



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
City of Dripping Springs
Council Chambers, 511 Mercer St, Dripping Springs, TX
Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

With a quorum of the City Council present, Mayor Foulds, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

City Council Members present were:

Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.
Mayor Pro Tem Taline Manassian (arrived at 6:31 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 present were:

City Administrator Michelle Fischer
Interim Deputy City Administrator Shawn Cox
City Attorney Laura Mueller
People & Communications Director Lisa Sullivan
City Secretary Andrea Cunningham
IT Director Jason Weinstock
Public Works Director Aaron Reed
Emergency Management Coordinator Roman Baligad
Municipal Judge Marilyn Miller

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member King led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTIONS

- 1. Administration of Oath of Office and Statement of Officer, and issuance of Certificate of Election for Council Member Place 1 Taline Manassian. *Municipal Court Judge, Marilyn Miller***

Upon Mayor Pro Tem Manassian's arrival at 6:31 p.m., Mayor Foulds, Jr. administered the Oath of Office and Statement of Officer and issued the Certificate of Election.

2. **Administration of Oath of Office and Statement of Officer, and issuance of Certificate of Election for Council Member Place 3 Geoffrey Tahuahua.** *Municipal Court Judge, Marilyn Miller*
3. **Administration of Oath of Office and Statement of Officer, and issuance of Certificate of Election for Council Member Place 5 Sherrie Parks.** *Municipal Court Judge, Marilyn Miller*

Judge Marilyn Miller administered the Oath of Office and Statement of Officer to Council Members Geoffrey Tahuahua and Sherrie Parks, and Mayor Foulds, Jr. issued the Certificates of Election.

PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS

A member of the public who desires to address the City Council regarding any item on an agenda for an open meeting may do so at presentation of citizens before an item or at a public hearing for an item during the City Council's consideration of that item. Citizens wishing to discuss matters not contained within the current agenda may do so, but only during the time allotted for presentation of citizens. Speakers are allowed two (2) minutes to speak during presentation of citizens or during each public hearing. Speakers may not cede or pool time. Members of the public requiring the assistance of a translator will be given twice the amount of time as a member of the public who does not require the assistance of a translator to address the City Council. It is the request of the City Council that members of the public wishing to speak on item(s) on the agenda with a noticed Public Hearing hold their comments until the item(s) are presented for consideration. Speakers are encouraged to sign in. Anyone may request a copy of the City's policy on presentation of citizens from the city secretary. By law no action may be taken during Presentations of Citizens.

Greg Dahlberg, Joel Sauer and John Merrick spoke regarding painted fire lanes in the Big Sky Ranch Subdivision.

Carlos Calle, Senior Planner with Ardurra, introduced himself to the City Council

CONSENT AGENDA

The following items are anticipated to require little or no individualized discussion due to their nature being clerical, ministerial, mundane or routine. In an effort to enhance the efficiency of City Council meetings, it is intended that these items will be acted upon by the City Council with a single motion because no public hearing or determination is necessary. However, a City Council Member or citizen may request separate deliberation for a specific item, in which event those items will be removed from the consent agenda prior to the City Council voting on the consent agenda as a collective, singular item. Prior to voting on the consent agenda, the City Council may add additional items that are listed elsewhere on the same agenda.

4. **Approval of the May 2, 2023, City Council regular meeting minutes.**
5. **Approval of the City Treasurer's Report.**
6. **Approval of Amendment No. 6 to the Wholesale Water Provider Agreement between the City of Dripping Springs and the West Travis County Public Utility Agency for the Driftwood Ranch Tract Service Property.**

7. **Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Mayor, Mayor Pro-Tem and City Staff to sign contractual documents binding the City.** *Sponsor: Mayor Foulds, Jr.*

Filed as Resolution No. 2023-R20

8. **Approval of a Resolution of Support for a Hays County Grant Application to the Texas Department of Transportation for the creation of pedestrian connections from Meadow Creek Dr. to Darden Hill Road, and surrounding area.** *Sponsor: Council Member Travis Crow*

Filed as Resolution No. 2023-R21

9. **Approval of a Resolution of Support for a Grant Application to the Texas Department of Transportation for the creation of pedestrian connections from Mercer St. to Ranch Road 12 and surrounding area.** *Sponsor: Council Member Travis Crow*

Filed as Resolution No. 2023-R22

10. **Approval of a Resolution of Support for a Grant Application to the Texas Department of Transportation for the creation of pedestrian connections from the Founders Ridge subdivision to DSISD Elementary, Dripping Springs Ranch Park, and surrounding area.** *Sponsor: Council Member Travis Crow*

Filed as Resolution No. 2023-R23

11. **Approval of a Resolution Accepting Improvements and Approving and Accepting a Maintenance Bond for Big Sky Subdivision Phase 3 Streets, Drainage, and Wastewater Improvements and Releasing a Construction Bond.** *Applicant: Christopher A. Reid, P.E.*

Filed as Resolution No. 2023-R24

A motion was made by Council Member Tahuahua to approve Consent Agenda Items 4 – 11, with revised minutes. Council Member Parks seconded the motion which carried unanimously 4 to 0.

