



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City of Dripping Springs

Council Chambers, 511 Mercer St, Dripping Springs, TX

Thursday, July 15, 2021 at 12:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

With a quorum of the Commission present, Chair Humphrey called the meeting to order at 12:19 p.m.

Commission Members present were:

Bonnie Humphrey, Chair

Bill Little, Vice Chair

Kay Allen

Roman Baligad

Gordon DeWitte

Ron Hood

Doug Fowler

Dillon Polk

Russell Paxton

Commission Members absent were:

Scott Collard

Mike Jones

Curt Marek

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Humphrey led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS

A member of the public who desires to address the Commission 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 Commission'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 Commission. It is the request of the Commission 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.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Emergency Management Coordinator Report

Roman Baligad, Emergency Management Coordinator

- Still have sand staged if needed for flash flooding.
- American Rescue Funds: City will receive 1.4 million for use on covid recovery, and County will receive 44 million to be split among precincts.
- City funds portion will be in 2 payments: 8/21 and summer of 2022, and the City is looking at rental assistance.
- City CRASE session 8/26 in the Council Chambers.

2. Planning Committee Report

- HAM tower pad still waiting on bids.
- Commissioner DeWitte working on antenna & repeaters with County and Matt Moleka
- Will spec additional devices needed: possible raspberry pi full Lenox PC @ \$100 from EMC budget; needs i/o devices which might be able to be donated.

Commission Allen

- Obtained annex K from County which contains the County's only debris management plan. City and County will work to create a separate debris management plan
- Debris planning committee members are Kay Allen, Bill Little, Roman Baligad and Maintenance Director Craig Rice.
- Set goal of 7-15-2022 for completion and adoption of plan, separate plan is required for FEMA reimbursement.

3. Finance Committee Report – No report at this time.

4. Public Relations Committee

- Fire articles from newspaper going on to website.
- City re-branding: EMC recently redesigned will not be updated again
- 9/11 preparedness fair review plan
- National Night out contact Hays Sheriff Lt Gutierrez. Constable Hood will contact for more info and local coordination

5. Logistics Committee Report

a) Generator Subcommittee

- Still waiting on parts

b) VOAD Subcommittee

Commissioner Paxton

- Sent out inventory/assessment forms to interested organizations. Forms were based on modified FEMA forms. Some responses in.
- Will continue to offer training and would like separate email for VOADs

5. Operations Committee Report

Commission Fowler – ESD No. 1

- Record number of calls over 5 years, with 8 months running making records.
- Station 74 Sawyer Ranch/Belterra station moving in with ESD6 in August.
- Moving another unit East of town - 2/3 calls coming from that area.
- Level 0 30x in July.
- Planning to add unit 4 by 2023
- N RR12 purchased property @ 1/4 mile s of Fitzhugh.
- Heritage Oaks/290 area new property
- Harden facility planning after Uri/Viola especially power generation
- Working with Roman at City on fueling station. Also looking at budget for fuel trailer

Commissioner Polk – ESD No. 6

- Moved into new Station at Belterra.
- #62 back to demand station
- Slow calls since more rain than usual and July 4th also slow
- Preliminary budget approved, rolled back tax rate
- Working with Hays County to place fire tanks in rural areas

Chair Humphrey for Commissioner Hood – Hays County OEM

- SRP drill tabletop 1/7, will require Marek/DSISD, Constable Hood and 1 more.
- Will get MOU to PCT4/Hood this week.
- EMC hired in San Marcos.
- Working on preparedness fair
- Planning medical counter measure exercise Monday before Thanksgiving at Johnson High School, tabletop will be 1 week before.
- Adding neighborhoods to wildfire mitigation plans and will use CERT for assessment forms.
- Commissioner Hood has Warn Central TX flyers to distribute and will get them to Roman this week.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Emergency Management Meetings

August 19, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

September 16, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

October 21, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.

City Council Meetings

July 20, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. (Special Budget Meeting)

July 20, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

July 29, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. (Special Budget Meeting)
August 3, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Allen to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Little seconded the motion which carried unanimously 9 to 0.

This regular meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.