



## Utility Commission Regular Meeting

Dripping Springs City Hall

511 Mercer Street – Dripping Springs, Texas

Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 4:00 PM

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## AGENDA

### CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

#### Commission Members

Charlie Busbey, Chair

Barney Austin

Lara Dudek

Mark Miller

Matthew Ordway

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

Utilities Operations Manager Gray Lahrman

Utilities Coordinator Micaela Betts

City Attorney Aniz Alani

### PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS

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### PRESENTATIONS

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

### MINUTES

- 1. Consider approval of the December 18, 2025 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

## CLOSED SESSION

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### Utility Commission Meetings

February 19, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.  
March 12, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.  
April 16, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.  
May 21, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.  
June 18, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

### City Council Meetings

January 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.  
February 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.  
February 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.  
March 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.  
March 17, 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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*Thursday, December 18, 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 4:02 p.m.

#### Commission Members

Charlie Busbey, Chair  
 Barney Austin  
 Lara Dudek (Present at 4:04 p.m.)  
 Matthew Ordway (**Absent**)  
 Zach West

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

Utilities Operations Manager Gray Lahrman  
 Administrative Assistant Micaela Betts  
 City Attorney Aniz Alani (**Absent**)

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### PRESENTATIONS

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No one spoke during Presentation of Citizens.

## MINUTES

### 1. Consider approval of the November 20, 2025 Utility Commission regular meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner West and seconded by Commissioner Austin, to approve November 20, 2025, meeting minutes. Thus, with the notion that dates in item 3 on November 20, 2025 minutes will be corrected to reflect the right calendar year (March 19, 2026 and March 12, 2026). 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 the Utilities Operations Manager Gray Lahrman. This report is intended for informational purposes only, no action was taken. Full report can be found on our website.

## BUSINESS AGENDA

### CLOSED SESSION

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The commission did not meet in Closed Session.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### Utility Commission Meetings

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 April 16, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

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January 6, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.  
 January 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.  
 February 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.  
 February 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.  
 March 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

## **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 4:45 p.m.

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

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# City of Dripping Springs

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Item 2.

## **Staff Report from:** Gray Lahrman

<b>Commission Meeting Date:</b>	01/15/2026
<b>Item Wording:</b>	Update on Utilities for the month of December, 2025
<b>Agenda Item Requestor:</b>	Utility Commission

### **Projects Under Construction:**

Driftwood effluent line – Construction Started (Clearing Easements Installing First Section)

Heritage – phase 4 homes on hold until discharge plant is operation

Village Grove –Construction has started; pump and haul Pre Construction Meeting 1/7/26

Carter Ranch – Construction started; Utility is being installed

Big Sky – TLAP field Phase 2 under construction – Fields are close to completion. Waiting on GST

Howard Ranch Effluent Tie-in– Halted due to design issues. Need to verify no cross connections

Cannon Ranch Regional Lift Station/ Heritage Lift Station – Design and easements. This will divert flows to the East Interceptor.

Cannon Ranch – Phase 3 and 4 under review

Anarene (Double L) – Phase 1 Construction has started.

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

West Interceptor Segment 2 – Bid Awarded and pre-construction process are starting on site

**South Regional Water Reclamation Expansion Project Update:**

Design of discharge plant is currently being finalized. Contract engineers have identified last design elements that need updating. We are in discussions about various methods of sludge processing and what storage tanks will be holding this sludge before it is dried or thickened. We are on schedule to finalize design by end of February 2026, and construction should start in late 2026.

**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 had no violations for the month of December 2025. Average flow of 313,000 gpd.

**Arrowhead Wastewater Plant Update:**

Pad site for Ground Storage Tank has been completed. Waiting on tank parts to arrive to build tank.

Phase III drip fields are complete, and revegetation is complete.

Arrowhead treatment facility had no violations for the month of December 2025. Average flow is 60,000 gpd

**Big Sky Wastewater Treatment Plant Update:**

Big Sky Treatment Plant operated without any violations for the month of December 2025. Average flow of 36,000 gpd

Phase 2 drip field construction almost complete. GST parts to be in mid-January. This will take permit to 54,300 gpd.

**Update on Reclaimed Water:**

110 Hauls were taken from the effluent fill station this month totaling 382,000 gallons.

**Texas Water Development Board Funding**

The city has submitted application to the board for additional funding request of \$53,000,000.

Since initial funding was received in 2019, construction costs have increased and the City will be building out the entire plant instead of building in phases. The city has also added additional infrastructure. Notification of this award will be in February 2026.

## Dripping Springs Wastewater Plant Report

Month of December 2025

Regional	Combined Flow	Plant TLAP	Calterra	210 Reuse	Cl2 residual	NTU	BOD	TSS	E-coli
Total	9436.4	2004	5627.319	1443.881	>1	<3	<5	<5	<20
Daily Average	313.00	67.00	186	49	8.29	1.67	1.857	1.25	0.487

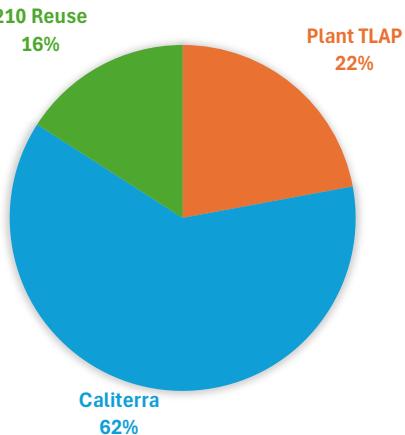
Arrowhead	Flow	Cl2 residual	BOD	TSS	E-coli
Total	1884	>1	<10	<15	<126
Daily Average	60	7.04	2.25	5.4	6.2

Big Sky	Flow	Cl2 residual	BOD	TSS	E-coli
Total	112	>1	<20	<20	<126
Daily Average	0.036	7.84	2	2.6	N/A

210 Reuse	Fill Station	Sports Park	Founders Park	Village Grove Construction
Total	382	793	355	360
Daily Average	12.31	25.59	11.45	11.62

Flow is in 1000's gallons

### REGIONAL FLOW DISTRIBUTION



### 210 Flow Distribution

