



Utility Commission Regular Meeting

City of Dripping Springs Council Chambers

511 Mercer Street – Dripping Springs, Texas

Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 4:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

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

Commission Members present were:

Charlie Busbey, Chair
Barney Austin
Lara Dudek
Matthew Ordway
Zach West

Staff, Consultants, & Appointed/Elected Officials present were:

Utilities Director Dane Sorensen
City Secretary Diana Boone
Deputy City Attorney Aniz Alani
Deputy City Secretary Cathy Gieselman

PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS

A member of the public that wishes to address the Utility 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 Utility 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 Utility Commission 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 Utility 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. **Approval of the May 16, 2024, Utility Commission meeting minutes.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Ordway to approve the May 16, 2024, Utility Commission regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Austin seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

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**

Dane Sorenson presented the Facility Report which is on file and addressed questions from the Commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dudek to adjourn into Closed Session under Item 3 pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney. Commissioner Ordway seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

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), 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.

3. **Consultation with Attorney regarding legal issues related to Wastewater Discharge Permit, related permits, and current related litigation in *SOS v. TCEQ* in the 459th Judicial District Court of Travis County and related development, financial, and utility issues.** *Consultation with City Attorney, 551.071*

The Commission met in Closed Session from 4:11 pm. to 4:21 p.m.

No vote or action was taken during Closed Session. Chair Busbey returned the meeting to Open Session at 4:21 p.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Utility Commission Meetings

July 18, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

August 15, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

September 19, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

City Council Meetings

July 2, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

July 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

August 6, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

August 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Ordway to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Austin seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

This regular meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.