



City Council Regular Meeting

City of Dripping Springs Council Chambers

511 Mercer Street - Dripping Springs, Texas

Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

With a quorum of the City Council present, Mayor Pro Tem Manassian called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

City Council Members present were:

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

Council Member absent was:

Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.

Staff, Consultants & Appointed/Elected Officials present were:

City Administrator Michelle Fischer
Deputy City Administrator Ginger Faught
Deputy City Administrator Shawn Cox
City Attorney Laura Mueller
City Secretary Andrea Cunningham
IT Director Jason Weinstock
People & Communications Director Lisa Sullivan
Planning Director Tory Carpenter
Emergency Management Coordinator Roman Baligad
Parks & Community Services Director Andy Binz
DSRP Manager Emily Nelson
DSRP Assistant Manager Lily Sellers
Building Official Shane Pevehouse
TIRZ Project Manager Keenan Smith, City Lights Design Alliance
Special Counsel Davide Tuckfield, AW
Parks Planning Consultant Brent Luck
Financial Consultant Chris Lane

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Sherrie Parks led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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 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.

Tom Crawford spoke regarding the need for public restrooms in the downtown Mercer Street area.

PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

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

- 1. Presentation and update regarding the April 8, 2024, City of Dripping Spring Eclipse Event.** *People, Communications & Tourism Director Lisa Sullivan, and Emergency Management Coordinator Roman Baligad*

Lisa Sullivan and Roman Baligad gave a presentation which is on file.

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.

- 2. Approval of the February 6, 2024, City Council & Board of Adjustment regular meeting minutes.**
- 3. Approval of the January 2024 Treasurer's Report.**
- 4. Approval of a Professional Services & Use Agreement between the City of Dripping Springs and Hell Country Productions, Inc. for a Haunted House at Dripping Springs Ranch Park.** *Sponsor: Council Member Sherrie Parks*
- 5. Approval of a Co-Sponsorship Agreement between the City of Dripping Springs and the Texas Beef Initiative regarding Weekly Roping Practices and Events at Dripping Springs Ranch Park.** *Sponsor: Council Member Sherrie Parks*
- 6. Approval of a Co-Sponsorship Agreement between the City of Dripping Springs and the Texas Hill Country Barrel Racing Association regarding the 2024 Buckle Series and Weekly Exhibitions at Dripping Springs Ranch Park.** *Sponsor: Council Member Sherrie Parks*

7. **Approval of a Use Agreement between the City of Dripping Springs and Holiday and Harvest regarding the 2024 Eggstravaganza at Dripping Springs Ranch Park.** *Sponsor: Council Member Sherrie Parks*
8. **Approval of a Co-Sponsorship and Logo Use Agreement between the City of Dripping Springs and the Dripping Springs Ag Boosters for the 2024 Rodeo at Dripping Springs Ranch Park.** *Sponsor: Council Member Sherrie Parks*

A motion was made by Council Member Parks to approve Consent Agenda Items 2 – 8. Council Member Tahuahua seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

BUSINESS AGENDA

Via unanimous consent, the City Council heard items 9 and 10 concurrently.

9. **Discuss and consider approval of Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Dripping Springs and HDR Engineering related to the Old Fitzhugh Road Project.** *Sponsor: Mayor Pro Tem Taline Manassian*

Keenan Smith presented the staff report which is on file. Staff recommends approval of the agreement, and the TIRZ No. 1 & No.2 Board recommended approval 6 to 0.

10. **Public hearing, discussion, and consideration of approval of an Ordinance regarding an Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget.**

- a. **Staff Report** – Shawn Cox presented the staff report which is on file. Staff recommends approval of the budget amendment.

- b. **Public Hearing** – No one spoke during the Public Hearing.

