



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City of Dripping Springs

Council Chambers, 511 Mercer St, Dripping Springs, TX

Monday, October 05, 2020 at 6:00 PM

VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING

This meeting will be held via videoconference and the public is encouraged and welcome to participate. Public comment may be given during the videoconference by joining the meeting using the information below. Public comment for this meeting may also be submitted to the City Secretary at acunningham@cityofdrippingsprings.com no later than 4:00 PM on the day the meeting will be held.

The Parks & Recreation Commission respectfully requests that all microphones and webcams be disabled unless you are a member of the Commission. City staff, consultants and presenters, please enable your microphone and webcam when presenting to the Commission.

Agenda

MEETING SPECIFIC VIDEOCONFERENCE INFORMATION

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Commission Members:

Robbie Zamora, Chair

Eric Russell, Vice Chair

Matthew Fougerat

Paul Fushille

Eric Henline

Wade King

Matthew Zarbaugh

Amber Ballman

Staff, Consultants & Appointed/Elected Officials:

Parks & Community Services Director Kelly Schmidt

City Secretary Andrea Cunningham

PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS

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MINUTES

- 1. Discuss and consider approval of the September 1, 2020 Parks & Recreation Commission regular meeting minutes.**

BUSINESS

- 2. Discuss and consider recommendation regarding a Girl Scout Silver Award Project Donation related to the renovation and content update of the Charro Ranch Park Kiosk.**
- 3. Discuss and consider recommendation regarding the Donation of a Bench and Memorial Plaque in honor of Rusty Ranck at Founders Memorial Park.**
- 4. Presentation and discussion regarding Amendments to the Parkland Dedication Ordinance.**
- 5. Discuss and consider approval of the Parks & Recreation Commission 2021 Annual Meeting Calendar.**

REPORTS

The following reports relate to the planning and administration of the City's Parks & Recreation Programs. The Commission may provide staff direction; however, no action may be taken.

- 6. Parks & Community Services Monthly Report**
Kelly Schmidt, PCS Director
- 7. Parks & Recreation August 2020 Financial Statement**
Gina Gillis, City Treasurer

8. City of Dripping Springs Annual International Dark Sky Community Report to the International Dark Sky Association. *Michelle Fischer, City Administrator*

PARKS STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following reports relate to the administration of the City's Parks. The Board may provide staff direction; however, no action shall be taken.

- 9. Charro Ranch Park Committee**
Commissioners Paul Fushille and Matt Fougerat
- 10. Dripping Springs Ranch Park Committee**
Commissioners Wade King and Matthew Zarbaugh
- 11. Founders Day Memorial Park & Pool Committee**
Commissioners Eric Henline and Amber Ballman
- 12. Sports & Recreation Park Committee**
Commissioners Eric Russell and Robbie Zamora
- 13. Veterans Memorial Park Committee**
Commissioner Robbie Zamora

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Parks and Recreation Commission for the City of Dripping Springs has the right to adjourn into 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 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 Parks and Recreation 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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Parks & Recreation Commission Meetings

November 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

December 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

City Council Meetings

October 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

October 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT PUBLIC NOTIFICATION & POSTING OF MEETING

All agenda items listed above are eligible for discussion and action unless otherwise specifically noted. This notice of meeting is posted in accordance with Chapter 551, Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes. Annotated. In addition, the Commission may consider a vote to excuse the absence of any Commissioner for absence from this meeting.

Due to the Texas Governor Order, Hays County Order, City of Dripping Springs Disaster Declaration, and Center for Disease Control guidelines related to COVID-19, a quorum of this body could not be gathered in one place, and this meeting will be conducted through videoconferencing. Texas Government Code Sections 551.045; 551.125; and 551.127.

