



Utility Commission Regular Meeting

Dripping Springs City Hall

511 Mercer Street – Dripping Springs, Texas

Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 4:00 PM

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Commission Members

Charlie Busbey, Chair
Barney Austin
Lara Dudek
Matthew Ordway
Zach West

Staff, Consultants, & Appointed/Elected Officials

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

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MINUTES

- 1. Approval of the May 15, 2025 and the July 17, 2025, Utility Commission meeting minutes.**

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

CLOSED SESSION

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Utility Commission Meetings

October 16, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

November 20, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

December 18, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

City Council Meetings

October 7, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

October 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

November 4, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

November 18, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

December 2, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

December 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF MEETING

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Diana Boone, City Secretary

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Utility Commission Regular Meeting

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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

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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

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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.

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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.



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Thursday, July 17, 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 4:00 p.m.

Commission Members Present were:

Charlie Busbey, Chair
Barney Austin
Lara Dudek

Commission Members Absent were:

Matthew Ordway
Zach West

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

Utilities Director Dane Sorensen
Administrative Assistant Micaela Betts

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No one spoke during presentations of Citizens.

PRESENTATIONS

Presentations are for discussion only and no action shall be taken.

There were no presentations.

MINUTES

1. Approval of the May 15, 2025, Utility Commission meeting minutes.

Chair Busbey tabled the approval of the May 15, 2025, Utility Commission meeting minutes. This item will be added to the August 21, 2025, Utility Commission meeting agenda.

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This commission did not meet in Closed Session.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Dudek and seconded by Commissioner Austin, to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 p.m. The motion to approve carried unanimously 3 to 0.



City of Dripping Springs

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Item 2.

Staff Report from: Dane Sorensen

Commission Meeting Date:	8/21/2025
Item Wording:	Update on Utilities for the month of July 2025
Agenda Item Requestor:	Utility Commission

Projects Under Construction:

Driftwood effluent line – Construction Started

Heritage – phase 4 on hold until discharge plant is operation

Village Grove –Construction has started

Carter Ranch – Construction started – Grading only

Driftwood – bond approval

Upcoming projects:

Howard Ranch – Halted due to design issues

Cannon Ranch Regional Lift Station/ Heritage Lift Station – Design and easements

Cannon Ranch – Phase 3 and 4 under review

Anarene (Double L) – Water and Wastewater plans under review

Wild Ridge (Cynosure) – Water and Wastewater plans under review

Gateway Village - Plans under review

New Growth –Wastewater plans under review

South Regional Water Reclamation Expansion Project Update:

Design of discharge plant is currently being finalized. Contract engineers have identified last design elements that need updating, including SCADA, Headworks, TLAP plant tie in, and reuse Chlorine system. The items needed to be revisited do to product/ material updates, and strategic planning changes. We are on schedule to finalize design by

end of the year and start construction at the beginning of 2026.

Dripping Springs Retail Water Update:

Stage 2 watering restrictions are in place for all CODS water customers. WCP/DCP have been accepted by council on 8/5

South Regional Water Reclamation Facility Operations Report.

The South Regional Water Reclamation Facility had one violation for the month that occurred on 7/15/2025. E coli test results showed as a 166 MPN. We believe this was due to faulty chlorine equipment. All equipment has since then been replaced. We also had an SSO occur on 7.5.2025 due to the heavy rains. No equipment malfunctioned during the episode; the system could not keep up with flows. Inflow sites have been identified, and we have started repairs.

Arrowhead Wastewater Plant Update:

Drip field expansion is being finalized. Work will soon start on the GST.

Arrowhead treatment facility operated without any violations for the month of July.

Big Sky Wastewater Treatment Plant Update:

Big Sky Treatment Plant operated without any violations for the month of July.

Update on Reclaimed Water:

We have had great success with the Fill Station located at the plant. We had 97 hauls in July. A new connection on the reuse line was made for CCCalton for construction water at village grove. Please see Wastewater Plant report for flow data

Commission Recommendations:	
Actions by Other Jurisdictions/Entities:	
Previous Action:	
Recommended Action:	
Alternatives/Options:	
Budget/Financial Impact:	
Attachments:	
Related Documents at City Hall:	
Public Notice Process:	
Public Comments:	
Enforcement Issues:	
Comprehensive Plan Element:	
Next Step/Schedule:	



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Item 2.

