



## Utility Commission Regular Meeting

Dripping Springs City Hall

511 Mercer Street - Dripping Springs, Texas

Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 4:00 PM

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# AGENDA

## CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

### Commission Members

Charlie Busbey, Chair  
Barney Austin  
Lara Dudek  
Zach West  
Matthew Ordway

### Staff, Consultants, & Appointed/Elected Officials

Utilities Operations Manager Gray Lahrman  
Utilities Coordinator Paola Palacios  
Deputy City Secretary Maverick D. Coleman  
City Attorney Aniz Alani

## PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS

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## MINUTES

- 1. Consider approval of the May 21, 2026 Utility Commission regular 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**  
*Gray Lahrman, Utilities Director*

**CLOSED SESSION**

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**Utility Commission Meetings**

July 16, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.  
August 20, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.  
September 17, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.  
October 15, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.  
November 19, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

**City Council Meetings**

July 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.  
August 4, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.  
August 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.  
September 1, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.  
September 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

**TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF MEETING**

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*Maverick D. Coleman, Deputy City Secretary*

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### **MINUTES DRAFT**

With a quorum of commissioners present, Chair Busbey called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

#### **CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

**Commission Members present were:**

Charlie Busbey, Chair

Barney Austin

Lara Dudek

**Commission Members absent were:**

Matthew Ordway

Zach West

**Staff, Consultants, & Appointed/Elected Officials**

Utilities Operations Manager Gray Lahrman

Deputy City Secretary Maverick D. Coleman

Utilities Operations Manager Wacey Henager

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No one spoke during Presentation of Citizens.

## MINUTES

### 1. Consider approval of the February 19, 2026 Utility Commission regular meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dudek and seconded by Commissioner Austin, to approve the February 19, 2026 Utility Commission regular meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously 3 to 0.

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The Commission did not meet in Closed Session.

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### City Council Meetings

June 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.  
 June 16, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.  
 July 7, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.  
 July 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.  
 August 4, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

## ADJOURN

Chair Busbey adjourned the meeting at 4:38 p.m.



# City of Dripping Springs

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## Staff Report from: Gray Lahrman

<b>Commission Meeting Date:</b>	6/18/26
<b>Item Wording:</b>	Update on Utilities for the month of May, 2026
<b>Agenda Item Requestor:</b>	Utility Commission

### Projects Under Construction:

Driftwood 150 TE and Sewer – Phase 1 Under Construction. Waiting to construct phase 2TE line until South Collector has been constructed.

West Interceptor Segment 2 – Under Construction and ahead of schedule. Creek crossing is scheduled to start June 15<sup>th</sup>.

South Collector – Bid Opening 6/9.

Village Grove – Plant and TLAP plans under review.

Carter Ranch –Under Construction – Pump and Haul negotiations under way.

Cannon Ranch Lift Station/ Heritage Diverted Lift Station/East Interceptor – Design and easements procurement underway.

Anarene (Double L) – Phase 1 Construction has started. Discussions about building TLAP plant instead of 321 plant.

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

Fellers – Tri point – New development with 18 homes. Requesting pump and haul permission.

### South Regional Water Reclamation Expansion Project Update:

The bid package will go to city council on 7/21/2026 for approval. Bid award process will begin on 8/1/2026.

### Dripping Springs Retail Water Update:

Stage 2 watering restrictions remain in effect for all City of Dripping Springs water customers as of April 1, 2026.

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

The South Regional Water Reclamation Facility had no violations during May 2026. We are exploring temporary sludge processing alternatives to support operational needs until the South Regional Expansion Project is completed.

**Arrowhead Wastewater Plant Update:**

Start date on GST for Superior Tank is still to be determined. Arrowhead WWTP had no violations for the month of May.

**Big Sky Wastewater Treatment Plant Update:**

The Big Sky Wastewater Treatment Plant had no permit violations during the month of May and continues to operate within permit effluent limitations.

**Update on Reclaimed Water:**

A total of 1,609,000 gallons of reclaimed water were utilized this month for irrigation and construction purposes, including:

- Fill Station: 49,000 gallons hauled
- Sports Park: 1,223,000 gallons
- Founders Park: 307,000 gallons
- Village Grove Construction: 30,000 gallons

**Texas Water Development Board Funding**

The City has submitted application to the TWDB for additional funding request for \$53,000,000. Application under review.

<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>	

# Dripping Springs Wastewater Plant Report

Month of May 2026

Regional	Combined Flow	Plant TLAP	Caliterra	210 Reuse	Cl2 residual	NTU	BOD	TSS	E-coli
<b>Total</b>	10973.0	3295	6164	1562.8	>1	<3	<5	<5	<20
<b>Daily Average</b>	366	113	203	52	4	3	3.4	1.5	2.2

Arrowhead	Flow	Cl2 residual	BOD	TSS	E-coli
<b>Total</b>	1995	>1	<10	<15	<126
<b>Daily Average</b>	64.3	4.8	2	10.7	0.1

Flow x1000

Big Sky	Flow	Cl2 residual	BOD	TSS	E-coli
<b>Total</b>	1088	>1	<20	<20	<126
<b>Daily Average</b>	35	7.06	1.7	2.7	0.1

210 Reuse	Fill Station	Sports Park	Founders Park	Village Grove Construction
<b>Total</b>	49	1223	307	30
<b>Daily Average</b>	3.07	39.4	10.5	7.5

Flow is in 1000's gallons

