



## Utility Commission Regular Meeting

Dripping Springs City Hall

511 Mercer Street – Dripping Springs, Texas

Thursday, June 12, 2025, at 4:00 PM

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# 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

## PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS

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## PRESENTATIONS

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

## MINUTES

1. Approval of the May 15, 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

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

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

September 18, 2025, @ 4:00 p.m.

### City Council Meetings

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

July 1, 2025, @ 6:00 p.m.

July 15, 2025, @ 6:00 p.m.

August 5, 2025, @ 6:00 p.m.

## ADJOURN

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Diana Boone, City Secretary

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# 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

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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.

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### 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.



# City of Dripping Springs

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Item 2.

## **Staff Report from:** Dane Sorensen

<b>Commission Meeting Date:</b>	6/12/2025
<b>Item Wording:</b>	Update on Utilities for the month of May 2025
<b>Agenda Item Requestor:</b>	Utility Commission
<p><b>Projects Under Construction:</b></p> <p>Driftwood effluent line – Construction Started</p> <p>Heritage – Phase 3 under construction</p> <p>Village Grove –Construction has started</p> <p>Carter Ranch – Construction started – Grading only</p> <p>Driftwood – Next Step Drive under Construction</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>East Interceptor segment 1 – Final Walk</p> <p><b>South Regional Water Reclamation Expansion Project Update:</b></p> <p>The Texas Supreme Court has ruled in support of the City of Dripping Springs’ wastewater discharge permit. We are</p>	

finalizing plans and are looking to go out to bid in the summer and to have construction started by the fall.

**Dripping Springs Retail Water Update:**

Stage 2 watering restrictions are in place for all CODS water customers. In final stages of completing WCP/DCP and DCP for Driftwood golf course

**South Regional Water Reclamation Facility Operations Report.**

The South Regional Water Reclamation Facility operated without any violations for the month of May.

**Arrowhead Wastewater Plant Update:**

Bid Package has been received for GST and drip field work. City has awarded contract to CCCarlton. Construction has started and will approximately take 3 months

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

**Big Sky Wastewater Treatment Plant Update:**

Big Sky Treatment Plant started operation on May 29<sup>th</sup>. The plant itself is capable of treating 78,800 gallons per day. The associated Drip fields can only dispose of 35,000 gallons per day. Meritage is currently constructing additional drip fields to bring the total disposal capacity up to 54,300 gallons per day. We are in the process of decommissioning the pump and haul tanks and finalizing plant start up. Final punch list items must be completed before city approves and finalizes start up.

**Update on Reclaimed Water:**

Founders Park reclaimed water usage was 497,990 gallons for the month of May with a daily average of 16,060 gallons per day. Sports Park reclaimed water usage was 1,302,220 gallons for the month of May with a daily average of 42,007 gallons per day. Total usage was 1,800,210 gallons with a daily average of 58,067 gallons used per day. We are averaging 20% of effluent disposal going towards 210 application.



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



May-25														Effluent									
Day	Temp	Rain	Flow	Drip	Reuse	Combine Effluent	Sport	Founders	Caliterra	001 Total Flow	003 Total Flow	Cl2 res	NTU	Solids	TVSS	BOD	TSS	E-coli	Ph	DO	Temp		
1	70	0	331	105	183.7	288.7	54.3	8.01	121.39	226.39	62.31	4.5	2.87										
2	68	0	358	105	180.4	285.4	23.53	7.4	149.47	254.47	30.93	4.9	2.44										
3	74	0	374	124	191.4	315.4	37.7	7.87	145.83	269.83	45.57	6	1.96										
4	81	0	390	117	227.5	344.5	55.6	8.28	163.62	280.62	63.88	1.3	1.57										
5	64	0	245	84	145.5	229.5	54.4	8.24	82.86	166.86	62.64	8.8	1.79			3		ND					
6	66	0.03	347	105	174.5	279.5	55.09	7.92	101.31	206.31	73.19	8.8	1.56			2	ND	2	7.8	7.5	23.5		
7	61	0.03	356	104	206.2	310.2	55.4	18.1	132.5	236.5	73.7	6.6	1.27										
8	65	0	363	105	206.2	311.2	53.7	18.3	132.7	237.7	73.5	6.5	1.25										
9	64	0.01	331	112	152.8	264.8	19.6	19.8	114.3	226.3	38.5	8.8	1.17										
10	68	0	352	119	166.8	285.8	35.2	18.9	113	232	53.8	7.10	1.32										
11	68	0.1	332	112	204.7	316.7	50.5	18.6	136.5	248.5	68.2	6.6	1.29										
12	52	0	326	115	174.3	289.3	49.7	17.7	105.53	220.53	68.77	6.2	1.72			3		ND					
13	72	0	363	102	200	302	51.5	19.07	130.4	232.4	69.6	6.8	2.01	3600	3200	3	ND						
14	73	0	343	109	187.6	296.6	52.1	18.1	122.4	231.4	65.2	8.8	3.28										
15	73	0	341	108	194.7	302.7	37.8	13.1	138.82	246.82	55.88	8.7	2.92										
16	76	0	338	109	148	257	20.2	18.08	109.58	218.58	38.42	8.4	2.52										
17	84	0	390	116	210.1	326.1	33.6	18.22	158.7	274.7	51.4	8.8	2.81										
18	84	0	339	113	204.1	317.1	51.3	17.8	135	248	69.1	8.8	3.3										
19	78	0	331	98	179.3	277.3	50.8	17.8	116.1	214.1	63.2	8.8	4.33			4		2					
20	77	0	373	110	203.2	313.2	37.3	12.4	146.8	256.8	56.4	3.5	4.5	3600	3120	5	1	9.5					
21	70	0	349	108	197.5	305.5	51.6	19.1	127.6	235.6	34.9	7.4	4.91										
22	71	0	337	106	165.2	271.2	51.5	18.3	95.5	201.5	33.7	8.8	4.78										
23	70	0.01	352	105	168	273	19.5	18.2	129.8	234.8	35.2	8.1	4.88										
24	86	0	361	109	182.7	291.7	33.4	18.7	130.6	239.6	36.1	8.8	4.99										
25	83	0	373	101	255	356	50.9	18.7	186	287	37.3	8.4	4.52										
26	78	0	352	99	208.5	307.5	51.3	18.1	138.6	237.6	35.2	8.8	4.38					ND					
27	65	1.71	407	97	222.8	319.8	40.6	18.6	163.5	260.5	40.7	7.6	4.86	4600	3850	2	ND	2					
28	68	0.5	344	90	235	325	40.7	18.7	176.2	266.2	34.4	7.4	4.86										
29	72	0	308	70	185.7	255.7	40.4	18.1	126.7	196.7	30.8	7.9	4.31										
30	68	0.6	342	91	178.8	269.8	20	18.6	139.6	230.6	34.2	7.4	4.27										
31	77	0	357	94	211.7	305.7	23	19.2	188.7	282.7	35.7	8.4	4.18										
			TOTAL	10805	3242	5951.9	9193.9	1302.22	497.99	4159.61	7401.61	1572.39											
			AVG	348.5483871	105	192	297	42	16	134	239	51	3.123225806	3933		3.143	1.000	2.953	7.800	7.500	23.500		
			MIN	245	70	145.5	229.5	19.5	7.4	82.86	166.86	30.8	1.17	3600		2.000	1.000	2.000	7.800	7.500	23.500		
			MAX	407	124	255	356	55.6	19.8	188.7	287	73.7	4.99	4600		5.000	1.000	9.500	7.800	7.500	23.500		