*I certify that this notice of meeting was posted at the City of Dripping Springs City Hall and website, www.cityofdrippingsprings.com, on **October 2, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.***

City Secretary

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City of Dripping Springs

Council Chambers, 511 Mercer St, Dripping Springs, TX

Tuesday, September 01, 2020 at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Commission Members present were:

Robbie Zamora, Chair

Matthew Fougerat

Paul Fushille

Eric Henline

Matthew Zarbaugh

Commissioner Members absent were:

Eric Russell, Vice Chair

Wade King

Amber Ballman

Staff, Consultants and Appointed/Elected Officials present were:

Parks & Community Services Director Kelly Schmidt

Senior Planner Amanda Padilla

City Secretary Andrea Cunningham

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No one spoke during Presentation of Citizens.

MINUTES

1. Discuss and consider approval of the July 6, 2020 Parks & Recreation Commission regular meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Henline to approve the July 6, 2020 Parks & Recreation Commission regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Fushille seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

BUSINESS

2. Public hearing, consideration and recommendation regarding an Amendment to the Dripping Springs City-Wide Trails Plan Map.

a) Staff Report

Amanda Padilla presented the staff report which is on file. Staff recommends approval of the amendment.

b) Public Hearing – No one spoke during the Public Hearing.

c) Amendment

A motion was made by Commissioner Fougerat to recommend approval of an Amendment to the Dripping Springs City-Wide Trails Plan Map. Commissioner Henline seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

3. Discuss and consider recommendation regarding a Request from the Dripping Springs VFW & American Legion for the placement of Parking Barriers at Veterans Memorial Park, commonly known as the Triangle.

Kelly Smith presented the staff report which is on file. Staff recommends approval of the request.

A motion was made by Commissioner Fougerat to recommend approval of a Request from the Dripping Springs VFW & American Legion for the placement of Parking Barriers at Veterans Memorial Park, commonly known as the Triangle. Commissioner Fushille seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

4. Discuss and consider recommendation regarding the location and installation of a Cactus Garden Memorial Monument or an Interpretive Panel Design at Founders Memorial Park.

Kelly Schmidt presented the staff report which is on file. Staff recommends approval of the improvement and would like feedback from the Commission regarding design elements.

Rob Archer presented the item and the concept of the improvements. Jen Paisley was also available for questions.

A motion was made by Commissioner Henline to recommend approval of replacing the monument using existing stone in the location recommended by staff with placement of the interpretive panel on top. Commissioner Fougerat seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

5. Update regarding POSAC and Rathgeber Natural Resource Park.

Kelly Schmidt presented the update. The City has approved an agreement for appraisal of the park which will begin soon. Updates to this project will be provided monthly and once the City knows for sure that it will move forward, the Commission can appoint a committee and members.

6. Update regarding the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget.

Kelly Schmidt presented the staff report which is on file and reviewed Parks request that were included in the approved budget.

REPORTS

The following updates relate to the planning and administration of the City's Parks & Recreation Program. No Action to be taken. Reports are on file and available for review by request.

7. Parks & Community Services July & August 2020 Report

Kelly Schmidt, PCS Director

8. Parks July & August 2020 Revenue & Expense Report

Gina Gillis, City Treasurer

PARKS STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

The following updates relate to the administration of the City's Parks. No action is to be taken.

9. Charro Ranch Park Committee

Commissioners Paul Fushille and Matt Fougerat

Commissioner Fushille provided an update on the Oak Wilt Mitigation project which has been complete. However, there are concerns with the trenches which will be smoothed out.

10. Dripping Springs Ranch Park Committee

Commissioners Wade King and Matthew Zarbaugh

The Commission discussed the formation of the DSRP Board and requested that staff consider adding two additional seats to this board for Parks & Recreation Commission representation.

11. Founders Day Memorial Park & Pool Committee*Commissioners Eric Henline and Amber Ballman*

Commissioner Henline provided a brief update on the Skatepark progress.

12. Sports & Recreation Park Committee*Commissioners Eric Russell and Robbie Zamora*

a) *Lighting Project Status Update – provided during Budget Update.*

13. Veterans Memorial Park Committee*Commissioner Robbie Zamora*

No update at this time.

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The Commission did not meet in Executive Session.

