



Utility Commission Regular Meeting

Dripping Springs ISD Center for Learning and Leadership
Maple Room, 300 Sportsplex Drive – Dripping Springs, Texas
Thursday, March 27, 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
Administrative Assistance Micaela Betts

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PRESENTATIONS

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

MINUTES

- 1. Approval of the February 20, 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

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

May 15, 2025, @ 4:00 p.m.

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

City Council Meetings

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

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

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

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

ADJOURN

TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF MEETING

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Cathy Gieselman, Deputy 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 4:03 p.m.

Commission Members present were:

Charlie Busbey, Chair
 Barney Austin
 Lara Dudek
 Matthew Ordway

Commission Members absent were:

Zach West

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

Utilities Director Dane Sorensen
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No one spoke during Presentation of Citizens.

MINUTES

1. Approval of the January 16, 2025, Utility Commission meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dudek and seconded by Commissioner Austin, to approve the January 16, 2025 meeting minutes. The motion to approve carried unanimously 4 to 0.

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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.

ADJOURN

In accordance with standard parliamentary procedures, which allow the Chair to adjourn the meeting without a motion after the completion of all agenda items, Chair Busbey declared the meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.



City of Dripping Springs

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Staff Report from: Dane Sorensen

Commission Meeting Date:	3/27/2025
Item Wording:	Update on Utilities for the month of February 2025
Agenda Item Requestor:	Utility Commission
<p>Projects Under Construction:</p> <p>Driftwood effluent line – Construction Started</p> <p>Big Sky Package Plant – Construction has Started</p> <p>Upcoming projects:</p> <p>Howard Ranch – Treated Effluent tap bid awarded 3/25</p> <p>Cannon Ranch Regional Lift Station - design</p> <p>Heritage lift station – easements</p> <p>Anarene (Double L) – Water and Wastewater plans under review</p> <p>Wild Ridge (Cynosure) – Water and Wastewater plans under review</p> <p>Village Grove –Construction has started</p> <p>New Growth –Wastewater plans under review</p> <p>East Interceptor segment 1 – under construction</p> <p>South Regional Water Reclamation Expansion Project Update:</p> <p>Arguments were made on October 1st. Courts stated a ruling would be made in 1 to 8 months</p> <p>No new updates on the TLAP Amendment 2 contested case.</p> <p>Dripping Springs Retail Water Update:</p> <p>Stage 2 watering restrictions are in place for all CODS water customers.</p>	

South Regional Water Reclamation Facility Operations Report.

The South Regional Water Reclamation Facility operated through the month of February without any reportable violations.

Arrowhead Wastewater Plant Update:

The city has finished working with AUC on the plant expansion. Plant is running both trains. Bid Package has been received for GST and drip field work. City has awarded contract to CCCarlton. Construction should start in March. There were no reportable violations in the month of February.

Update on Reclaimed Water:

Founders Park reclaimed water usage was 408,730 gallons for the month of December with a daily average of 14,597 gallons per day. Sports Park reclaimed water usage was 900,020 gallons for the month of November with a daily average of 32,144 gallons per day. Total usage was 1,308,750 gallons with a daily average of 42,352 gallons used.

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:	

Feb-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	28	0	368	91	208.8	299.8	56.25	17.47	135.08	226.08	73.72	8.4	1.84										
2	65	0	326	95	167.7	262.7	58.75	17.74	91.21	186.21	76.49	7.8	1.78										
3	62	0	362	92	215.9	307.9	59.38	17.19	139.33	231.33	76.57	8.4	1.92			3		0.1					
4	64	0	378	105	192	297	48.23	17.26	126.51	231.51	65.49	7.2	1.74	3650	3300	2	0	1	7.7	8.6	21		
5	66	0	357	109	170.4	279.4	35.94	17.49	116.97	225.97	53.43	8.2	1.83										
6	65	0	344	104	164.5	268.5	36.16	17.74	110.6	214.6	53.9	7	1.51										
7	68	0	362	105	187.4	292.4	27.66	17.8	141.94	246.94	45.46	6.6	1.4										
8	71	0	367	111	194.5	305.5	33.82	18.01	142.67	253.67	51.83	6.7	1.71										
9	53	0	359	103	185.4	288.4	47.95	18.15	119.3	222.3	66.1	6	1.69										
10	44	0	334	100	169.4	269.4	47.28	18.4	103.72	203.72	65.68	6.00	1.07			2		0.1					
11	49	0.12	348	89	193.4	282.4	46.09	17.3	130.01	219.01	63.39	7.1	0.84	4000	3650	3	2	93.3					
12	46	1.78	389	90	222.4	312.4	46.24	17.17	158.99	248.99	63.41	6.8	0.76										
13	31	0	358	95	199.8	294.8	45.79	17.36	136.65	231.65	63.15	7	0.8										
14	37	0	342	95	173.5	268.5	17.64	17.38	138.48	233.48	35.02	8.8	0.09										
15	55	0.04	371	94	205.7	299.7	25.21	16.74	163.75	257.75	41.95	7.8	0.08										
16	38	0	353	92	205.3	297.3	40.91	17.51	146.88	238.88	58.42	8.3	0.89										
17	43	0	345	94	189.9	283.9	36.06	16.21	137.63	231.63	52.27	8.8	0.92			4		1					
18	54	0	349	87	206	293	28.63	22.22	155.15	242.15	50.85	7.4	0.97	4150	3550	2	0	4.1					
19	18	0.05	377	95	197.6	292.6	0.56	0.18	196.86	291.86	0.74	7.5	0.83										
20	17	0	382	86	229.6	315.6	0.56	0.18	228.86	314.86	0.74	6.7	0.72										
21	28	0	396	82	249.6	331.6	0.6	0.19	248.81	330.81	0.79	5.4	0.74										
22	31	0.01	421	85	270.2	355.2	0.62	0.19	269.39	354.39	0.81	6.3	0.84										
23	51	0.04	362	99	189.5	288.5	7.53	4.61	177.36	276.36	12.14	8.8	0.95										
24	52	0	346	85	216.9	301.9	19.34	16.99	180.57	265.57	36.33	7.6	1.25			2		0.1					
25	50	0	338	91	198.9	289.9	39.47	17.24	142.19	233.19	56.71	8.5	1	4050	3700	1	0	2					
26	57	0	340	91	204	295	38.81	16.64	148.55	239.55	55.45	7.1	0.97										
27	58	0	320	92	183.7	275.7	42.14	16.33	125.23	217.23	58.47	7.1	1.02										
28	47	0	322	98	161.9	259.9	12.4	17.04	132.46	230.46	29.44	7.6	1.08										
			TOTAL	10016	2655	5553.9	8208.9	900	408.73	4245.15	6900.15	1308.75											
			AVG	357.71	95	198	293	32	15	152	246	47	1.12	3963		2.375	0.500	0.967	7.700	8.600	21.000		
			MIN	320	82	161.9	259.9	0.56	0.18	91.21	186.21	0.74	0.08	3650		1.000	0.000	0.100	7.700	8.600	21.000		
			MAX	421	111	270.2	355.2	59.38	22.22	269.39	354.39	76.57	1.92	4150		4.000	2.000	93.300	7.700	8.600	21.000		