BUSINESS AGENDA

12. **Discuss and consider approval of expenditure of funds for Roger Hanks Extension Shared Use Path Improvements and authorize staff to negotiate a reimbursement agreement for the expansion costs.** *Sponsor: Councilmember Travis Crow*

Aaron Reed presented the staff report which is on file. Staff recommends approval of the expenditure and negotiation of a reimbursement agreement for expansion costs.

A motion was made by Council Member King to approve an expenditure of funds for Roger Hanks Extension Shared Use Path Improvements and authorization for staff to negotiate a reimbursement agreement for the expansion costs. Council Member Crow seconded the agreement which carried unanimously 4 to 0.

13. **Discuss and consider approval of an Assignment of Assets, Utility Easement Agreement, and Easement Agreement from Arrowhead Ranch Utility Company LLC to the City of**

Dripping Springs related to the Arrowhead Ranch Subdivision Wastewater Treatment Plant. *Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds Jr.*

Aaron Reed presented the staff report which is on file. Staff recommends approval of the assignment and easement agreements.

Mayor Pro Tem Manassian arrived at 6:31 p.m. and took her seat at the dais.

A motion was made by Council Member Tahuahua to approve an Assignment of Assets, Utility Easement Agreement, and Easement Agreement from Arrowhead Ranch Utility Company LLC to the City of Dripping Springs related to the Arrowhead Ranch Subdivision Wastewater Treatment Plant. Council Member Crow seconded the motion which carried 4 to 0 to 1, with Mayor Pro Tem Manassian abstaining.

A motion was made by Council Member Crow to return to Elections Item 1. Council Member Parks seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

REPORTS

Reports of Staff, Boards, Commissions, Committees, Boards and Agencies are on file and available for review upon request. The City Council may provide staff direction; however, no action may be taken.

Report is on file and available for review upon request.

14. April 2023 Maintenance Report

Craig Rice, Deputy Public Works Director

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian to adjourn into Executive Session under Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, Consultation with Attorney and 551.072, Deliberation of Real Property and regarding Executive Session Agenda Items 15 – 19. Council Member Tahuahua seconded motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AGENDA

The City Council for the City of Dripping Springs has the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matter as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and 551.086 (Economic Development). The City Council for the City of Dripping Springs may act on any item listed in Executive Session in Open Session or move any item from Executive Session to Open Session for action.

15. Consultation with Attorney related to settlement of litigation related to code enforcement and open government. *Consultation with Attorney, 551.071*

16. 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 related items. *Consultation with Attorney, 551.071*

Mayor Foulds, Jr. recused from Executive Session Agenda Item 16 and exited the Executive Session. Upon completion of discussion, Mayor Foulds, Jr. returned to the Executive Session.

17. **Consultation with Attorney related to legislative program and matters regarding water, wastewater, utility issues, and other municipal issues at the Texas Legislature.** *Consultation with Attorney, 551.071*
18. **Consultation with City Attorney regarding legal issues related to the Dripping Springs Visitors Bureau and related agreements.** *Consultation with City Attorney, 551.071*
19. **Consultation with Attorney and Deliberation of Real Property regarding legal and real estate issues related to potential civic sites and street extensions and expansions.** *Consultation with Attorney, 551.071; Deliberation Regarding Real Property, 551.072*

Council Member Crow recused from Executive Session Agenda Item 19 and exited the Executive Session. Upon completion of discussion, Mayor Foulds, Jr. returned to the Executive Session.

The City Council met in Executive Session from 6:36 p.m. – 7:27 p.m.

No vote or action was taken during Executive Session. Mayor Foulds, Jr. returned the meeting to Open Session at 7:27 p.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

City Council & Board of Adjustment Meetings

June 6, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. (CC & BOA)

June 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. (CC)

July 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. (CC & BOA)

July 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. (CC)

Board, Commission & Committee Meetings

May 18, 2023, Farmers Market Committee at 10:00 a.m.

May 18, 2023, Emergency Management Commission at 12:00 p.m.

May 22, 2023, Transportation Committee at 3:30 p.m.

May 23, 2023, Planning & Zoning Commission at 6:00 p.m.

May 24, 2023, Economic Development Committee at 4:00 p.m.

June 1, 2023, Historic Preservation Commission at 4:00 p.m.

June 5, 2023, Parks & Recreation Commission at 6:00 p.m.

June 7, 2023, DSRP Board at 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURN

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

This regular meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

APPROVED ON: June 6, 2023

Bill Foulds, Jr.

Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Andrea Cunningham

Andrea Cunningham, City Secretary