UPCOMING MEETINGS**Parks & Recreation Commission Meetings**

October 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

November 2, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

December 7, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

City Council Meetings

September 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. (Workshop 6:00 / Regular Meeting 6:30)

September 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Fushille to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Henline seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

This regular meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.



STAFF REPORT
City of Dripping Springs
PO Box 384
511 Mercer Street
Dripping Springs, TX 78602

Submitted By: Maggie Martin- Events and Program Specialist

Council Meeting Date: October 5, 2020

Agenda Item Wording: **Discuss and consider recommendation regarding a Girl Scout Silver Award Project Donation related to the renovation and content update of the Charro Ranch Park Kiosk.**

Agenda Item Requestor: Autumn Pope

Summary/Background: To earn their Silver Award, girl scouts must lead one project (equaling 50 hours or more) that will have lasting impact on the community. The Scouts have until December 31st to complete their project. Autumn Pope hopes to update and restore the Charro Ranch Kiosk because it lacks in relevant information about the park. The Parks and Community Services Department will oversee the execution of the project; however, Ms. Pope will be responsible for the project at hand. In the restoration, she will include interpretive signage to make it more accessible, any necessary repairs, and information regarding the park such as vegetation and wildlife.

Recommended Council Actions: Approval of the Silver Award Charro Ranch Project.

Attachments: Silver Award Parks Presentation

Next Steps/Schedule: Inform Ms. Pope of the Commission decision and move forward with the renovations of the Kiosk.

Silver Award to Help Dripping Springs Park Department



Updating the Kiosk Signage at Charro Ranch Park

Overview

The kiosk signage at Charro Ranch park is in need of renovating to be more inclusive of different communities and accessible to everybody. As part of my Silver Award Project for Girl Scouts, I would be more than willing to take on the responsibilities involved of updating the kiosk. This includes creating new interpretive signage and providing any repairs that may be necessary.



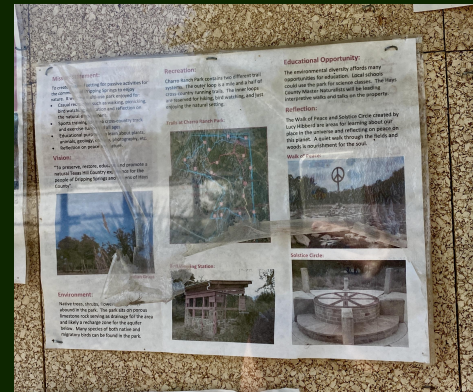
Information About the Girl Scout Silver Award

The Silver Award is a project where an individual must make a lasting impact on the community for years to come by addressing something they care about. It requires approximately 50 hours of work. The deadline for my Silver Award Project is December 31st, so preferably I should finish renovating the kiosk a few weeks before then.



What I Would Change

To make the kiosk more comprehensible and informative, I would include a map of the trails in the park and information on what vegetation, wildlife, and structures can be found in the park. I will ask members of the community what they would like to see and of any changes that they would like to be made. If the kiosk is in need of renovation, such as a paint job or repairs, I will be undertaking the task.



Who it Will Help

This project would help:

- people that have vision impairments and may have trouble reading small print.
- people who speak other languages and need visuals to understand the information.
- people who want more details about what Charro Ranch Park and other Dripping Springs parks have to offer.

Why I Chose to do this as my Project

I chose to work with the Dripping Springs Park Department because I love parks and enjoy being out in nature. I would like for people from all lifestyles to have the opportunity to enjoy themselves in the outdoors and learn about what lies there. My goal for this project is to attract more people to the park and also to learn more about it myself.



Thank you!



Item 2.

**DONATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS &
NATIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (NSDAR)**

This Agreement by and between the City of Dripping Springs, Texas, a Type A, general-law municipality incorporated pursuant to the laws of the State of Texas and located in Hays County, Texas, (the "City") and National Society Daughters of the American Revolution providing for the requirements for and process of conveying and accepting donations to the City.

