



Founders Day Committee Regular Meeting

Dripping Springs City Hall

511 Mercer Street - Dripping Springs, Texas

Monday, February 23, 2026, at 6:30 PM

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Committee Members

Jeff Shindler, Chair
Clinton Holtzendorf, Vice Chair
Susan Warwick, Secretary
Scott Berry
Jerome Borges
Justin Cornett
Sirena Cumberland
Lisa Garza
Sharon Goss
Mark Handley
Scott Phillips
Kimberley Rutherford
Jordan Searle
Eric Strang
Thomas Toms
Michael Ward

Staff, Consultants, & Appointed/Elected Officials

Parks & Community Services Director Andy Binz
Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz
Content Marketing Specialist Stephanie Hartnett
City Attorney Aniz Alani
Maintenance Director Riley Sublett
Council Member Sherrie Parks

MINUTES

1. **Minutes Report**

Susan Warwick, Secretary

Report is for update purposes only and no action shall be taken.

BUSINESS

- 2. Discussion regarding response to public concerns regarding changes to the 2026 Founders Day Parade.**

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- 3. Community Events Coordinator Report**

Johnna Krantz, Community Events Coordinator

- 4. Report on Security Preparations**

Roman Baligad, Emergency Preparedness & Homeland Security Director

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Reports are for purposes of planning and providing staff direction for activities related to the Founders Day Event, and no action shall be taken.

- 5. Arts & Crafts Committee**

*FDC Members: **Handley**, Strang, and Borges*

City Staff: Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz

- 6. Budget Committee**

*FDC Members: **Garza***

City Staff: Finance Director Shawn Cox, and Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz

- 7. Carnival & Food Committee**

*FDC Members: **Goss**, Warwick, and Phillips*

- 8. Cook-Off Committee**

*FDC Members: **Toms**, Garza, Cornett*

- 9. Downtown Relations Committee**

*FDC Members: **Searle**, Holtzendorf*

City Staff: Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz, and Content Marketing Specialist Stephanie Hartnett

- 10. DSISD Committee**

*FDC Members: **Cumberland**, Berry (alternate)*

- 11. Entertainment Committee**

*FDC Members: **Cornett**, Holtzendorf*

City Staff: Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz

- 12. Parade Committee**

*FDC Members: **Rutherford**, Holtzendorf*

City Staff: Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz

13. **Parking & Transportation Committee**
*FDC Members: **Borges**, Holtzendorf, Toms*
City Staff: City Maintenance Director Riley Sublett, and Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz
14. **Publicity Committee**
*FDC Members: **Ward**, Cornett*
City Staff: Content Marketing Specialist Stephanie Hartnett
15. **Safety, Security, & Traffic Control Committee**
*FDC Members: **Strang**, Shindler, Handley*
City Staff: Emergency Management Coordinator Roman Baligad, and City Maintenance Director Riley Sublett
16. **Sanitation Committee**
*FDC Members: **Phillips**, Shindler, Holtzendorf*
City Staff: City Maintenance Director Riley Sublett
17. **Site Plan Committee**
*FDC Members: **Shindler**, Handley*
City Staff: City Maintenance Director Riley Sublett, and Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz
18. **Sponsorship Committee**
*FDC Members: **Ward**, Cornett, Garza*
City Staff: City Attorney Aniz Alani, and Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz
19. **Volunteer Committee**
*FDC Members: **Rutherford***
City Staff: Parks Maintenance Manager Patrick Baglietto, and Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Founders Day Commission Meetings

March 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

March 23, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

April 13, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

April 18, 2026, Workday Meeting

City Council Meetings

March 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

March 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

April 7, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

April 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

This facility is wheelchair accessible. Accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for auxiliary aids and services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting by calling (512) 858-4725.



Founders Day Committee Regular Meeting

Dripping Springs Ranch City Hall

511 Mercer Street - Dripping Springs, Texas

Monday, February 09, 2026, at 6:30 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

With a quorum of the Committee present, Chair Shindler called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm.

