



Utility Commission Regular Meeting

Dripping Springs City Hall

511 Mercer Street – Dripping Springs, Texas

Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 4:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

With a quorum of Commissioners present, Chair Busbey called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Commission Members present were:

Charlie Busbey, Chair
Lara Dudek (*arrived at 4:04 p.m.*)
Matthew Ordway
Zach West

Commission Member absent was:

Barney Austin

Staff, Consultants, & Appointed/Elected Officials present were:

Utilities Director Dane Sorensen
Administrative Assistance Micaela Betts
Utilities Operations Manager Gray Lahrman

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 the Presentation of Citizens.

MINUTES

1. Approval of the April 17, 2025, Utility Commission meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ordway and seconded by Commissioner West, to approve the April 17, 2025, meeting minutes. The motion to approve 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

This item was presented by Utilities Director Dane Sorensen. This report is intended for informational purposes only, no action was taken. Full report can be found on our website.

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), 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

June 12, 2025, @ 4:00 p.m.

July 17, 2025, @ 4:00 p.m.

August 21, 2025, @ 4:00 p.m.

City Council Meetings

May 20, 2025, @ 6:00 p.m.

June 3, 2025, @ 6:00 p.m.

June 17, 2025, @ 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

In accordance with standard parliamentary procedure, which allows the Chair to adjourn the meeting without a motion after the completion of all agenda items, Chair Busbey declared the meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m.