WHEREAS, the City is a general-law Type A municipality incorporated pursuant to the statutes of the State of Texas, and as such is authorized to accept donations for the benefit of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City is eligible under United States Internal Revenue Code Section 170(c)(1) to receive tax-deductible charitable contributions; and

WHEREAS, the City has express authority to contract with other persons pursuant to section 51.014 of the Texas Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dripping Springs encourages the donation of charitable contributions to the City for the benefit of the City and its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that this Agreement will ensure complete implementation of a Donation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the following provisions are reasonable and necessary for the acceptance of donations.

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants and obligations hereinafter set forth, and for other good and valuable consideration the City and Donor herein bargain, covenant, and agree with one another as follows:

A. Purpose

This Agreement serves as a statement or exchange of promises between the City and Donor. It is enacted to provide clear responsibilities and duties for the conveyance of a Donation by Donor and acceptance of a Donation by the City. The Agreement will ensure that each Donation accepted by the City is in the best interest of the City and its citizens.

B. Definitions

- (1) **Agreement:** a statement or exchange of promises between the City and any Donor.
- (2) **City:** the City of Dripping Springs, an incorporated Type A, general-law municipality located in Hays County, Texas.
- (3) **City Administrator:** the chief administrative officer of the City, or the officer's designee.

- (4) **Donation:** any monetary or nonmonetary gift, grant, devise or bequest to the City. A monetary donation includes cash or a check, money order or other negotiable instrument. A nonmonetary donation includes real or personal property.
- (5) **Donation Form:** a document in a form approved by the City Administrator representing a donation conveyed to the City, including the value of the donation.
- (6) **Donor:** a person who gives a gift through a trust or charitable contribution.
- (7) **In-Kind:** payment or Donation made in the form of goods or services, rather than cash.
- (8) **Labor:** physical or mental exertion or productive activity that satisfies a City need.
- (9) **Land:** real property (i.e., real estate), including any fixtures or improvements upon and all water / mineral rights (unless expressly excluded).
- (10) **Materials:** Goods or products that satisfy a City need.
- (11) **Person:** a human individual, sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, nonprofit corporation, foundation or unincorporated association, agency.
- (12) **Project:** an endeavor or undertaking for which a Donation is proposed, which is reasonably anticipated to benefit: (a) the City as an organization; (b) the citizenry, including residents, voters, and guests; or (c) the community at-large.
- (13) **Tax Deduction:** An expense, such as a charitable contribution, that can be deducted from one's taxable income.

C. Types of Donations Generally

- (1) The City will accept most types of Donations if a Donation Form is filled out upon conveyance of a donation to the City.
- (2) The City is not legally able to own stock. As such, any donation of stock will be liquidated and turned into cash or another liquid asset, and treated as a monetary donation.
- (3) The City will not accept any type of Donation that the City Administrator, Deputy City Administrator, or Mayor (or City Council as provided below) deem is not beneficial to the City.

D. Donation Form

Upon conveyance of a Donation of any type to the City, Donor agrees to fill out a Donation Form (*Attachment "A"*).

E. Conveyance of Donation

Except for Donations of Land, the City will only accept Donations along with the requisite Donation Form presented to the City Administrator, Deputy City Administrator, or the Mayor at City Hall during normal City Hall hours.

F. City Council Approval

All Donations of Land will only be accepted upon City Council approval.

G. Accounting for Donation

The City will account for this Donation through a mechanism determined by the City.

H. Tax-Deductible Contributions

- (1) Only upon completion and submission of a Donation Form to the City will Donor be eligible to receive a Tax Deduction for the Donation of a charitable contribution.
- (2) If the Donor does not complete and submit a Donation Form to the City, sign this Agreement, and complete the Donation, the City will not release any documents certifying the Donations.
- (3) Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted of imposing responsibility or accountability upon the City for the accuracy of the estimated value of the Donation received, unless the City expressly agrees in writing to participate in the approximation of value through: (1) a public auction, (2) competitive bidding, (3) receipts provided (retail or wholesale) documenting the Donor's actual costs, or (4) a commonly utilized and clearly established methodology of determining fair market value.
- (4) The City is relieved from any and all responsibility and liability for estimating or calculating the value of the Donation received.

