**Utility Commission Regular Meeting**

*Dripping Springs City Hall*

*511 Mercer Street - Dripping Springs, Texas*

*Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 4:00 PM*

# MINUTES

## CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

With a quorum of commissioners present, Chair Busbey called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

***Commission Members present:***
Charlie Busbey, Chair
Barney Austin
Lara Dudek (*Arrived late)*
Bruce Moulton

***Commission Members absent:***
Matthew Ordway

***Staff, Consultants, & Appointed/Elected Officials***
Utilities Director Gray Lahrman
Utilities Coordinator Paola Palacios
City Council Member Ana Grace Husted

## PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS

*A member of the public that wishes to address the Commission 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 Commission 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 Commission must present the documents to the City Secretary or City Attorney providing at least six (6) copies; if six (6) copies are not provided, the Commission 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 Chair 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.

**MINUTES**

1. **Consider approval of the August 20, 2026 Utility Commission regular meeting minutes.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Moulton and seconded by Commissioner Busbey to approve the August 20, 2026, meeting minutes with two corrections. The first correction is to change the title from Agenda to Minutes Draft. The second correction is to change the vote recorded in the August 20, 2026, meeting minutes from 3 to 0 to 2 to 0, with 1 vote abstained. Commissioner Moulton abstained from that vote because he was not Commissioner for the previous meeting. The motion to approve the minutes with these corrections carried unanimously, 3 to 0.

**UTILITY REPORTS**

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

**2. Water & Wastewater Facility Report**

No action taken.

**CLOSED SESSION**

*The Commission 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), 551.0761 (Deliberation Regarding Critical Infrastructure Facility), 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.*

The commission did not meet in Closed Session.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

***Utility Commission Meetings***
October 15, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.
November 19, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.
December 17, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

***City Council Meetings***
October 6, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
October 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
November 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
November 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
December 1, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

Chair Busbey adjourned the meeting at 4:51 p.m.