



## Utility Commission Regular Meeting

Dripping Springs City Hall

511 Mercer Street – Dripping Springs, Texas

Thursday, July 17, 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

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

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

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

### City Council Meetings

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

August 19, 2025, @ 6:00 p.m.

September 2, 2025, @ 6:00 p.m.

September 16, 2025, @ 6:00 p.m.

## ADJOURN

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Diana Boone, City Secretary

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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  
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.

## 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.

Jun-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
1	84	0	334	104	211.6	315.6	40.61	18.96	192.64	296.64	59.57	8.8	3.02							
2	75	0	318	98	203.7	301.7	98.3	18.38	185.32	283.32	116.68	8.4	2.98			3		0.01		
3	77	0	353	109	146.9	255.9	37.46	18.31	128.59	237.59	55.77	8.2	2.9	4900	4100	3	1	34.1	7.6	7.3
4	77	0	356	49	223.2	272.2	37.82	18.91	204.29	253.29	56.73	7.9	3.2							
5	77	0	334	54	209.4	263.4	40.55	18.95	190.45	244.45	59.5	6.4	4							
6	77	0	308	105	160.4	265.4	20.71	18.55	141.85	246.85	39.26	6	3.6							
7	80	0	386	90	176.5	266.5	22.01	18.64	157.86	247.86	40.65	4.8								
8	82	0	360	84	230.2	314.2	40.53	18.24	211.96	295.96	58.77	5								
9	73	0	364	78	230.9	308.9	40.18	18.07	212.83	290.83	58.25	4.8	3.88			5		0.01		
10	77	0	354	32	210.5	242.5	26.84	12.79	197.71	229.71	39.63	4.60	3.6	5100	4370	4	1	4.1		
11	69	0.01	359	64	209.4	273.4	40.58	18.54	190.86	254.86	59.12	3.5	3.9							
12	69	2.5	379	66	366	432	22.27	8.57	357.43	423.43	30.84	3.7	3.7							
13	71	0	399	119	107.8	226.8	19.25	19.15	88.65	207.65	38.4	3.6	3.4							
14	77	0.19	330	114	166.5	280.5	22.22	19.57	146.93	260.93	41.79	4.7								
15	72	0	363	108	198	306	38.37	18.59	179.41	287.41	56.96	5.6								
16	73	0	364	107	196.3	303.3	38.36	19.08	177.22	284.22	57.44	3.7	5.65			7		0.01		
17	78	0	339	104	156	260	26.13	13.28	142.72	246.72	39.41	3.6	4.7	4450	3650	3	4	18.9		
18	77	0	325	98	147	245	37.79	18.4	128.6	226.6	56.19	3.4	4.8							
19	75	0	330	108	155.7	263.7	38.12	18.19	137.51	245.51	56.31	2.2	4.51							
20	78	0	336	108	157.2	265.2	18.8	19.02	138.18	246.18	37.82	3.6	6.58							
21	75	0	357	106	162	268	20.97	18.1	143.9	249.9	39.07	4.3								
22	77	0	367	112	217.9	329.9	38.16	17.9	200	312	56.06	3.9								
23	81	0	343	113	175.6	288.6	38.11	17.82	157.78	270.78	55.93	3.5	6.42			4		0.01		
24	75	0	358	111	143.1	254.1	25.35	12.37	130.73	241.73	37.72	3.4	3.93	4400	3650	3	0	0.01		
25	71	0	344	111	180.8	291.8	38.07	18.37	162.43	273.43	56.44	3.2	4.1							
26	78	0	369	112	163.5	275.5	38.26	18.29	145.21	257.21	56.55	5.9	4.53							
27	77	0	330	112	138.2	250.2	18.71	18.54	119.66	231.66	37.25	7.4	3.24							
28	80	0	335	112	155.6	267.6	21.37	18.6	137	249	39.97	8.8								
29	81	0	333	112	177.7	289.7	38.18	18.25	159.45	271.45	56.43	8.8								
30	74	0	331	109	153.6	262.6	38.65	19.31	134.29	243.29	57.96	5.6	5.5			5		0.01		
			TOTAL	10458	2909	5531.2	8440.2	1022.73	529.74	5001.46	7910.46	1552.47								
			AVG	348.6	97	184	281	34	18	167	264	52	4.188181818	4713		4.111	1.500	0.111	7.600	7.300
			MIN	308	32	107.8	226.8	18.71	8.57	88.65	207.65	30.84	2.9	4400		3.000	0.000	0.010	7.600	7.300
			MAX	399	119	366	432	98.3	19.57	357.43	423.43	116.68	6.58	5100		7.000	4.000	34.100	7.600	7.300