INITIALS:
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I. Donation Amount

- (1) By signing this Agreement Donor is acknowledging that:
- (2) The amount of the Donations are \$1000.00 (e.g., one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)) or greater; EQUAL TO "DONATION FORM", ATTACHMENT 'A'.
- (3) The anticipated cost for the entire project proposed as the subject of the Donation is estimated to exceed \$1000.00 (e.g., one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) inclusive of all funding); and/or EQUAL TO "DONATION FORM", ATTACHMENT 'A'.
- (4) The project proposed as the subject of the Donation is anticipated twelve months to reach substantial completion and shall be completed as show in Attachment "A"; and
- (5) The Donation does not unnecessarily burden the City or unreasonably encumber the funds contributed.

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J. Donation Completion

- (1) By signing this Agreement Donor agrees to
 - a. Fully complete the Donation;
 - b. Complete the Donation within the timeframe specified under the Term of this Agreement.
 - c. Fund the cost of completing the Donation and refund the City any amount of funds it has lost or expended in expectation of timely compliance of the Donation if a project is not timely completed; and
 - d. Provide documentation specifically listing all gifts that the Donation will include; and;
 - e. Relieve the City from any and all responsibility for estimating or calculating the value of the Donation received.
- (2) If the City has received the Donation Form and a signed copy of this Agreement, the City agrees to release any and all documents certifying the Donation upon completion of the Donation.

K. Criteria for Acceptance

The City shall favorably consider accepting Donations if (in the sole discretion of the City) the intended bequeath satisfies one or more of the following criterion:

- (1) The Donation furthers a Project that has been approved by the City Council in the form of a long-term master or comprehensive plan (of some sort).
- (2) The Donation furthers a Project that is necessitated by a documented need to comply with county, state or federal regulations.
- (3) There is broad political or public support for the Donation and the Project.
- (4) The Project provides for the facilitation of cooperation between multiple civic groups, charitable organizations and/or political subdivisions.
- (5) The City has adequate human resources to maintain and operate the Project.
- (6) The Project will not pose a realistic threat to the public health, safety or welfare, or create an unreasonable source of legal liability for the City.
- (7) The Donation will not pose an undue, continuing financial burden on the City, a result of which is to create a public obligation that outweighs the public benefits.

L. Contact Information

- (1) Donor will at all times maintain the following points of contact:

Donor: Diane Thompson
 Phone: 512-657-5228
 E-Mail: dianetexan@gmail.com
 Mailing Address: 23 Indian Princess
 Wimberley, Texas 78676

- (2) The primary point of contact under this Agreement for the City shall be:

City Administrator: Michelle Fischer
 Phone: (512) 858-4725
 Facsimile: (512) 858-5646
 Alternate Phone:
 Email: mfischer@cityofdrippingsprings.com
 Mailing Address: PO Box 384
 Dripping Springs, Texas 78620-0384

M. Term

The term of this Agreement shall be for twelve months unless otherwise agreed to in writing by both parties through an amendment to this Agreement.

N. Termination

Either Party may terminate the agreement at hand, for any reason, with 30 days written notice to the other Party.

O. Effective date

This agreement takes effect as soon as it is signed by both Parties and approved by City Council.

P. Indemnification

DONOR AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD THE CITY HARMLESS FROM ANY DAMAGES OCCURRING FROM THE ALLEGED NEGLIGENCE OF DONOR, HIS AGENTS, VOLUNTEERS, SERVANTS AND EMPLOYEES.

Q. Transferability

Except as may otherwise be expressly provided herein, the rights and obligations created by this Agreement may not be transferred or assigned to another party without the express written consent of the City and Donor.

R. Governing Law

The laws of the State of Texas shall govern any disputes or conflicts that arise under the terms of this Agreement. The venue for all legal actions involving this Agreement shall be Hays County.

S. Entire Agreement

This document represents the entirety of the agreement between the City and Donor. No oral or other written contracts outside of this Agreement shall have any affect unless they are approved in writing by both parties and made a part of this Agreement.

