



DRIPPING SPRINGS  
Texas

# UTILITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City of Dripping Springs

Council Chambers, 511 Mercer St, Dripping Springs, TX

Wednesday, November 08, 2023, at 4:00 PM

---

## MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum of the Commission present, Chair Busbey called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

**Commission Members present were:**

Charlie Busbey, Chair

Lara Dudek (*arrived @ 4:13 p.m.*)

Mark Miller

Matthew Ordway

**Commission Member absent was:**

Barney Austin

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

Public Works Director Aaron Reed

Utilities Service Manager Dane Sorenson

Deputy City Secretary Cathy Gieselmann

### PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS

*A member of the public who desires to address the Commission regarding any item on an agenda for an open meeting may do so at presentation of citizens before an item or at a public hearing for an item during the Commission's consideration of that item. Citizens wishing to discuss matters not contained within the current agenda may do so, but only during the time allotted for presentation of citizens. Speakers are allowed two (2) minutes to speak during presentation of citizens or during each public hearing. Speakers may not cede or pool time. Members of the public requiring the assistance of a translator will be given twice the amount of time as a member of the public who does not require the assistance of a translator to address the Commission. It is the request of the Commission that members of the public wishing to speak on item(s) on the agenda with a noticed Public Hearing hold their comments until the item(s) are presented for consideration. Speakers are encouraged to sign in. Anyone may request a copy of the City's policy on presentation of citizens from the city secretary. By law, no action may be taken during Presentations of Citizens.*

Roger Kew thanked the Commission and City of Dripping Springs staff and wished them continued success with the work they are doing.

Laurel Robertson spoke regarding clarification about service versus ground water comments made at a recent Hays County Water Board meeting.

## MINUTES

### 1. Approval of the October 11, 2023, Utility Commission meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the October 11, 2023, Utility Commission meeting minutes. Chair Busbey seconded the motion which carried unanimously 3 to 0.

## BUSINESS

### 2. Update and discussion regarding Water and Wastewater facility activities.

Aaron Reed provided an update and addressed question from Commissioners. Report is on file.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

*The Utility Commission for the City of Dripping Springs has the right to meet in executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matter as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with City Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and 551.086 (Economic Development). The Utility Commission for the City of Dripping Springs may act on any item listed in Executive Session in Open Session or move any item from Executive Session to Open Session for action.*

The Commission did not meet in Executive Session.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### Utility Commission Meetings

December 13, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

January 10, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

February 14, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

### City Council Meetings

November 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

December 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

December 19, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

January 2, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

## ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Ordway to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Dudek seconded the motion which carried unanimously 4 to 0.

This regular meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.