



## City Council Special Meeting

*Dripping Springs City Hall*

*511 Mercer Street – Dripping Springs, Texas*

*Tuesday, August 05, 2025, at 5:30 PM*

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### **DRAFT MINUTES**

#### **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

With a quorum of Council Members present, Mayor Foulds called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

##### **City Council Members**

Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.

Mayor Pro Tem Taline Manassian (*arrived at 6:15 p.m.*)

Council Member Place 2 Wade King

Council Member Place 3 Geoffrey Tahuahua

Council Member Place 4 Travis Crow

Council Member Place 5 Sherrie Parks

##### **Staff, Consultants, & Appointed/Elected Officials**

City Administrator Michelle Fischer

Deputy City Administrator Ginger Faught

Deputy City Administrator Shawn Cox

City Attorney Laura Mueller

Utilities Director Dane Sorensen

DSRP Manager Lily Sellers

Human Resources Director Chase Winburn

City Secretary Diana Boone

IT Director Jason Weinstock

Planning Director Tory Carpenter

Parks & Community Services Assistant Director Emily Nelson

Parks & Community Services Director Andy Binz

People & Communications Director Lisa Sullivan

Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security Director Roman Baligad

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Geoffrey Tahuahua.

#### **BUDGET WORKSHOP**

- 1. Presentation and discussion regarding the proposed Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2026.** *Deputy City Administrator, Shawn Cox*

The Budget Workshop was presented by Deputy City Administrator Shawn Cox, DSRP Manager Lily Sellers, and Utilities Director Dane Sorensen was in the audience to answer questions.

A motion was made by Council Member Tahuahua and seconded by Council Member Parks, to recess the Budget Workshop and address items 2 & 3 next on the agenda. The motion carried 4 to 0. Mayor Pro Tem Manassian was not present to vote.

The Budget Workshop recessed at 6:10 p.m.

Council returned to the Budget Workshop at 6:25 p.m.

No action was taken during the budget presentation.

## **PROCLAMATIONS & PRESENTATIONS**

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

Items 2 & 3 were moved up on the agenda.

2. **A Proclamation of the City of Dripping Springs declaring August 7, 2025 as "Purple Heart Day."** *Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.*

Council Member Parks read and presented the Purple Heart Day Proclamation.

3. **A Proclamation of the City of Dripping Springs proclaiming the City of Dripping Springs, Texas as a Purple Heart City.** *Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.*

Council Member King read and presented the Purple Heart City Proclamation.

Present to receive the proclamations:

- MOPH Chapter 1919 Civilian Commander, Bill De Winne
- MOPH Chapter 1919 Member, Daniel Finn
- MOPH Chapter 1919 Commander, Carl "Pee Wee" Rees
- MOPH Chapter 1919 Member, Jesse Longoria
- MOPH Chapter 1919 Past Region V Commander, National Officer, Ernie Banasau

Mayor Pro Tem Manassian arrived during the Purple Heart presentation.

## **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 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 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.*

Items 2 & 3 were moved up on the agenda, before Presentation of Citizens.

No one spoke during the Presentation of Citizens.

## **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.*

- 4. Approval of the July 1, 2025 City Council meeting minutes.**
- 5. Approval of a Resolution of the City of Dripping Springs Consenting to the City of Dripping Springs Water Conservation Plan. Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.**
- 6. Approval of a Resolution of the City of Dripping Springs Consenting to the Drought Contingency Plan for municipal water use. Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.**
- 7. Approval of a Resolution of the City of Dripping Springs Accepting Improvements and Approving a Maintenance Bond for the Driftwood 967 Next Step Drive – Water and Wastewater Improvements. Applicant: Dale Lowden Excavating, LLC**
- 8. Approval of a Resolution of the City of Dripping Springs Appointing Ginger Faught to Place 3 of the Driftwood Economic Development Municipal Management District's Board of Directors. Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.**
- 9. Approval of the June 2025 Treasurer's Report. Deputy City Administrator, Shawn Cox**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member Parks, to approve Consent Agenda items 4-9. The motion to approve carried unanimously 5 to 0.

