



## City Council Budget Workshop & Regular Meeting

*City of Dripping Springs Council Chambers*

*511 Mercer Street - Dripping Springs, Texas*

*Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 6:00 PM*

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# MINUTES

## CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

With a quorum of the City Council present, Mayor Foulds called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### *City Council Members present were:*

Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.

Mayor Pro Tem Taline Manassian

Council Member Place 2 Wade King, stepped away at 7:40

Council Member Place 3 Geoffrey Tahuahua, arrived at 6:47

Council Member Place 4 Travis Crow

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

City Administrator Michelle Fischer

Deputy City Administrator Ginger Faught

Deputy City Administrator Shawn Cox

Maintenance Director Riley Sublett

City Attorney Laura Mueller

Deputy City Attorney Aniz Alani

City Secretary Diana Boone

Deputy City Secretary Cathy Gieselman

People & Communications Director Lisa Sullivan

Parks & Community Services Director Andy Binz

DSRP Manager Emily Nelson

Community Events Coordinator Johnna Krantz

Utilities Director Dane Sorenson

Planning Director Tory Carpenter

TIRZ Project Manager Kennan Smith

HPC Chair Dean Erickson

Deputy Constable Zach Miller

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor requested that new City Secretary Diana Boone lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

## CONSENT AGENDA

*The following items will be acted upon in a single motion and are considered to be ministerial or routine. No separate discussion or action on these items will be held unless pulled at the request of a member of the City Council or City staff.*

1. **Approval of the June 4, 2024, City Council budget workshop & regular meeting minutes.**
2. **Approval of the May 2024 Treasurer's Report.**
3. **Approval of a Use Agreement between the City of Dripping Springs and Aaron Farmer for the Adult Softball League for use of the Adult Softball Fields at Sports and Recreation Park and the authorization for staff to finalize the agreement with the Adult Softball League. Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.**
4. **Approval of the Appointment of Eric Strang from St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church and Justin Cornett from the Dripping Springs Cook Off Club to the Founders Day Commission for terms ending June 30, 2026, and the Reappointment of Brenda Medcalf as Commission Chair for a term of one (1) year.**
5. **Approval of the Reappointment of at large members Sharon Hamilton, Jimmy Brown, and Roman Grijalva to the Transportation Committee for terms ending June 24, 2026 and the Reappointment of Travis Crow as the Committee Chair for a term of one (1) year.**
6. **Approval of a Resolution Authorizing intervention in Texas Gas Service Company's rate case before the Texas Railroad Commission. Sponsor: Mayor Pro Tem Taline Manassian**

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian, seconded by Council Member Crow to approve Consent Agenda items 1-6.

The motion to approve carried unanimously 3 to 0.

Resolution for Consent Agenda item 6 has been filed as Resolution No. 2024-R08.

## **BUDGET WORKSHOP**

*Workshop items are for discussion purposes only and no action shall be taken. City Council may provide staff direction.*

7. **Presentation and discussion regarding the proposed Municipal Budget for Fiscal Year 2025.**

Deputy City Manager Shawn Cox provided an overview of the proposed Fiscal Year Municipal Budget for 2025, which is still in the review process. The estimated cost of the proposed Capital Budget projects is \$24,663,119. Presentation is on file. No action was taken.

## **PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS**

*A member of the public that wishes to address the City Council 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 City Council 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 City Council must present the documents to the City Secretary or City Attorney providing at least seven (7) copies; if seven (7) copies are not provided, the City Council 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 Mayor may provide a statement of specific factual information, recitation of existing policy, or direction or referral to staff.*

Monica Hernandez, resident of Arrowhead Ranch, spoke about the Waste Water Plant. She expressed concerns with the expansion resulting in additional large vehicle traffic and noise.

## **PRESENTATION**

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

**8. Presentation Update regarding Old Fitzhugh Road Improvement Project Landscape Plans.** *Keenan Smith, TIRZ Project Manager.*

Project Manager Keenan Smith presented the item. Presentation is on file. No action was taken.

## **BUSINESS AGENDA**

**9. Discuss and consider approval of a Resolution regarding the Appointment of Diana Boone as the City Secretary of the City of Dripping Springs, Hays County, Texas.**

A motion was made by Mayor ProTem Manassian, seconded by Council Member King to approve the appointment of Diana Boone as City Secretary of Dripping Springs.

The motion to approve carried unanimously 3 to 0.

Filed as Resolution No. 2024-R09

**10. Presentation, discussion, and consideration of approval of the acceptance of the Stephenson Building Rehabilitation and Improvement Project 100% Construction Documents.** *Presenters: Keenan Smith, TIRZ Project Manager and Larry Irsik, Architexas. Sponsor: Mayor Pro Tem Taline Manassian.*

The item was introduced by project manager Keenan Smith and Presented by Larry Irsik. Council Member Tahuahua arrived during this presentation.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Taline Manassian, seconded by Council Member King to approve the Stephenson Building Rehabilitation and Improvement Project.

The motion to approve passed 3 to 1 with Council Member Tahuahua voting nay.

**11. Discussion and consideration of possible action on City Council direction to staff regarding Architexas's Task Order #3 Permitting, Bidding, and Construction Administration, and funding for the Stephenson Building Rehabilitation and Improvement Project.** *Sponsor: Mayor Pro Tem Taline Manassian.*

The item was presented by City Manager Michelle Fischer.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian, seconded by Council Member Crow to postpone action on Architexas's Task Order #3 to further consider funding.

The motion to postpone action carried unanimously 4 to 0.

