



Utility Commission Regular Meeting

Dripping Springs City Hall

511 Mercer Street – Dripping Springs, Texas

Thursday, May 15, 2025, at 4:00 PM

AMENDED 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 Assistance Micaela Betts

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MINUTES

- 1. Approval of the April 17, 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

The Commission has the right to adjourn into closed session on any item on this agenda and at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matter as authorized by law or by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation With Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberation Regarding Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gifts), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits), and 551.087 (Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations), and 551.089 (Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits). Any final action or vote on any Closed Session item will be taken in Open 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

TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF MEETING

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Diana Boone, City Secretary

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Utility Commission Regular Meeting
Dripping Springs ISD Center for Learning and Leadership
Maple Room, 300 Sportsplex Drive – Dripping Springs, Texas
Thursday, April 17, 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
 Barney Austin
 Lara Dudek
 Zach West

Commission Members absent were:

Matthew Ordway

Staff, Consultants, & Appointed/Elected Officials present were:

Utilities Director Dane Sorensen
 Administrative Assistance Micaela Betts

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No one spoke during Presentation of Citizens.

MINUTES

1. Approval of the March 27, 2025, Utility Commission meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner West and seconded by Commissioner Dudek, to approve the March 27, 2025, meeting minutes. 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 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

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May 15, 2025, @ 4:00 p.m.

June 12, 2025, @ 4:00 p.m.

July 17, 2025, @ 4:00 p.m.

City Council Meetings

May 6, 2025, @ 6:00 p.m.

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 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 4:15 p.m.



City of Dripping Springs

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Dripping Springs, Texas 78620

Item 2.

Staff Report from: Dane Sorensen

Commission Meeting Date:	5/15/2025
Item Wording:	Update on Utilities for the month of April 2025
Agenda Item Requestor:	Utility Commission
<p>Projects Under Construction:</p> <p>Driftwood effluent line – Construction Started</p> <p>Big Sky Package Plant – Construction has Started- June Completion</p> <p>Heritage – Phase 3 under construction</p> <p>Village Grove –Construction has started</p> <p>Carter Ranch – Construction started – Grading only</p> <p>Driftwood – Next Step Drive under Construction</p> <p>Upcoming projects:</p> <p>Howard Ranch – Treated Effluent tap bid awarded 3/25</p> <p>Cannon Ranch Regional Lift Station - design</p> <p>Heritage lift station – 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 – under construction</p>	

South Regional Water Reclamation Expansion Project Update:

The Texas Supreme Court has ruled in support of the City of Dripping Springs' wastewater discharge permit. We are 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 CODS water customers.

South Regional Water Reclamation Facility Operations Report.

The South Regional Water Reclamation Facility had one violation due to elevated levels of e coli in the effluent. E coli levels on 4/8/2025 were 411 MPN. We believe this is due to poor sampling. All other plant parameters were in acceptable ranges and E coli results the day before and the week after were well within permit limits.

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

There was one violation for the month of April. An SSO occurred on 4/14/2025. Approximately 42,500 gallons overflowed from the lift station at the wastewater treatment plant. This was due to power failing at the floats, disabling the high level alarm. A transducer has been wired directly into the SCADA panel. If there is power loss this panel will alarm.

Update on Reclaimed Water:

Founders Park reclaimed water usage was 295,724 gallons for the month of April with a daily average of 9,539 gallons per day. Sports Park reclaimed water usage was 1,230,025 gallons for the month of April with a daily average of 39,678 gallons per day. Total usage was 1,525,749 gallons with a daily average of 49,217 gallons used per day.

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:	