## **BUSINESS AGENDA**

- 10. Update on signage design and discuss and consider approval of draft bid package for Wayfinding Signage. Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member Parks, to approve the draft bid package for Wayfinding Signage. The motion to approve carried 3 to 2, with Council Members Crow and Tahuahua voting nay.

- 11. Public hearing, discussion, and consideration of approval of proposed amendments to an Ordinance of the City of Dripping Springs, Chapter 2, Article 2.04, Division 3 relating to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Sponsor: Mayor Pro Tem Taline Manassian**

A motion was made by Council Member Parks and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian, to approve the proposed amendments to an ordinance of the City of Dripping Springs, Chapter 2, Article 2.04, Division 3 relating to the Parks & Recreation Commission. The motion to approve carried unanimously 5 to 0.

**12. Approval of the at-large appointment of Ryan Strittmatter to the Parks & Recreation Commission for term ending June 30, 2026.**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member Crow, to approve the appointment of Ryan Strittmatter to the Parks & Recreation Commission. The motion to approve carried unanimously 5 to 0.

**13. Discuss and consider approval of a Resolution of the City of Dripping Springs revising the Personnel Manual, including updating the Telecommuting Policy and approving a Technology Acceptable Use Policy. Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.**

A motion was made by Council Member Parks and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian, to approve the Technology Acceptable Use Policy. The motion to approve carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Staff direction was given to revise and clarify the Personnel Manual Telecommuting Policy.

**14. Discuss and consider approval of a Resolution of the City of Dripping Springs Approving and Adopting the 2025 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Sponsor: Council Member Geoffrey Tahuahua**

A motion was made by Council Member Tahuahua and seconded by Council Member Crow, to approve the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The motion to approve carried unanimously 5 to 0.

**15. Discuss and consider approval of the City of Dripping Springs' submittal of an application to the Lower Colorado River Authority's Community Grant Program for Dripping Springs Ranch Park Event Center roof repairs. Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.**

A motion was made by Council Member Parks and seconded by Council Member Tahuahua, to approve the submittal of an application for a grant. The motion to approve carried unanimously 5 to 0.

**16. Discuss and consider approval of a Resolution of the City of Dripping Springs Expressing Support for Hays County's Infrastructure Planning Efforts, including the West Travis County Public Utility Agency's Temporary Interconnection Project, and Affirming the City's Commitment to Regional Collaboration to Protect the Health, Safety, and Welfare of Residents. Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.**

Item 16 was moved to be discussed during Closed Session.

**17. Discuss and consider approval of the Proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate for 2025. Deputy City Administrator, Shawn Cox**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member Crow, to adopt the 0.2267 per \$100 valuation as the proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate for 2025. The motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Roll call vote:

Mayor Pro Tem Manassian – Aye  
Council Member King - Aye  
Council Member Tahuahua - Aye  
Council Member Crow - Aye  
Council Member Parks - Aye

## 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.*

### **18. Transportation Report - Village Grove Parkway. Tory Carpenter, Planning Director**

No action was taken.

## CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member Tahuahua, to go into Closed Session for items 16 and 19-21, under sections 551.071 and 551.072. The motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Closed Session began at 8:20 p.m.

*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.*

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Item 16 was moved to be discussed during Closed Session.

This item was postponed to be considered at the next meeting. Staff was directed to use new language to address council concerns.

19. **Consultation with Attorney and Deliberation Regarding Real Property and interlocal discussions related to TIRZ Priority Projects and Other Potential Strategic Real Property Acquisitions.** (*Consultation with Attorney, 551.071; Deliberation Regarding Real Property, 551.072*)
20. **Consultation with city attorney related to legal issues regarding land use conditions on variances, special exceptions, and other zoning issues.** (*Consultation with Attorney, 551.071*).
21. **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 and Agreements, Wastewater Fees, Wastewater Infrastructure Agreements, facility liability coverage, and related items.** (*Consultation with Attorney, 551.071*)

Closed Session ended at 8:52 p.m.

## **ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member King, to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn carried unanimously 5 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

**APPROVED ON:**     *Month, XX, 202X*

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*Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor*

**ATTEST:**

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*Diana Boone, City Secretary*