



Utility Commission Regular Meeting

Dripping Springs ISD Center for Learning and Leadership
Maple Room, 300 Sportsplex Drive – Dripping Springs, Texas
Thursday, January 16, 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
Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.

PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS

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PRESENTATIONS

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

MINUTES

- 1. Approval of the December 19, 2024, 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

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.

ADJOURN

TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF MEETING

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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

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Barney Austin
Lara Dudek
Matthew Ordway (absent)
Zach West

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No one spoke during Presentation of Citizens.

MINUTES

1. Approval of the November 21, 2024, Utility Commission meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner West and seconded by Commissioner Austin, to approve the November 21, 2024, meeting minutes. The motion to approve carried unanimously 4 to 0.

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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.

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 4:24 p.m.



City of Dripping Springs

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Staff Report from: Dane Sorensen

Commission Meeting Date:	1/16/2025
Item Wording:	Update on Utilities for the month December 2024
Agenda Item Requestor:	Utility Commission

Projects Under Construction:

Driftwood effluent line – Construction Started

Big Sky Package Plant – Construction has Started

Upcoming projects:

Howard Ranch – Treated Effluent tap going out to bid in January

Cannon Ranch Regional Lift Station - design

Heritage lift station – easements

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

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

Village Grove –Construction has started

New Growth –Wastewater plans under review

East Interceptor segment 1 – under construction

South Regional Water Reclamation Expansion Project Update:

Arguments were made on October 1st. Courts stated a ruling would be made in 1 to 8 months

No new updates on the TLAP Amendment 2 contested case.

Dripping Springs Retail Water Update:

Stage 1 watering restrictions are in place for all CODS water customers.

South Regional Water Reclamation Facility Operations Report.

The South Regional Water Reclamation Facility operated through the month of December 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 is reviewing and plans to accept bid in January.

No reportable violations for the month of December.

Update on Reclaimed Water:

Founders Park reclaimed water usage was 273,511 gallons for the month of December with a daily average of 8,822 gallons per day. Sports Park reclaimed water usage was 1,113,511 gallons for the month of November with a daily average of 35,919 gallons per day. Total usage was 1,387,022 gallons with a daily average of 44,742 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:	

Dec-24														Effluent																					
Day	Temp	Rain	Flow	Drip	Reuse	Combine Effluent	Sport	Founders	Calliterra	001 Total	003 Total	Cl2 res	NTU	Solids	TVSS	BOD	TSS	E-coli	Ph	DO	Temp														
1	51	0	284	84	168.1	252.1	0.61	0.24	167.73	251.73	0.85	8.7																							
2	41	0	301	85	194.5	279.5	12.15	3.47	185.82	270.82	15.62	8.8	3.07			3		0.1																	
3	50	0	313	87	194.4	281.4	36.62	7.88	165.66	252.66	44.5	7.9	3	5630	4770	0	0	1	7.5	8.7	21.8														
4	50	0.1	314	88	173.8	261.8	36.46	8.42	145.76	233.76	44.88	8.8	2.93																						
5	54	0.04	305	88	165.8	253.8	36.24	8.63	138.19	226.19	44.87	7.5	2.79																						
6	43	0	331	88	185	273	28.98	9.31	165.33	253.33	38.29	6.7	2.54																						
7	42	0.08	336	88	200.6	288.6	20.62	8.96	188.94	276.94	29.58	6.2	2.32																						
8	47	0.42	328	88	186.7	274.7	22.78	9.19	173.11	261.11	31.97	6.4	2.36																						
9	51	0	321	88	188.6	276.6	29.95	7.71	166.36	254.36	37.66	6.9	2.07			2		17.3																	
10	49	0	362	84	210.4	294.4	30.94	8.25	187.71	271.71	39.19	6.3	2.32	5170	4270	2	0	1																	
11	30	0	340	82	191.1	273.1	21.39	7.55	177.26	259.26	28.94	5.1	2.02																						
12	28	0	323	81	183.7	264.7	28.11	8.34	163.93	244.93	36.45	7.4	1.64																						
13	55	0	362	83	108	191	35.59	7.16	79.57	162.57	42.75	6.5	1.63																						
14	66	0.18	357	81	303.6	384.6	36.01	6.84	274.43	355.43	42.85	6.7	2.13																						
15	68	0	343	82	193.9	275.9	37.98	6.96	162.88	244.88	44.94	6.2	2.18																						
16	68	0.13	367	82	235.4	317.4	36.91	6.71	205.2	287.2	43.62	6.1				2		0.1																	
17	67	0	328	112	154.1	266.1	39.04	7.18	122.24	234.24	46.22	6.5	2.99	4700	4000	0	0	0.1																	
18	67	0	367	129	176.4	305.4	46.37	6.03	136.06	265.06	52.4	7.7	2.74																						
19	35	0	317	124	126.2	250.2	44.406	7.36	89.154	213.154	51.766	6.7	2.43																						
20	46	0.01	356	123	159.7	282.7	44.42	11.55	126.83	249.83	55.97	7	1.98																						
21	36	0	339	123	147.4	270.4	43.45	12.29	116.24	239.24	55.74	6.8	2.01																						
22	40	0	326	122	139.3	261.3	44.84	12.11	106.57	228.57	56.95	7.2	1.97			2		0.1																	
23	56	0	320	113	131.8	244.8	44.75	12.22	99.27	212.27	56.97	8	1.45	4000	3430	2	0	1																	
24	66	0	363	119	168.4	287.4	45.66	12.75	135.49	254.49	58.41	8.3	1.57																						
25	55	0	324	120	157.4	277.4	45.53	12.74	124.61	244.61	58.27	8.8	1.63																						
26	57	0	257	103	93.6	196.6	43.94	12.13	61.79	164.79	56.07	7.6	1.35																						
27	43	0	325	105	139.2	244.2	44.17	12.12	107.15	212.15	56.29	7.8	1.62																						
28	68	0	328	101	153.9	254.9	42.85	12.36	123.41	224.41	55.21	7.9	1.53																						
29	60	0	329	100	171.7	271.7	44.01	9.27	136.96	236.96	53.28	8.8	2.03																						
30	60	0	329	100	165	265	43.71	3.6	124.89	224.89	47.31	7.5	1.16			1		0.1																	
31	50	0	330	101	163	264	45.025	14.08	132.055	233.055	59.105	7.1	1.24	4070	3570	3	0	0.1																	
TOTAL																																			
AVG														329.8387097	99	172	270	36	9	145	243	45			2.093103448	4714		1.700	0.000	0.334	7.500	8.700	21.800		
MIN														257	81	93.6	191	0.61	0.24	61.79	162.57	0.85			1.16	4000		0.000	0.000	0.100	7.500	8.700	21.800		
MAX														367	129	303.6	384.6	46.37	14.08	274.43	355.43	59.105			3.07	5630		3.000	0.000	17.300	7.500	8.700	21.800		