Apr-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	Temp
1	58	0	329	107	209.4	316.4	42.66	16.34	150.4	257.4	59	4.8	3.32	4670	4030	ND	1	5.2	7.8	8.2	23.1
2	73	0	333	115	180	295	42.12	14.61	123.27	238.27	56.73	4.1	4.23								
3	72	0.02	335	129	155.5	284.5	40.22	14.83	100.45	229.45	55.05	5.5	4.32								
4	73	0	334	111	155.5	266.5	15.79	14.91	124.8	235.8	30.7	5.6	3.57								
5	56	0.3	354	108	198.4	306.4	33.07	15.91	149.42	257.42	48.98	5.2	2.92								
6	41	0.05	327	106	180.2	286.2	41.57	6.76	131.87	237.87	48.33	6.5	2.32								
7	30	0	323	112	173.4	285.4	41.97	14.17	117.26	229.26	56.14	8.8	1.41			3		3			
8	48	0	361	113	186.2	299.2	41.27	16.94	127.99	240.99	58.21	7.6	1.48	4230	3630	2	1	411			
9	60	0	321	110	166.5	276.5	41.87	7.99	116.64	226.64	49.86	7.3	1.44								
10	68	0	310	126	161.8	287.8	44.1	8.31	109.39	235.39	52.41	8.40	1.38								
11	70	0	337	129	116	245	16.1	8.62	91.28	220.28	24.72	5.8	2.21								
12	41	0	310	112	177.5	289.5	32.75	8.2	136.55	248.55	40.95	6.3	2.04								
13	70	0	320	112	186.3	298.3	42.44	7.82	136.04	248.04	50.26	6	2								
14	62	0	317	103	177.2	280.2	42.4	7.8	127	230	50.2	2.9	1.49			2		1			
15	65	0	331	105	183.6	288.6	42.72	8.61	132.27	237.27	51.33	6.2	2.32	4170	3570	3	1	4.1			
16	64	0	327	109	159.5	268.5	41.59	8.15	109.76	218.76	49.74	5.1	1.85								
17	68	0	345	111	211.8	322.8	49.9	8.14	153.76	264.76	58.04	4.5	2.28								
18	75	0	334	117	153.4	270.4	20.46	8.46	124.48	241.48	28.92	3.3	3.86								
19	70	0	323	120	148.7	268.7	33.6	8.56	106.54	226.54	42.16	3.2									
20	63	0.22	347	115	202.9	317.9	46.2	7.79	148.91	263.91	53.99	2.2									
21	67	0	323	113	181.3	294.3	52.7	8.42	120.18	233.18	61.12	2.8	7.37								
22	71	0	313	102	167.2	269.2	50.5	8.49	108.21	210.21	58.99	3.3	7.89				3	13.4			
23	72	0.52	345	102	179.7	281.7	52.69	7.76	119.25	221.25	60.45	3.1	4.59								
24	71	0.22	340	87	231.5	318.5	53.08	8.29	170.13	257.13	61.37	3.1	4.04	4470	3800	5	2	2			
25	71	0	345	103	154.8	257.8	20.93	8.6	125.27	228.27	29.53	5.9	4.57			6		4.1			
26	80	0	388	117	218.3	335.3	35.04	8.88	174.38	291.38	43.92	3.7									
27	77	0	320	88	190.4	278.4	53.63	8.4	128.37	216.37	62.03	5									
28	71	0	318	83	196.9	279.9	52.6	7.92	136.38	219.38	60.52	3.6	3.75					66.3			
29	72	0	356	104	202.5	306.5	52.6	7.78	142.12	246.12	60.38	4.4	2.87	4300	3750		2	6.2			
30	71	0	398	110	234.3	344.3	53	8.13	173.17	283.17	61.13	4.5	2.83								
			TOTAL	10064	3279	5440.7	8719.7	1229.57	295.59	3915.54	7194.54	1525.16									
			AVG	335.4666667	109	181	291	41	10	131	240	51	3.167308	4368		3.500	1.667	8.081	7.800	8.200	23.100
			MIN	310	83	116	245	15.79	6.76	91.28	210.21	24.72	1.38	4170		2.000	1.000	1.000	7.800	8.200	23.100
			MAX	398	129	234.3	344.3	53.63	16.94	174.38	291.38	62.03	7.89	4670		6.000	3.000	411.000	7.800	8.200	23.100

CoDS Arrowhead/TPDES Permit No. WQ0014824001

Year :	2025		Month:	April								
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
4/1/2025	0.061	6.9	4	10	0	7.9	318	130	7.8	0.029	0.04	6.8
4/2/2025	0.062	7							8.8	0.028	0.037	6.3
4/3/2025	0.068	7.9							8.8	0.027	0.049	7
4/4/2025	0.065	4.2							6.8	0.025	0.065	2.3
4/5/2025	0.061	6.8							7.2	0.047	0.09	
4/6/2025	0.054	7.6							7.4	0.031	0.096	6.3
4/7/2025	0.065	8.8							7.7	0.036	0.066	5.9
4/8/2025	0.06	8.8	5	16		7.8			8.3	0.038	0.075	8.8
4/9/2025	0.063	8.4							8.1	0.032	0.059	8.4
4/10/2025	0.068	6.1							8.8	0.031	0.097	8.8
4/11/2025	0.058	8.8							8.8	0.027	0.024	5.7
4/12/2025	0.055	7.8							8	0.027	0.03	6.3
4/13/2025	0.065	7.2							7.3	0.031	0.065	6.5
4/14/2025	0.006	3.5							2	0.007	0.002	8.8
4/15/2025	0.067	8.8	5	21		7.9	ND	324	4.2	0.035	0.034	8.8
4/16/2025	0.063	7.3							7.3	0.036	0.054	8.8
4/17/2025	0.062	6.2							6.3	0.03	0.041	5.6
4/18/2025	0.055	8.4							8.5	0.028	0.033	6.5
4/19/2025	0.06	8.2							8.2	0.037	0.049	6.8
4/20/2025	0.037	8.8							8.4	0.033	0.037	8.8
4/21/2025	0.064	5.6							3.8	0.037	0.038	6.8
4/22/2025	0.067	8.5	3	10		7.8			8.6	0.033	0.036	6.4
4/23/2025	0.064	5.1							4.7	0.026	0.038	4.1
4/24/2025	0.059	4.8							4.1	0.031	0.034	5.5
4/25/2025	0.068	6.8							6.6	0.032	0.043	3.2
4/26/2025	0.062	8.8							7	0.021	0.046	5.4
4/27/2025	0.051	8.8							8.8	0.019	0.038	8.8
4/28/2025	0.069	7.9							6.3	0.024	0.047	8.6
4/29/2025	0.06	7.1	3	7		7.9			5.9	0.024	0.045	7.8
4/30/2025	0.064	7.9							8.8	0.026	0.036	8.8
Average	0.059433333	7.293333333	4	12.8	0	7.86	318	227	7.11	0.0296	0.048133333	6.84827586