CoDS Arrowhead/ TPDES Permit No. WQ0014824001

Year :	2025		Month:	February								
Plant(Phase 1&2)								Phase 1		Phase 2		
	Combined Flow		Effluent				Influent					
Date	Flow Drip Skid (mgd)	Combined CL2 (mg/l)	BOD (mg/l)	TSS (mg/l)	e-Coli (cfu)	pH (su)	BOD (mg/l)	TSS (mg/l)	CL2 (mg/l)	Avg Flow (mgd)	Daily Avg Flow (mgd)	CL2 (mg/l)
Daily Avg mg/l		1.0 - 4.0	25	40	126	6.0 - 9.0			1.0 - 4.0			1.0 - 4.0
Smpl Frequency		5/wk	1/wk	1/wk	1/qtr	1/mo	2/mo	2/mo	5/wk			5/wk
2/1/2025	0.061	7.2							5.4	0.051	0.186	8.3
2/2/2025	0.061	8.8							7.9	0.027	0.055	8.6
2/3/2025	0.066	8.7							7.9	0.031	0.034	6.5
2/4/2025	0.059	8.8	5	8	ND	7.8	336	208	8.1	0.025	0.037	8.8
2/5/2025	0.059	8.8							8.8	0.026	0.073	8.6
2/6/2025	0.054	8.8							8.8	0.027	0.093	8.5
2/7/2025	0.066	4.8							4.1	0.026	0.069	4.4
2/8/2025	0.05	7.9							8.8	0.034	0.066	7.3
2/9/2025	0.07	8.8							8.8	0.051	0.067	8.8
2/10/2025	0.06	7.6							7.6	0.073	0.083	7.7
2/11/2025	0.063	4.5	5	12		7.8			3.5	0.131	0.105	4
2/12/2025	0.063	5.5							4.7	0.117	0.117	5
2/13/2025	0.063	6							5.7	0.107	0.128	6.1
2/14/2025	0.059	7.2							7	0.06	0.07	8.8
2/15/2025	0.056	6.9							6.7	0.058	0.069	7.3
2/16/2025	0.063	5.9							5.6	0.053	0.064	6.2
2/17/2025	0.066	6							5.8	0.092	0.09	6.2
2/18/2025	0.061	8.8	6	7		7.9	302	304	8.8	0.043	0.04	8.1
2/19/2025	0.073	3							2.5	0.05	0.073	2.3
2/20/2025	0.076	6.1							5.2	0.065	0.079	6.6
2/21/2025	0.086	6.9							6.4	0.041	0.066	7.4
2/22/2025	0.074	7							6.7	0.042	0.096	7.3
2/23/2025	0.059	6.8							5.8	0.113	0.097	6.4
2/24/2025	0.063	8.8							5.8	0.087	0.078	8.5
2/25/2025	0.076	6.6	6	11		7.6			8	0.042	0.11	3.7
2/26/2025	0.068	6.4							2.5	0.033	0.058	7.7
2/27/2025	0.057	7.7							8.8	0.026	0.054	8.8
2/28/2025	0.069	5.6							3.6	0.036	0.092	5.6
3/1/2025												
3/2/2025												
3/3/2025												
Average	0.064321429	6.996428571	5.5	9.5	ND	7.775	319	256	6.403571	0.055964	0.080321429	6.91071429