



City Council Regular Meeting

Dripping Springs City Hall

511 Mercer Street - Dripping Springs, Texas

Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

With a quorum of council members present, Mayor Foulds called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

City Council Members

Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.
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

Staff, Consultants & Appointed/Elected Officials

City Administrator Michelle Fischer
Deputy City Administrator Ginger Faught
Deputy City Administrator Shawn Cox
City Attorney Aniz Alani
City Secretary Diana Boone
Planning Director Tory Carpenter
Human Resources Director Chase Winburn
DSRP Manager Lily Sellers
Parks & Community Services Director Andy Binz
Parks & Community Services Assistant Director Emily Nelson
People & Communications Director Lisa Sullivan

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member King.

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.

Olivia Barnard spoke in support of Dripping Springs ISD concerning the request stated in item 10.

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.

- 1. Approval of the December 16, 2025 City Council regular meeting minutes.**
- 2. Approval of the appointment of Rich Lucas to the Emergency Management Committee for a term ending January 1, 2028.**
- 3. Approval of a Vendor Agreement between the City of Dripping Springs and Peak Beverage Texas LLC for exclusive alcoholic beverage services at Dripping Springs Ranch Park. Sponsor: Council Member Sherrie Parks**
- 4. Approval of a Use Agreement between the City of Dripping Springs and TLL Mercantile LLC dba Holiday and Harvest for the 2026 Eggstravaganza 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 Hill Country Barrel Racing Association for the use of Dripping Springs Ranch Park. Sponsor: Council Member Sherrie Parks**
- 6. Approval of the November 2025 Treasurer's Report. Deputy City Administrator, Shawn Cox**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member Tahuahua, to approve Consent Agenda items 1-6.

The motion to approve carried unanimously 5 to 0.

BUSINESS AGENDA

- 7. Discussion and possible action on creating the position of Recreation Program Manager and approving its job description. Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.**

A motion was made by Council Member Parks and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian, to approve the position of Recreation Program Manager and its job description.

The motion to approve carried unanimously 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Council Member Parks and seconded by Council Member Crow, to move item 10 to be considered next on the agenda.

The motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

10. Discussion and possible action on an appeal to a Development Review Committee denial of a Tree Removal Waiver for the removal of several heritage trees for the Dripping Springs ISD High School No. 2 located at 11091 Darden Hill Road. Applicant: Whitney Blunt, Blu Fish Collaborative

Item 10 was moved up on the agenda, following item 7.

Dripping Springs ISD School Board Members present in the audience: Olivia Barnard, Kim Cousins, Shanda DeLeon, Rob McClelland, and Tricia Quintero.

Dripping Springs ISD Superintendent and Chief Operating Officer Scott Berry presented on behalf of the school district and remained in the audience to answer questions.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member Crow, to go into Closed Session for this item under section 551.071, Consultation with City Attorney. The motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Closed Session started at 7:10 p.m. and ended at 7:53 p.m.

No action was taken while in Closed Session.

A motion was made Council Member Tahuahua and seconded by Council Member Parks, to approve the Dripping Springs Independent School District's request to remove the caliber inches as depicted in the waiver request, subject to the performance of mitigation measures in accordance with the Landscaping Ordinance not to exceed \$594,420, or as otherwise agreed to between the City and Dripping Springs ISD by May 1, 2026, in default of which the maximum value of mitigation fees become immediately due and payable.

The motion to approve carried 4 to 1.

Roll Call Vote:

Mayor Pro Tem Manassian – nay

Council Member King – aye

Council Member Tahuahua – aye

Council Member Crow – aye

Council Member Parks - aye

8. Public hearing, discussion, and possible action on an Ordinance of the City of Dripping Springs, Texas, amending the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Municipal Budget; funding municipal services and authorizing expenditures.

a. Staff Report

This item was presented by Deputy City Administrator Shawn Cox.

b. Public Hearing

No one spoke during the Public Hearing

c. Possible Action on Budget Ordinance

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member Tahuahua, to approve the ordinance amending the budget.

The motion to approve carried unanimously 5 to 0.

9. **Discussion and possible action to consider an application for redress, satisfaction, compensation, or relief made pursuant to Section 1.03.002 of the Code of Ordinances [Refusal by council required prior to suit] by RABD Holdings LLC regarding a request for the release of 12299 Trautwein Rd., Austin, Texas, from the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of the City of Dripping Springs.**

This item was presented by City Attorney Aniz Alani.

Attorney Robert Avera from Avera Law Firm spoke on behalf of the applicant RABD Holdings LLC. Property owner Burt Dement was present in the audience to answer possible questions.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member Crow, to go into Closed Session for this item under section 551.071, Consultation with City Attorney. The motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Closed Session began at 8:43 p.m. and ended at 9:07 p.m.

No action was taken while in Closed Session.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member Parks, to deny the application for release submitted by RABD Holdings LLC regarding the property at 12299 Trautwein Rd.

The motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Council Member Tahuahua and seconded by Council Member Crow, to take a 10 minute recess to have a slice of cake in appreciation of Constable John Pozuc who is leaving Hays County and will no longer be serving as our security officer. The motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

The recess began at 9:08 p.m. and ended at 9:18 p.m.

10. **Discussion and possible action on an appeal to a Development Review Committee denial of a Tree Removal Waiver for the removal of several heritage trees for the Dripping Springs ISD High School No. 2 located at 11091 Darden Hill Road. Applicant: Whitney Blunt, Blu Fish Collaborative**

This item was moved up on the agenda, following item 7.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member King, to go into Closed Session for item 15, under section 551.071, Consultation with City Attorney. The motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Closed Session began at 9:18 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.

- 11. Consultation with City Attorney pursuant to regarding legal considerations, risks, and feasibility of alternative law enforcement and public safety service delivery models for the City, including potential changes to policing structure, service scope, interlocal arrangements, contracting options, regulatory requirements, liability exposure, and compliance with applicable state law. (Consultation with Attorney, Section 551.071).**
- 12. Deliberation on the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, and duties of the Recreation Program Manager (Deliberation Regarding Personnel, 551.074).**
- 13. Consultation with City Attorney regarding legal strategies and risks for engaging with and motivating the State of Texas, including the Texas Department of Transportation, to address infrastructure and regulatory constraints limiting growth in the City of Dripping Springs, including transportation, utilities, drainage, and related intergovernmental disputes, litigation risks, and the potential need for growth-management measures, including a development moratorium. (Consultation with Attorney, 551.071).**
- 14. Consultation with attorney and deliberation regarding financing and real property for parcels involved in current and potential TIRZ Priority Projects including Old Fitzhugh Road, Town Center/Civic Complex, Stephenson Building, and other strategic real property acquisitions related to current and potential TIRZ Priority Projects. (Consultation with Attorney, 551.071; Deliberation Regarding Real Property, 551.072).**
- 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 and Agreements, Wastewater Fees, Wastewater Infrastructure Agreements, facility liability coverage, and related items. (Consultation with Attorney, 551.071)**

16. **Consultation with attorney and deliberation regarding interlocal agreements concerning the application and enforcement of City ordinances.** (*Consultation with Attorney, 551.071*).

Closed Session ended at 9:31 p.m.

No action was taken while in Closed Session.

ADJOURN

A motion was made made by Council Member Tahuahua and seconded by Council Member Parks, to adjourn the meeting.

The motion to adjourn carried unanimously 5 to 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

APPROVED ON: *February 17, 2026*

Bill Foulds, Jr.

Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Diana Boone

Diana Boone, City Secretary

