	37.85

Volume	Current	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
0-4,000	2.25	2.36	2.43	2.43	2.43	2.43
4,001-8,000	3.75	3.94	4.06	4.06	4.06	4.06
8,001-12,000	4.25	4.46	4.59	4.59	4.59	4.59
12,001-20,000	5.25	5.51	5.68	5.68	5.68	5.68
20,001-30,000	8.25	8.66	8.92	8.92	8.92	8.92
30,001-50,000	13.25	13.91	14.33	14.33	14.33	14.33
50,000+	18.00	18.90	19.47	19.47	19.47	19.47

Mayor Foulds directed staff to notify the top 10 water users as promptly as possible to allow for budgeting in response to the rate adjustment. A potential ordinance to provide payment assistance was also discussed.

- 16. Public hearing, discussion, and possible action to approve an Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Dripping Springs relating to mayoral appointments.**
Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.

This item was postponed.

- 17. Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of David Inman as recommended by St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church and the reappointments of At-Large Members Michael Ward, Clinton Holtzendorf, and Jeff Shindler; Lions Club Representatives Sharon Goss and Scott Phillips; Cook-Off Club Representative Justin Cornett; and St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church Representative Eric Strang, for two (2) year terms ending June 30, 2028; and for the reappointment of At-Large Members Jordan Searle and Kimberly Rutherford; Cook off Club Representative Thomas Toms; and the reappointment of Jeff Shindler as chair for a one (1) year term ending June 30, 2027.**

A motion was made by Council Member Parks and seconded by Council Member Tahuahua, to appoint all the committee members listed.

The motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

- 18. Discussion and possible action regarding the appointment of a City Council Member to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for a one (1) year term.**

A motion was made by Council Member Husted and seconded by Council Member Crow, to appoint Council Member Tahuahua to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for a 1 year term.

The motion carried 4 to 0, with 1 abstention by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian.

CLOSED SESSION

Council did not meet in Closed Session.

The City Council 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), 551.0761 (Deliberation Regarding Critical Infrastructure Facility), 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.

- 19. 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 and Agreements, Wastewater Fees, Wastewater Infrastructure Agreements, facility liability coverage, and related items. (*Consultation with Attorney, 551.071*)

- 20. Consultation with attorney and deliberation regarding financing and real property for parcels involved in current and potential TIRZ Priority Projects including Old Fitzhugh Road, Town Center/Civic Complex, Stephenson Building, and other strategic real property acquisitions related to current and potential TIRZ Priority Projects. (*Consultation with Attorney, 551.071; Deliberation Regarding Real Property, 551.072*).**

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Council Member Husted and seconded by Council Member Parks, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

APPROVED ON: Month, XX, 202X

Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Diana Boone, City Secretary