CoDS Arrowhead/ TPDES Permit No. WQ0014824001

Year :		2024-2025		Month:		December							
Plant(Phase 1&2)									Phase1		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	
12/1/2024	0.051	8.1							3.7	0.023	0.033	7.3	
12/2/2024	0.071	6.4							6.6	0.032	0.051	7	
12/3/2024	0.064	7	3	7	0	7.9	104	120	4.7	0.029	0.038	7.5	
12/4/2024	0.058	8.8							7.5	0.027	0.035	8.8	
12/5/2024	0.056	8.8							8.8	0.029	0.046	8.8	
12/6/2024	0.065	8.8							5.8	0.033	0.05	8.4	
12/7/2024	0.055	8.1							7.3	0.026	0.044	6.6	
12/8/2024	0.058	7.3							6.4	0.036	0.064	5.8	
12/9/2024	0.069	7.1							8.8	0.034	0.054	6.2	
12/10/2024	0.055	5.4	0	6		7.8			5.9	0.02	0.037	3.1	
12/11/2024	0.064	5.6							6.4	0.035	0.059	5.2	
12/12/2024	0.068	8.8							7.8	0.027	0.068	6.6	
12/13/2024	0.045	8.8							8.1	0.019	0.042	6.7	
12/14/2024	0.052	4.7							4.8	0.046	0.044	8.8	
12/15/2024	0.056	8.8							8.8	0.069	0.042	4.3	
12/16/2024	0.071	8.8							7.5	0.037	0.042	8.8	
12/17/2024	0.055	8.8	5	17		8	281	320	7.3	0.026	0.032	8.5	
12/18/2024	0.057	7.1							8.1	0.026	0.03	8.4	
12/19/2024	0.061	4.7							4.4	0.026	0.034	5.5	
12/20/2024	0.06	7.4							6.5	0.026	0.041	7.8	
12/21/2024	0.057	6.3							6.1	0.033	0.063	6.9	
12/22/2024	0.062	8.1							5.8	0.034	0.036	3.4	
12/23/2024	0.058	8.8	5	7		7.9			8.6	0.03	0.036	8.8	
12/24/2024	0.076	8.8							8.8	0.035	0.039	2.8	
12/25/2024	0.049	8.8							8.6	0.022	0.027	8.8	
12/26/2024	0.046	6.7							3.8	0.022	0.028	8.8	
12/27/2024	0.052	7.1							8.1	0.027	0.035	5.2	
12/28/2024	0.059	7.4							7.8	0.03	0.035	2.5	
12/29/2024	0.051	7.6							7.6	0.053	0.02	2.5	
12/30/2024	0.052	7.1							7.2	0.028	0.035	5.3	
12/31/2024	0.061	4.5	10	19		7.8			3.2	0.042	0.047	4.3	
Average	0.058516129	7.435483871	4.6	11.2	0	7.88	192.5	220	6.8	0.031677419	0.041516129	6.432258	