- c. **Ordinance** – **Filed as Ordinance No. 2024-05**

A motion was made by Council Member Tahuahua to approve an Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Dripping Springs and HDR Engineering related to the Old Fitzhugh Road Project; and, an Ordinance regarding an Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget. Council Member Crow seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

11. **Public hearing, discussion, and consideration of approval of an Ordinance repealing and replacing Article 28.06 Landscaping and Tree Preservation, including changing procedures, tree preservation requirements, and landscaping changes.**

- a. **Staff Report** – Laura Mueller, Brent Luck, and Tory Carpenter presented the staff report which is on file. Staff recommends approval of the ordinance.

- b. **Public Hearing** – No one spoke during the Public Hearing.

- c. **Ordinance** – A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian to postpone approval of an Ordinance repealing and replacing Article 28.06 Landscaping and Tree

Preservation, including changing procedures, tree preservation requirements, and landscaping changes to the March 5, 2024, City Council regular meeting. Upon further discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Manassian withdrew her motion.

A motion was made by Council Member Tahuahua to postpone approval of an Ordinance repealing and replacing Article 28.06 Landscaping and Tree Preservation, including changing procedures, tree preservation requirements, and landscaping changes to the March 5, 2024, City Council regular meeting. Council Member King seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

12. Public hearing, discussion, and consideration of approval of an Amendment to the Emergency Management Commission ordinance. *Sponsor: Council Member Geoffrey Tahuahua*

a. Staff Report – Andrea Cunningham and Roman Baligad presented the staff report which is on file. Staff recommends approval of the ordinance, and the Emergency Management Commission recommended approval unanimously.

b. Public Hearing – No one spoke during the Public Hearing.

c. Ordinance – A motion was made by Council Member Tahuahua to approve an Amendment to the Emergency Management Commission ordinance. Council Member Crow seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Filed as Ordinance No. 2024-06

13. Public hearing, discussion, and consideration of approval of an Ordinance Cancelling the 2024 Municipal Election.

Andrea Cunningham presented the item. Applicants for place on the ballot for Mayor, Council Member Place 2, and Council Member Place 4 are opposed and the 2024 Municipal Election is cancelled. Notification will be provided to the Hays County Elections Administrator.

a. Public Hearing – No one spoke during the Public Hearing.

b. Ordinance – A motion was made by Council Member King to approve an Ordinance Cancelling the 2024 Municipal Election. Council Member Parks seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Filed as Ordinance No. 2024-07

REPORTS

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

14. Planning Department Report
Tory Carpenter, Planning Director

A motion was made by Council Member Tahuahua to adjourn into Closed Session under Texas Government Code Sections 551071, Consultation with Attorney and 551.072, Deliberation of Real Property and regarding Closed Session Agenda Items 15 – 18. Council Member Crow seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

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), 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.

- 15. 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, Wastewater Fees, and related items. Consultation with Attorney, 551.071**
- 16. Consultation with Attorney regarding legal issues related to Brightly and SmartGov software. Consultation with Attorney, 551.071**
- 17. Consultation with Attorney and Deliberation of Real Property regarding financing for the acquisition of public property. Consultation with Attorney, 551.071 and Deliberation Regarding Real Property, 551.072**

The City Council met in Closed Session from 7:00 – 7:59 p.m.

Council Member Crow recused from Closed Session Items 15 and 16, stepping off the dais and exited the Closed Session.

No action or vote was taken during Closed Session. Mayor Pro Tem Manassian returned the meeting to Open Session at 7:59 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Council Member Crow returned to the meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

City Council & Board of Adjustment Meetings

March 5, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. (CC & BOA)

March 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. (CC)

April 2, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. (CC & BOA)

April 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. (CC)

Board, Commission & Committee Meetings

February 21, 2024, Parks & Recreation Commission at 6:00 p.m.

February 26, 2024, Transportation Committee at 3:30 p.m.

February 26, 2024, Founders Day Commission at 6:30 p.m.

February 27, 2024, Planning & Zoning Commission at 6:00 p.m.

February 28, 2024, Economic Development Committee at 4:00 p.m.

March 7, 2024, Historic Preservation Commission at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Council Member Parks to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Tahuahua seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

This regular meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

APPROVED ON: *March 5, 2024*

Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Cunningham, City Secretary