Committee Members present

Jeff Shindler, Chair
Susan Warwick, Secretary
Scott Berry
Jerome Borges
Justin Cornett
Sirena Cumberland
Lisa Garza
Sharon Goss
Mark Handley
Scott Phillips
Kimberley Rutherford
Michael Ward

Committee Members absent

Clinton Holtzendorf, Vice Chair
Jordan Searle
Eric Strang
Thomas Toms

Staff, Consultants, & Appointed/Elected Officials present

Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz
Parks and Community Services Assistant Director Emily Nelson
Content Marketing Specialist Stephanie Hartnett
City Attorney Aniz Alani
Maintenance Director Riley Sublett
Council Member Sherrie Parks

PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS

A member of the public that wishes to address the Commission on any issue, regardless of whether it is posted on this agenda, may do so during Presentation of Citizens. It is the request of the Commission that individuals wishing to speak on agenda items with a public hearing hold their comments until the item is

being considered. Individuals are allowed two (2) minutes each to speak regarding issues not on the agenda and two (2) minutes per item on the agenda, and may not cede or pool time. Those requiring the assistance of a translator will be allowed additional time to speak. Individuals are not required to sign in; however, it is encouraged. Individuals that wish to share documents with the Commission must present the documents to the City Secretary or City Attorney providing at least fifteen (15) copies; if fifteen (15) copies are not provided, the Commission will receive the documents the following day. Audio Video presentations will not be accepted during Presentation of Citizens. By law no action shall be taken during Presentation of Citizens; however, the Chair may provide a statement of specific factual information, recitation of existing policy, or direction or referral to staff.

1. Discussion with Joe Peterson of the Dripping Springs Rotary Club regarding 2026 Founders Day Festival transportation.

Discussion included location of handicapped parking, location of Rotary booth, DSHS parking lot (approval, lighting), signage, specific times for bus runs, and the need for additional volunteers to handle the shuttle bus program on Friday and Sunday.

MINUTES

2. Minutes Report

Susan Warwick, Secretary

Report is for update purposes only and no action shall be taken.

No corrections

BUSINESS AGENDA

3. Discussion and possible action on a recommendation to City Council for the temporary closure of portions of Mercer Street, Wallace Street, Bluff Street, College Street, San Marcos Street, and Old Fitzhugh Road from April 23 to April 26, 2026, for the 2026 Founders Day Festival.

A motion was made by Committee Member Phillips to approve the recommendation with amended changes to City Council for the temporary closure of portions of Mercer Street, Wallace Street, Bluff Street, College Street, San Marcos Street, and Old Fitzhugh Road from April 23 to April 26, 2026, for the 2026 Founders Day Festival. Committee Member Handley seconded the motion which passed unanimously 11 to 0.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

4. Report on Security Preparations

Roman Baligad, Emergency Preparedness & Homeland Security Director

Tabled until the next meeting.

5. Report on Capital Improvements Project

Riley Sublett, City Maintenance Director

Maintenance Director Sublett will work with Committee member Cornett on electricity needs in the City Hall parking lot. No generators will be allowed in any area of the festival, except in the carnival area. The carnival provides its own electricity.

6. Community Events Coordinator Report

Johnna Krantz, Community Events Coordinator

Discussion included plans for Roxie's parking lot, cones to mark off the parade route.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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7. Arts & Crafts Committee

*FDC Members: **Handley**, Borges, Strang*

City Staff: Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz

Returning vendor applications are coming in.

8. Budget Committee

*FDC Members: **Garza***

City Staff: Finance Director Shawn Cox, and Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz

No updates on the budget.

9. Carnival & Food Committee

*FDC Members: **Goss**, Warwick, and Phillips*

Representatives from DS Lions Club, DSISD, city of Dripping Springs, and the carnival met on Jan. 20 to discuss the layout of and any concerns about the carnival on DSISD property. Food vendors on College Street are finalized.

10. Cook-Off Committee

*FDC Members: **Toms**, Garza, Cornett*

Discussion included location of Cook-Off booths in the Veranda area.

11. Downtown Relations Committee

*FDC Members: **Searle**, Holtzendorf*

City Staff: Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz, and Content Marketing Specialist Stephanie Hartnett

No report given

12. DSISD Committee

*FDC Members: **Cumberland**, Berry (alternate)*

No report given

13. Entertainment Committee

*FDC Members: **Cornett**, Holtzendorf*

City Staff: Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz

The musical artists performing on the main stage in the City Hall parking lot have been booked. Committee Member Cornett is proposing possibly 5 corporate 20' X 30' cabanas in the Roxie parking lot. The church service will be held in the City Hall parking lot.

14. Parade Committee

*FDC Members: **Rutherford**, Holtzendorf*

City Staff: Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz

Social media announcements about changes in the parade will appear next week. Committee members are asked to share the posts. Bleachers for the parade will be located closer to the City Hall parking lot.

15. Parking & Transportation Committee

*FDC Members: **Borges**, Holtzendorf, Toms*

City Staff: City Maintenance Director Riley Sublett, and Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz

Discussed in Item #1. Quotes for the shuttle buses are coming in.