## CoDS Big Sky Ranch WWTP/ TPDES Permit No. WQ0015869001

Year :	2025-2026	Month:	June																
Combined Flow		Effluent				Influent		Aeration				Process Control							
Date	Flow Drip	BOD (mg/l)	TSS (mg/l)	e-Coli (cfu)	pH (su)	BOD (mg/l)	TSS (mg/l)	TSS	VSS	CL2 (mg/l)	Daily Avg Flow	Aer SV5	Aer SV30	Clar Blanket	Aer 1 DO (mg/l)	Aer 2 DO (mg/l)	Clar DO (side 1)	Eff DO (side 1)	Dig 1 DO
Daily Avg mg/l		20	20	126	6.0 - 9.0					1.0 - 4.0									
Smpl Frequency		1/wk	1/wk	1/qtr	1/mo	2/mo	2/mo	1/wk	1/wk	5/wk									
6/1/2025	0.0145									8.6	0.034	360	180	8					
6/2/2025	0.0193									1.8	0.034	500	230	11	0.99	2.11	0.47	5.91	
6/3/2025	0.0232									8.8	0.026	580	270	13	2.18	3.48	1.49	5.81	
6/4/2025	0.0259									8.6	0.036	680	350	14	3.26	3.5	0.38	6.29	
6/5/2025	0.0293									2.7	0.033	930	450	6	0.89	3.01	0.23	6.56	
6/6/2025	0.032									5.6	0.03	380	150	16	2.61	3.7	0.7	6.52	
6/7/2025	0.033									1	0.033			14					
6/8/2025	0.027									2.3	0.028			10					
6/9/2025	0.029									1.1	0.033	980	680	8	0.84	2.72	0.12	6.57	
6/10/2025	0.033									8.8	0.034	980	890	4	0.038	2.17	0.11	5.36	
6/11/2025	0.035									7.9	0.033	990	880	12	1.16	2.77	0.1	6.51	
6/12/2025	0.021									8.7	0.034	980	800	10	1.3	2.83	0.09	6.59	
6/13/2025	0.04									1.5	0.028	960	730	16	2.95	3.38	0.4	6.3	
6/14/2025	0.02									1.1	0.031			10					
6/15/2025	0.086									1.2	0.031			12					
6/16/2025	0.027									1	0.027	200	160	7	2.57	3.33	0.95	6.23	
6/17/2025	0.014	2	4					1880	1680	1.4	0.037	150	130	8	2.05	3.25	0.85	6.31	
6/18/2025	0.027									2.7	0.029	180	140	10	4.05	4.05	0.87	6.29	1.01
6/19/2025	0.029									8.8	0.027			12		4.1			
6/20/2025	0.032									8.8	0.022	120	100	12	4.43	3.57	0.46	6.33	
6/21/2025	0.03									8.8	0.026			10		3.49			
6/22/2025	0.03									8.8	0.028			13		3.54			
6/23/2025	0.038									8.8	0.03	160	130	8	4.34	4.09	1.29	6.29	
6/24/2025	0.038	0	1					1770	1550	8.8	0.036	160	130	8	3.13	4.09	1.29	6.29	
6/25/2025	0.025									8.8	0.022	180	160	13	3.21	4.04	1.18	6.32	
6/26/2025	0.031									1.4	0.021	175	150	6	3.19	4.09	1.08	6.33	
6/27/2025	0.027									1.1	0.021	180	165	12	3.24	4.11	1.13	6.28	
6/28/2025	0.028									8.8	0.028			14					
6/29/2025	0.032									7.3	0.035			4					
6/30/2025	0.03									1.8	0.03	230	180	10	3.08	3.96	0.86	6.26	
Average	0.030207	1	2.5	#NUM!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	1825	1615	5.226667	0.0299	478.8095	335.9524	10.36667	2.4754	3.451304	0.7025	6.2675	1.01