12. **Presentation, discussion, and consideration of possible action regarding Downtown Restrooms Project and City Council direction to staff regarding procurement and funding.** *Keenan Smith, TIRZ Project Manager.*

The item was introduced by project manager Keenan Smith and Presented by City Attorney Laura Mueller.

No motion was made. Mayor Pro Tem Manassian directed staff to bring this item back to council on July 2, 2024, and include information about installation version, sight work, and budget amendment.

13. **Discuss and consider approval of City of Dripping Springs Logo Use by the Dripping Springs Helping Hands for the Empty Bowls Project and authorization of staff to finalize Logo Use Agreement with Dripping Springs Helping Hands.** *Applicant: Dripping Springs Helping Hands. Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.*

The item was presented by Dripping Springs Ranch Park Manager Emily Nelson.

A motion was made by Council Member Tahuahua, seconded by Council Member Crow to approve the use of the City Logo for the Empty Bowls Project.

The motion to approve carried unanimously 4 to 0.

14. **Discuss and consider approval of the selection of a bidder and authorization of contract negotiation for the Rob Shelton Blvd. Intersection Improvements Project Construction Contract between Asphalt Inc., LLC dba Lone Star Paving and the City of Dripping Springs, and authorization for staff to finalize the agreement contingent upon TXDOT concurrence of award.** *Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.*

The item was presented by Planning Director Tory Carpenter.

A motion was made by Council Member Tahuahua, seconded by Council Member Crow to approve the Rob Shelton Blvd. Intersection Improvement Project, contingent on completion of project by July 6, 2024, before school commences.

The motion to approve carried unanimously 4 to 0.

15. **Discuss and consider approval of the First Amendment to Second Amended Wastewater Service and Impact Fee Agreement between The City of Dripping Springs and Development Solution Carter for The Ranch at Caliterra** *Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.*

The item was presented by Deputy City Manager Ginger Faught. Council Member King stepped out briefly during this presentation thru agenda item 18.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian, seconded by Council Member Crow to approve the amendment to the Wastewater Service and Impact Fee agreement.

The motion to approve carried unanimously 3 to 0.

**16. Presentation, discussion, and consideration of approval of a Beneficial Reuse Irrigation Project at Sports and Recreation Park. Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.**

The item was presented by Utilities Director Dane Sorenson.

A motion was made by Council Member Crow, seconded by Council Member Tahuahua to approve the Beneficial Reuse Irrigation Project at the Sports and Recreation Park.

The motion to approve carried unanimously 3 to 0.

**17. Discuss and consider approval of the Mayoral Appointment of a Council Member to the Hays County Mental Health Coordinating Committee. Sponsor: Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.**

The item was presented by Mayor Foulds, who appointed Mayor Pro Tem Manassian to the Hays County Mental Health Coordinating Committee.

**18. Discuss and consider approval of the Reappointment of Dean Erickson and Haley Hunt, and the Appointment of Gwyn Sommerfeld to the Historic Preservation Commission for terms ending June 30, 2026.**

A motion was made by Council Member Manassian, seconded by Council Member Crow to approve appointment and reappointments to the Historic Preservation Commission for terms ending June 30, 2026.

The motion to approve carried unanimously 3 to 0.

## REPORTS

*Reports listed are on file and available for review upon request. The City Council may provide staff direction; however, no action shall be taken.*

**19. City Attorney Report**  
*Laura Mueller, City Attorney*

Report is on file.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Manassian, seconded by Council Member Tahuahua to adjourn to Closed Session, under item 14 pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, consultation with attorney.

The motion to approve carried unanimously 3 to 0.

## CLOSED SESSION

*The City Council 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.*

- 20. Consultation with Attorney regarding legal issues related to the Waste Connections Lone Star Solid Waste Services Agreement. *Consultation with Attorney, 551.071***
- 21. Consultation with Attorney regarding legal issues related to land use, infrastructure, and takings requirements. *Consultation with Attorney, 551.071***
- 22. Consultation with Attorney regarding legal issues related to the South Regional Water Reclamation Project, Wastewater, and Amendment 2 Permits, Wastewater Service Area and Agreements, Water Service, Wastewater Fees, and related items. *Consultation with Attorney, 551.071***

The City Council met in Closed Session from 7:45 p.m. to 8:16 p.m.

No vote or action was taken during Closed Session. Mayor Foulds returned the meeting to

Open Session at 8:16 p.m.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

### **City Council & Board of Adjustment Meetings**

July 2, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. (CC & BOA)

July 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. (CC)

August 6, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. (CC & BOA)

August 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. (CC)

### **Board, Commission & Committee Meetings**

June 20, 2024, Farmers Market Committee at 10:00 a.m.

June 20, 2024, Emergency Management Committee at 12:00 p.m.

June 20, 2024, Utility Commission at 4:00 p.m.

June 20, 2024, Parks & Recreation Committee at 6:00 p.m.

June 24, 2024, Transportation Committee at 3:30 p.m.

June 25, 2024, Planning & Zoning Commission at 6:00 p.m.

June 26, 2024, Economic Development Committee at 4:00 p.m.

## **ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Tahuahua, seconded by Council Member King.

The motion to adjourn carried unanimously 4 to 0.

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

*I certify that this public meeting is posted in accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 551, Open Meetings. This meeting agenda is posted on the bulletin board at the City of Dripping Springs City Hall, located at 511 Mercer Street, and on the City website at, [www.cityofdrippingsprings.com](http://www.cityofdrippingsprings.com), on **June 14, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.***

**APPROVED ON:** July 2, 2024

*Bill Foulds, Jr.*

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*Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor*

**ATTEST:**

*Diana Boone*

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*Diana Boone, City Secretary*

