



**STAFF REPORT**  
**City of Dripping Springs**  
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**Dripping Springs, TX 78620**

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**Submitted By:** Diana Boone, City Secretary

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**Council Meeting Date:** November 4, 2025

**Agenda Item Wording:** **Discuss and consider approval of a Resolution designating the Official Newspaper for the City of Dripping Springs for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.**

**Agenda Item Requestor:** Diana Boone, City Secretary

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**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.

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

- 2014 – 2015: News-Dispatch
- 2016 – 2024: Dripping Springs Century News
- 2025 News-Dispatch

Application packets were provided to Dripping Century News General Manager Dalton Sweat, and News-Dispatch Publisher Ashely Kontnier via email with a due date of October 24, 2025.

**Recommended Council Actions:** Staff recommends the selection of an Official Newspaper, at the discretion of the City Council

**Attachments:** Century News Application Packet  
News-Dispatch Application Packet  
Resolution Designating Official Newspaper  
Official Newspaper Agreement

**Next Steps/Schedule:**

Notify newspapers of decision

Execute and file Resolution and Agreement

Inform staff of decision and provide contact sheet as submitted with application.