



Utility Commission Regular Meeting

Dripping Springs ISD Center for Learning and Leadership
Maple Room, 300 Sportsplex Drive – Dripping Springs, Texas
Thursday, February 20, 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 Assistant Micaela Betts

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PRESENTATIONS

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

MINUTES

- 1. Approval of the January 16, 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

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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Utility Commission Meetings

March 25, 2025, @ 4:00 p.m.

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

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

City Council Meetings

March 4, 2025, @ 6:00 p.m.

March 25, 2025, @ 6:00 p.m.

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

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

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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
 Barney Austin
 Lara Dudek
 Zach West

Commission Members absent were:

Matthew Ordway

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

Utilities Director Dane Sorensen
 City Secretary Diana Boone

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No one spoke during Presentation of Citizens.

MINUTES

1. Approval of the December 19, 2024, Utility Commission meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Austin and seconded by Commissioner West, to approve the December 19, 2024, Utility Commission meeting minutes. The motion to approve carried unanimously 4 to 0.

UTILITY REPORTS

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2. Water & Wastewater Facility Report

This item was presented by Utilities Director Dane Sorenson. This report is intended for informational purposes only, no action was taken. Full report can be found on the City of Dripping Springs website.

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The commission did not meet in Closed Session.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Utility Commission Meetings

February 20, 2025, @ 4:00 p.m.

March 27, 2025, @ 4:00 p.m.

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

City Council Meetings

January 21, 2025, @ 6:00 p.m.

February 4, 2025, @ 6:00 p.m.

February 18, 2025, @ 6:00 p.m.

March 4, 2025, @ 6:00 p.m.

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 4:15 p.m.



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Staff Report from: Dane Sorensen

Commission Meeting Date:	2/20/2025
Item Wording:	Update on Utilities for the month January 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 going out to bid due by 2/13/2025</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 1 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 January without any reportable violations. There was an SSO at Hays Street Lift station. Approximately 83,200 gallons were discharged. Repairs were made to continue normal operation, and the affected area was cleaned of any solids and standing water. Corrective action was implemented to prevent reoccurring events.

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 is one reportable violation for the month of January. The average TSS for the month was 21.75 mg/l. This was due to a high sludge age. Staff modified the wasting schedule to decrease sludge age and the most recent results have been with permit limits at a 11 mg/l.

Update on Reclaimed Water:

Founders Park reclaimed water usage was 316,906 gallons for the month of December with a daily average of 10,222 gallons per day. Sports Park reclaimed water usage was 996,032 gallons for the month of November with a daily average of 32,130 gallons per day. Total usage was 1,312,938 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:	

CoDS Arrowhead/ TPDES Permit No. WQ0014824001

Year :	2024-2024		Month:	January								
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)	Daily Avg Flow (mgd)	Daily Avg Flow (mgd)	CL2 (mg/l)
Daily Avg mgl		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
1/1/2025	0.056	7.3							6.7	0.106	0.088	2.5
1/2/2025	0.06	4.9							4.5	0.068	0.088	3.2
1/3/2025	0.064	5.8							7.5	0.122	0.076	5
1/4/2025	0.06	8.8							5	0.057	0.068	7.2
1/5/2025	0.061	2.1							1.8	0.042	0.072	1.5
1/6/2025	0.063	3.6							3.5	0.05	0.058	2.4
1/7/2025	0.067	5.4	9	23	24.9	7.9	342	202	6.8	0.129	0.165	4.4
1/8/2025	0.069	5.7							6.5	0.059	0.111	3.9
1/9/2025	0.068	6.2							7	0.038	0.09	6.4
1/10/2025	0.077	8.8							8.8	0.06	0.093	8.8
1/11/2025	0.069	8.6							8.8	0.028	0.064	8.8
1/12/2025	0.062	8.8							8.2	0.029	0.138	8.8
1/13/2025	0.069	8.8							8.8	0.31	0.105	5
1/14/2025	0.082	2.5	12	30		7.6			1	0.036	0.131	2.6
1/15/2025	0.066	4.4							5.4	0.03	0.102	4.7
1/16/2025	0.06	7.7							8.8	0.092	0.185	8.4
1/17/2025	0.059	8.8							8.8	0.034	0.137	7.8
1/18/2025	0.051	6.4							6.9	0.047	0.097	7
1/19/2025	0.064	6.5							5.8	0.045	0.127	6.2
1/20/2025	0.086	7.5							6.3	0.055	0.066	7.3
1/21/2025	0.107	3.7							3.1	0.055	0.14	4.7
1/22/2025	0.089	3.8							5.3	0.045	0.104	3.1
1/23/2025	0.051	8.8	7	23		7.6			8.8	0.03	0.059	8.7
1/24/2025	0.075	6.8							6.6	0.054	0.078	3.4
1/25/2025	0.073	7.6							7.2	0.046	0.134	4.4
1/26/2025	0.057	8.8							6.8	0.067	0.092	5.3
1/27/2025	0.064	8.8							8.8	0.045	0.083	8.8
1/28/2025	0.067	8.5	1	11		7.8			8.8	0.051	0.123	6.8
1/29/2025	0.059	8.5							8.8	0.077	0.174	7.6
1/30/2025	0.065	4.3							2.4	0.036	0.073	4.9
1/31/2025	0.074	5.5							2.9	0.032	0.141	8
Average	0.067548387	6.570967742	7.25	21.75	24.9	7.725	342	202	6.335484	0.063709677	0.105225806	5.729032