16. Publicity Committee

*FDC Members: **Ward**, Cornett*

City Staff: Content Marketing Specialist Stephanie Hartnett

The DSTX Chamber ads are working. City Lifestyle magazine will have an article appearing the end of March about Founders Day Festival. Social Media Shout-Outs to sponsors will start this week.

17. Safety, Security, & Traffic Control Committee

*FDC Members: **Strang**, Shindler, Handley*

City Staff: Emergency Management Coordinator Roman Baligad, and City Maintenance Director Riley Sublett

No report given.

18. Sanitation Committee

*FDC Members: **Phillips**, Shindler, Holtzendorf*

City Staff: City Maintenance Director Riley Sublett

The Sanitation Committee has been meeting with CleanX. DS Lions Club will provide additional volunteers for trash pick in the carnival area. CleanX has requested stronger trash bags. The four city restrooms may have to be locked as they were abused last Founders Day event.

19. Site Plan Committee

*FDC Members: **Shindler**, Handley*

City Staff: City Maintenance Director Riley Sublett, and Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz

No report given.

20. Sponsorship Committee

*FDC Members: **Ward**, Cornett, Garza*

City Staff: City Attorney Aniz Alani, and Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz

\$72,000 in sponsorship pledges are in. The Texas Lottery is not returning this year.

21. Volunteer Committee

*FDC Members: **Rutherford***

City Staff: Parks Maintenance Manager Patrick Baglietto, and Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz

Tee-shirts will be given to volunteers. Committee Members need to check to be sure their volunteer needs are correct before Sign-Up Genius is posted.

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March 23, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

April 13, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

April 18, 2026, Workday Meeting

May 11, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

June 8, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

July 13, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

August 24, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

September 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

October 26, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

November 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

December 14, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

City Council Meetings

February 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

March 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

March 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

April 7, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

April 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

May 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

May 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

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.
- August 18, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
- September 1, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
- September 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
- October 6, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
- October 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
- November 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
- November 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
- December 1, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
- December 15, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Committee Member Phillips to adjourn the meeting. Committee Member Ward seconded the motion which carried unanimously 11 to 0.

This regular meeting of the Founders Day Committee was adjourned at 8:59 pm.

<i>Susan Warwick</i>
<i>Susan Warwick, Founders Day Committee Secretary</i>



Founders Day Festival Parade

February 17, 2026

Statement from Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.

We've had some questions regarding the changes to the Founders Day Festival parade. The Founders Day Parade has long been a treasured tradition. For many, it holds decades of memories, laughter, and connection. We understand that changes to something so meaningful can feel disappointing, and we want you to know that those feelings are heard and respected.

The decision to transition from float entries to a walking parade was not made lightly. It was made after extensive consultations with local first responders and those overseeing the safety of our residents and visitors. It was made after careful consideration and in alignment with current safety guidance and operational realities. Our highest responsibility is, and always will be, the safety of our residents, participants, and visitors.

Switching from a traditional float-based parade to a walking-only parade can significantly reduce safety risks for participants and spectators. Motorized floats introduce hazards such as limited driver visibility, mechanical failure, accidental acceleration, and the potential for pedestrians — especially children — to move unpredictably near moving vehicles. Even at low speeds, large vehicles operating in crowded environments create a higher likelihood of injury. A walking-only format eliminates the risk of vehicle-related accidents, simplifies route management, and reduces the need for heavy barricading and complex traffic control plans. It also decreases liability exposure for the city by removing heavy equipment, trailers, generators, and elevated riders from the event footprint.

From a security perspective, a walking parade is easier to monitor, staff, and control. Law enforcement and event personnel can more effectively observe participants without large floats obstructing sightlines or creating blind spots. The absence of vehicles also reduces concerns about intentional vehicle misuse in a crowded setting. A walking format allows for tighter spacing, quicker emergency access, and more flexible response options if medical or security issues arise. Overall, transitioning to a pedestrian-only parade enhances public safety, improves situational awareness, and creates a more manageable environment for city staff, first responders, and event organizers.

What makes our parade special has never been the wheels beneath it, but the people within it. The creativity, the spirit, and the pride of our community will continue to shine just as brightly in this new format.

Change can be difficult, especially when it involves something we love. But we truly believe this is an opportunity to evolve the tradition in a way that keeps it safe, sustainable, and strong for years to come.

We invite our community to walk with us, celebrate with us, and help write this next chapter together.