Staff Report from: Dane Sorensen

Commission Meeting Date:	9/18/2025
Item Wording:	Update on Utilities for the month of August 2025
Agenda Item Requestor:	Utility Commission
<p>Projects Under Construction:</p> <p>Driftwood effluent line – Construction Started</p> <p>Heritage – phase 4 on hold until discharge plant is operation</p> <p>Village Grove –Construction has started</p> <p>Carter Ranch – Construction started – Grading only</p> <p>Upcoming projects:</p> <p>Howard Ranch – Halted due to design issues</p> <p>Cannon Ranch Regional Lift Station/ Heritage Lift Station – Design and easements</p> <p>Cannon Ranch – Phase 3 and 4 under review</p> <p>Anarene (Double L) – Water and Wastewater plans under review</p> <p>Wild Ridge (Cynosure) – Water and Wastewater plans under review</p> <p>Gateway Village - Plans under review</p> <p>New Growth –Wastewater plans under review</p> <p>South Regional Water Reclamation Expansion Project Update:</p> <p>Design of discharge plant is currently being finalized. Contract engineers have identified last design elements that need updating, including SCADA, Headworks, TLAP plant tie in, and reuse Chlorine system. The items needed to be revisited do to product/ material updates, and strategic planning changes. We are on schedule to finalize design by end of the year and start construction at the beginning of 2026.</p>	

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Big Sky Wastewater Treatment Plant Update:

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Update on Reclaimed Water:

We have had great success with the Fill Station located at the plant. We had 81 hauls in August. A new connection on the reuse line was made for CCCalton for construction water at village grove. Please see Wastewater Plant report for flow data.

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Related Documents at City Hall:	
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Enforcement Issues:	
Comprehensive Plan Element:	
Next Step/Schedule:	

Dripping Springs Wastewater Plant Report

Month of August 2025

Regional	Combined Flow	Plant TLAP	Caliterra	210 Reuse	Cl2 residual	NTU	BOD	TSS	E-coli
Total	9260.9	3438	2864.82	2958.08	>1	<3	<5	<5	<20
Daily Average	298.74	110.90	92.41	95.42	7.8	2.2	1.875	0	0.272

Arrowhead	Flow	Cl2 residual	BOD	TSS	E-coli
Total	1839.0	>1	<10	<15	<126
Daily Average	59.00	6.79	2	2.25	2

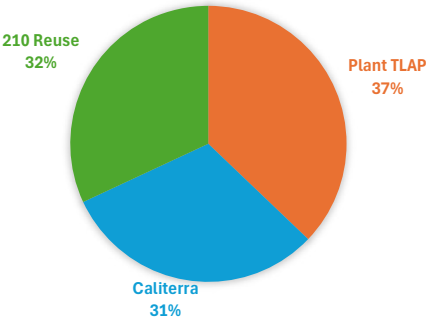
Big Sky	Flow	Cl2 residual	BOD	TSS	E-coli
Total	868	>1	<20	<20	<126
Daily Average	28	6.31	0.75	0	

210 Reuse	Fill Station	Sports Park	Founders Park	Village Grove Construction
Total	123	1479	655	701
Daily Average	3.96	47.7	21.14	22.61

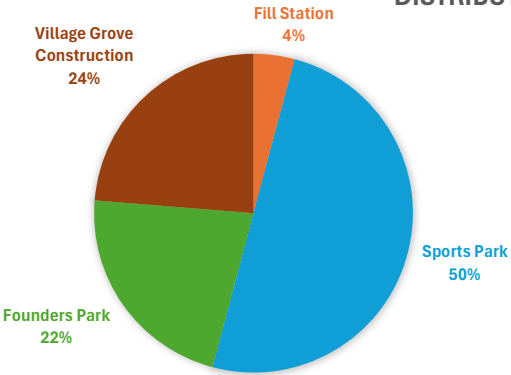
Flow is in 1000's gallons

Incomplete Data

REGIONAL FLOW DISTRIBUTION



210 REUSE DISTRIBUTION



Dripping Springs Wastewater Plant Report

Month of July 2025

Regional	Combined Flow	Plant TLAP	Caliterra	210 Reuse	Cl2 residual	NTU	BOD	TSS	E-coli
Total	8566.4	3065	3680.7	1929	>1	<3	<5	<5	<20
Daily Average	286.00	102.00	123	62.24	5.38	2.14	1.625	1	2.706

Arrowhead	Flow	Cl2 residual	BOD	TSS	E-coli
Total	1816	>1	<10	<15	<126
Daily Average	58.5	6.22	1.2	4.4	2

Big Sky	Flow	Cl2 residual	BOD	TSS	E-coli
Total	1816	>1	<20	<20	<126
Daily Average	58.5	6.3	1.8	0.8	7.5

210 Reuse	Fill Station	Sports Park	Founders Park	Village Grove Construction
Total	117	1017	472	324
Daily Average	3.76	32.8	15.24	10.44

Flow is in 1000's gallons

Incomplete Data