Jan-25														Effluent								
Day	Temp	Rain	Flow	Drip	Reuse	Combine Effluent	Sport	Founders	Caliterra	001 Total	003 Total	Cl2 res	NTU	Solids	TVSS	BOD	TSS	E-coli	Ph	DO	Temp	
1	38	0	320	103	165	268	44	14.66	106.34	209.34	58.66	7.7	0.98									
2	46	0	297	85	133.7	218.7	43.85	14.84	75.01	160.01	58.69	8.8	0.94									
3	50	0.01	215	102	92.9	194.9	43.53	14.38	34.99	136.99	57.91	6.8	0.71									
4	59	0	342	104	122.1	226.1	44.78	14.33	62.99	166.99	59.11	8.8	0.75									
5	65	0	312	112	137.5	249.5	31.9	10.57	95.03	207.03	42.47	7.1	1.04									
6	26	0	331	106	148.5	254.5	3.61	0.127	144.763	250.763	3.737	7.8	0.91			ND		ND				
7	23	0.02	375	113	183.7	296.7	3.48	0.127	180.093	293.093	3.607	6	0.66	4000	3370	1	ND	1	7.3	9.4	18.1	
8	32	0.02	365	113	192	305	0.81	0.143	191.047	304.047	0.953	5.8	0.54									
9	37	0.02	360	95	209.5	304.5	0.89	0.14	208.47	303.47	1.03	8.8	0.69									
10	35	0.94	394	93	226	319	1.04	0.15	224.81	317.81	1.19	8.81	0.59									
11	20	0	348	87	193.4	280.4	13.25	5.07	175.08	262.08	18.32	8.8	0.61									
12	44	0	338	85	201.6	286.6	45.15	17.48	138.97	223.97	62.63	6.8	0.53									
13	36	0	370	84	234.7	318.7	43.94	16.8	173.96	257.96	60.74	7.5	0.52			ND		ND				
14	26	0	350	104	197.8	301.8	56.11	17.22	124.47	228.47	73.33	8	0.45	4250	3650	1	ND	ND				
15	47	0	342	110	166.4	276.4	55.8	17.54	93.06	203.06	73.34	7.2	0.55									
16	28	0	343	106	166.9	272.9	55.92	17.64	93.34	199.34	73.56	7.1	0.61									
17	50	0	342	105	167.6	272.6	54.22	17.95	95.43	200.43	72.17	8.8	0.82									
18	43	0	348	105	163.5	268.5	39.45	10.25	113.8	218.8	49.7	7.4	0.91									
19	26	0	365	106	160.1	266.1	1.08	0.197	158.823	264.823	1.277	6.9	1.06									
20	26	0	394	111	204.2	315.2	1.02	0.196	202.984	313.984	1.216	6.7	0.92			1		ND				
21	25	0	402	89	244.5	333.5	0.95	0.192	243.358	332.358	1.142	6.5	1.17									
22	38	0	433	90	270.7	360.7	0.94	0.189	269.571	359.571	1.129	2.9	2.54									
23	28	0	338	95	190.6	285.6	0.94	0.189	189.471	284.471	1.129	8.2	3.78	4100	3570	3	2	ND				
24	16	0	340	108	172.9	280.9	10.67	4.94	157.29	265.29	15.61	8.8	4.76									
25	53	0	398	106	216.5	322.5	56.3	17.44	142.76	248.76	73.74	5.8	3.13									
26	45	0.1	387	91	230.3	321.3	57.97	17.09	155.24	246.24	75.06	5.5	3.02									
27	43	0	357	84	237.7	321.7	56.88	16.98	163.84	247.84	73.86	6.9	2.55			2		ND				
28	46	0.01	370	108	191.9	299.9	56.3	17.64	117.96	225.96	73.94	8.7	2.19	3950	3420	2	ND	ND				
29	52	0.05	334	110	157.5	267.5	56.35	17.63	83.52	193.52	73.98	8.7	2.31									
30	53	0.083	346	105	174.4	279.4	58.44	17.56	98.4	203.4	76	7.9	2.45									
31	48	0.01	352	92	205.5	297.5	56.33	17.15	132.02	224.02	73.48	6.7	1.98									
			TOTAL	10908	3107	5759.6	8866.6	995.9	316.81	4446.89	7553.89	1312.71										
			AVG	351.8709677	100	186	286	32	10	143	244	42	1.440967742	4075		1.667	2.000	1.000	7.300	9.400	18.100	
			MIN	215	84	92.9	194.9	0.81	0.127	34.99	136.99	0.953	0.45	3950		1.000	2.000	1.000	7.300	9.400	18.100	
			MAX	433	113	270.7	360.7	58.44	17.95	269.571	359.571	76	4.76	4250		3.000	2.000	1.000	7.300	9.400	18.100	