## CoDS Arrowhead/ TPDES Permit No. WQ0014824001

Year :	2025-2026			Month:	May							
Plant(Phase 1&2)										Phase 2		
	Combined Flow		Effluent				Influent					
Date	Flow Drip Skid (mgd)	Combined CL2 (mgd)	BOD (mgd)	TSS (mgd)	e-Coli (cfu)	pH (su)	BOD (mgd)	TSS (mgd)	CL2 (mgd)	Daily Avg Flow (mgd)	Daily Avg Flow (mgd)	CL2 (mgd)
Daily Avg mgl		1.0 - 4.0	25	40	126	6.0 - 9.0			1.0 - 4.0	Daily Avg Flow (mgd)		1.0 - 4.0
Smpl Frequency		5/wk	1/wk	1/wk	1/qtr	1/mo	2/mo	2/mo	5/wk	Daily Avg Flow (mgd)		5/wk
5/1/2024	0.062	5.4							6.1	0.024	0.037	4
5/2/2024	0.041	8.8							5.8	0.023	0.039	6.7
5/3/2024	0.052	7.7							6.5	0.023	0.047	4.9
5/4/2024	0.069	3.5							2.8	0.029	0.047	
5/5/2024	0.055	8.8							8.2	0.019	0.031	7.7
5/6/2024	0.064	8.8	2	4	0	7.9			1.7	0.027	0.04	8.8
5/7/2024	0.067	7.2							8.8	0.033	0.039	7.8
5/8/2024	0.068	3.6							8.6	0.015	0.045	2.1
5/9/2024	0.064	8.8							8.8	0.017	0.047	8.8
5/10/2024	0.048	7.1							5.9	0.017	0.043	5
5/11/2024	0.052	6.1							6.1	0.014	0.042	5.5
5/12/2024	0.061	6.8							7.6	0.02	0.04	4.8
5/13/2024	0.049	2.3	3	9					3	0.023	0.037	5.5
5/14/2024	0.052	8.8							8.8	0.021	0.044	5.2
5/15/2024	0.045	6.6							5.5	0.022	0.044	5.5
5/16/2024	0.041	7.4							4.7	0.025	0.037	5.4
5/17/2024	0.049	8.7							4.7	0.071	0.038	7.9
5/18/2024	0.059	8.8							7.8	0.027	0.05	5
5/19/2024	0.059	7.9							4.2	0.036	0.036	4.9
5/20/2024	0.068	6.6	3	10			268	148	4.2	0.029	0.039	5.1
5/21/2024	0.057	5.1							4.1	0.027	0.03	5.8
5/22/2024	0.073	2.7							5.2	0.025	0.025	2.5
5/23/2024	0.051	7.8							8.8	0.018	0.037	8.8
5/24/2024	0.057	8.6							7.3	0.013	0.044	5.4
5/25/2024	0.065	8.3							6.4	0.013	0.052	6.2
5/26/2024	0.047	7.8							5	0.08	0.039	7.3
5/27/2024	0.059	8.3	2	3					4.8	0.015	0.044	6.6
5/28/2024	0.063	8.8							5.2	0.023	0.04	6.2
5/29/2024	0.062	8.1							5.2	0.025	0.03	7.3
5/30/2024	0.039	8.8							5.2	0.022	0.021	8.8
5/31/2024	0.066	8.1							5.2	0.027	0.039	7.4
Average	0.056903226	7.164516129	2.5	6.5	0	7.9	268	148	5.877419355	0.025903226	0.039451613	6.096666667