



City Council Regular Meeting

Dripping Springs City Hall

511 Mercer Street - Dripping Springs, Texas

Tuesday, February 03, 2026, at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

With a quorum of city council members present, Mayor Foulds called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

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
IT Director Jason Weinstock
Planning Director Tory Carpenter
Parks & Community Services Director Andy Binz
People & Communications Director Lisa Sullivan

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council Member Tahuahua.

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.

No one spoke during 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.

- 1. Approval of the January 6, 2026 City Council regular meeting minutes.**
- 2. Approval of the Joint Election Agreement between the City of Dripping Springs and Dripping Springs Independent School District for the May 2, 2026 Municipal General Election.**
- 3. Approval of the Joint Election Agreement between the City of Dripping Springs and Hays County for the May 2, 2026 Municipal General Election.**
- 4. Approval of the Election Agreement and Contract for election services between the City of Dripping Springs and the Elections Administrator for Hays County to conduct and administer the May 2, 2026 Dripping Springs Municipal General Election.**
- 5. Approval of the December 2025 Treasurer's Report. Deputy City Administrator, Shawn Cox**

A motion was made by Council Member Tahuahau and seconded by Council Member Parks, to approve items 1 through 5 on the Consent Agenda.

The motion to approve carried unanimously 5 to 0.

BUSINESS AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Tahuahua and seconded by Council Member Parks, to move agenda item 10 to be considered first on the Business Agenda. The motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

- 10. Discussion and consideration of approval of a request from the Dripping Springs Independent School District to allow the delayed payment of Site Development Permit Application Fees for Dripping Springs High School #2. Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.**

A motion was made by Council Member Tahuahua and seconded by Council Member Parks, to approve a request from Dripping Springs Independent School District for delayed payment of Site Development Permit Application Fees for Dripping Springs High School #2 to May 20, 2026.

The motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

6. **Discussion and possible action to award RFQ No. 2025-18 for Bond Counsel to provide assistance with respect to possible loan and/or principal forgiveness funding through the Texas Water Development Board and to provide objective legal advice with respect to the validity of any evidences of indebtedness issued by the City for capital financing, to McCall Parkhurst & Horton LLP, and authorize the City Administrator to negotiate an agreement with the selected respondent subject to approval by City Council. *Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.***

A motion was made by Council Member Tahuahua and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian, to award RFQ No. 2025-18 for Bond Counsel to provide assistance with respect to the loan or principal forgiveness through the Texas Water Development Board awarding that to McCall Parkhurst & Horton LLP, and authorize the City Administrator to negotiate an agreement with the selected respondent.

The motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

7. **Discussion and possible action to award RFQ No. 2025-19 for Financial Advisor services, including providing advice and professional recommendations to the City for capital financing and to provide assistance with possible loan, grant or disadvantaged funding through the Texas Water Development Board, to SAMCO Capital Markets Inc., and authorizing the City Administrator to negotiate an agreement with the selected respondent subject to approval by the City Council. *Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.***

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member Crow, to award RFQ No. 2025-19 for Financial Advisor services, including providing advice and professional recommendations to the City for capital financing and to provide assistance with possible loan, grant or disadvantaged funding through the Texas Water Development Board, to SAMCO Capital Markets Inc., and authorize the City Administrator to negotiate an agreement with the selected respondent.

The motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

8. **Discussion and possible action to select Burgess & Niple, Inc. as the most qualified Engineering Firm pursuant to RFQ No. 2025-20 for Engineering Firms, and authorizing the City Administrator to negotiate terms of an agreement subject to approval by the City Council. *Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.***

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member Tahuahua, to select Burgess & Niple, Inc. as the most qualified Engineering Firm pursuant to RFQ No. 2025-20 for Engineering Firms, and authorize the City Administrator to negotiate terms of an agreement.

The motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

9. **Discussion and possible action on a Resolution of the City of Dripping Springs amending the City's Purchasing Policy to clarify and expand requirements for soliciting competitive bids and proposals. *Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.***

This item was postponed. No action was taken.

11. Public Hearing and consideration of approval on an Ordinance Ordering the City of Dripping Springs 2026 Municipal General Election.

No one spoke during the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Council Member Tahuahua and seconded by Council Member Parks, to approve the ordinance ordering the City of Dripping Springs 2026 Municipal General Election.

The motion to approve carried unanimously 5 to 0.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian and seconded by Council Member Parks, to go into Closed Session for items 12 through 16, under sections 551.071 and 551.072.

The motion carried unanimously 5 to 0.

Closed Session began at 6:46 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.

- 12. Consultation with City Attorney 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).**
- 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 7:27 p.m.

No action was taken during Closed Session.

ADJOURN

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

APPROVED ON: *March 17, 2026*



Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Diana Boone, City Secretary

