Utility Commission Regular Meeting

Dripping Springs City Hall

511 Mercer Street – Dripping Springs, Texas

Thursday, August 20, 2026, at 4:00 PM

MINUTES DRAFT

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

With a quorum of commissioners present, Chair Busbey called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Commission Members present were:
Charlie Busbey, Chair
Lara Dudek
Bruce Moulton

Commission Member absent was:
Barney Austin

Staff, Consultants, & Appointed/Elected Officials
Utilities Director Gray Lahrman
Utilities Coordinator Paola Palacios

PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS

A member of the public that wishes to address the Commission 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 Commission 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 Commission must present the documents to the City Secretary or City Attorney providing at least six (6) copies; if six (6) copies are not provided, the Commission 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 Chair may provide a statement of specific factual information, recitation of existing policy, or direction or referral to staff.

No one spoke during Presentation of Citizens.

MINUTES

1. **Consider approval of the July 16, 2026 Utility Commission regular meeting minutes.**

   A motion was made by Commissioner Moulton and seconded by Commissioner Dudek to approve the July 16, 2026, meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously 2 to 0, with 1 abstention by Commissioner Moulton..

UTILITY REPORTS

Reports listed are on file and available for review upon request. The Commission may provide staff direction; however, no action shall be taken.

2. Water & Wastewater Facility Report

No action was taken.

CLOSED SESSION

The Commission 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.

The commission did not meet in Closed Session.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Utility Commission Meetings
September 17, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.
October 15, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.
November 19, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.
December 17, 2026, p.m.

City Council Meetings
September 1, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
September 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
October 6, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
October 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
November 3, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

Chair Busbey adjourned the meeting at 4:24 p.m.