## CoDS Arrowhead/ TPDES Permit No. WQ0014824001

Year :	2024-2025			Month:								
Plant(Phase 1&2)										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 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
6/1/2025	0.061	8.8							5.2	0.028	0.035	6.2
6/2/2025	0.048	7.7							4.8	0.027	0.024	5.8
6/3/2025	0.052	5.5	3	5	0	8	371	288	4.5	0.029	0.026	8.8
6/4/2025	0.057	8.8							4.3	0.028	0.037	5.3
6/5/2025	0.056	8.8							4	0.026	0.045	5
6/6/2025	0.056	7.7							7	0.026	0.031	6.9
6/7/2025	0.051	8.8							5	0.025	0.073	8.8
6/8/2025	0.049	5							5.9	0.024	0.024	5.3
6/9/2025	0.066	7.8							8.3	0.031	0.037	6.3
6/10/2025	0.047	8.8	4	7		7.8			7.5	0.025	0.025	8.5
6/11/2025	0.058	7.6							8.8	0.026	0.033	8.8
6/12/2025	0.057	8.8							8.8	0.026	0.029	8.8
6/13/2025	0.056	7.5							6.8	0.033	0.008	8.8
6/14/2025	0.062	8.3							6.9	0.03	0.029	8.8
6/15/2025	0.056	6.4							5.3	0.026	0.026	7.1
6/16/2025	0.058	8.8							8.8	0.029	0.03	8.8
6/17/2025	0.061	8	3	4		7.9	544	464	8.8	0.029	0.028	8.1
6/18/2025	0.059	6.9							6.7	0.028	0.028	6.3
6/19/2025	0.061	1.1							1.1	0.03	0.031	1.2
6/20/2025	0.047	8.8							8.8	0.023	0.023	7
6/21/2025	0.039	8.8							8.8	0.029	0.025	7.2
6/22/2025	0.05	8.8							8.8	0.025	0.024	7.8
6/23/2025	0.055	4.6							6.9	0.028	0.027	1.8
6/24/2025	0.057	3.4	2	5		8			0.7	0.027	0.027	6.6
6/25/2025	0.068	6.6							5.1	0.034	0.032	4.8
6/26/2025	0.053	8.8							3	0.052	0.025	4.6
6/27/2025	0.05	1.9							0.4	0.024	0.026	5.1
6/28/2025	0.052	7.2							6.4	0.027	0.027	5.1
6/29/2025	0.049	4.9							8.8	0.023	0.023	5.8
6/30/2025	0.052	5.3							6.3	0.026	0.027	5.2
Average	0.054766667	7.006666667	3	5.25	0	7.925	457.5	376	6.083333333	0.028133333	0.0295	6.486666667



# City of Dripping Springs

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Item 2.

## Staff Report from: Dane Sorensen

Commission Meeting Date:	7/17/2025
Item Wording:	Update on Utilities for the month of June 2025
Agenda Item Requestor:	Utility Commission
<p><b>Projects Under Construction:</b></p> <p>Driftwood effluent line – Construction Started</p> <p>Heritage – Bond Approval</p> <p>Village Grove –Construction has started</p> <p>Carter Ranch – Construction started – Grading only</p> <p>Driftwood – bond approval</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 COPS 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 June.

**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 June.

**Big Sky Wastewater Treatment Plant Update:**

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

**Update on Reclaimed Water:**

Founders Park reclaimed water usage was 551,926 gallons for the month of June with a daily average of 18,397 gallons per day. Sports Park reclaimed water usage was 1,074,655 gallons for the month of June with a daily average of 35,822 gallons per day. Total usage was 1,626,581 gallons with a daily average of 54,219 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>	