T. Other Documents

The City and Donor agree to execute such further documents, and to take such further acts, as may be necessary or required to carry out the terms of this Agreement.

U. Amendments

This Agreement may be amended only by an instrument in writing signed by the City and Donor.

V. Severability

The provisions of this Agreement are severable, and if any provision or part of this Agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall ever be held by any agency or court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable, invalid or unlawful for any reason, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby.

W. Third Party

Except as herein specifically and expressly provided, the terms and provisions of this Agreement are for the sole benefit of the City and Donor, and no third party whatsoever is intended to benefit herefrom.

X. Authorization

The City represents and warrants to, and covenants with Donor that:


- (1) The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement by the executing officer have been duly authorized. This Agreement has been duly and validly executed and delivered by the executing officer on behalf of the City, and constitutes a valid and binding obligation, enforceable against the City in accordance with its terms.
- (2) No consent or approval of any third party, including, without limitation, any governmental authority, is required in connection with the execution, delivery or performance of this Agreement. The execution and delivery of this Agreement, and the performance of the obligations and consummation of the transactions contemplated herein do not and will not conflict with or result in a breach of any of the terms, conditions or provisions of, or constitute a default under any contract, indenture, mortgage, loan agreement, lease, joint venture or other agreement or instrument to which the City is a party or by which the City or any of its respective properties are bound, or result in any violation by it of any law, order, rule or regulation of any court or governmental agency or body. The City is not in material violation of any law, ordinance, governmental rule or regulation or court decree to which it may be subject, nor has it failed to obtain and maintain in full force and effect any license, permit, certificate, franchise or other governmental authorization necessary to the ownership of its respective property or to the conduct of its operations under this Agreement.

Executed this, the ____ day of _____ 20__.

City of Dripping Springs:

Donor:

by _____
Todd Purcell, Mayor

by 
Autumn Pape, Troop 406



City of Dripping Springs

P.O. Box 384~ Dripping Springs, Texas 78620
 Phone : 512-858-4725 Fax: 512-858-5646

CITY VOLUNTEER PROJECT RELEASE & WAIVER OF LIABILITY

In consideration of the City of Dripping Springs allowing myself to participate in a Volunteer Project (hereafter, the "Project") in the public right-of-way of Hays Street and Haydon Lane, I hereby agree as follows:

A. Acknowledgement of Risks

1. I fully understand and hereby acknowledge that outdoor activities such as a Volunteer Project have inherent risks, dangers and hazards; and
2. My own participation in a Volunteer Project may result in injury, illness or death; and
3. These risks may be the result of inherent risks from working outdoors or may be caused by the negligence of the City, its agents or employees, or the sponsors and donors for a Volunteer Project.

B. Assumption of Risks

1. I hereby assume all risks of danger or injury to myself; and
2. I hereby assume responsibility for all losses or damages involving myself, regardless of cause.

C. Release from Liability

1. I, on behalf of myself, my personal representatives, my equipment, my heirs and assigns, hereby voluntarily waive, release, discharge, hold harmless, defend and indemnify the City of Dripping Springs, its agents, employees, officers, and the Sponsors of Volunteer Project(s) from any and all claims, actions, losses for bodily injury, property damage, wrongful death, loss of services, or otherwise, which may arise from my own participation in Project(s).
2. I specifically understand that I am releasing, discharging and waiving claims or actions that I may have presently or in the future for the negligent acts or omissions of the City, its agents, officers or employees.

D. Venue

The venue for any dispute arising out of this instrument shall be Hays County, Texas.

I have read this Release and Waiver and by signing it agree with its terms. It is my intention to exempt and relieve the City of Dripping Springs from any and all liability related to my participation in a Volunteer Project.

Participant:

Autumn Payne
Printed Name

Autumn Payne
Signature

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Age

9/29/20
Date

Guardian (if participant is under 18 years of age):

ANOLEY ROW
Printed Name

[Signature]
Signature

9/29/20
Date



Attachment A

City of Dripping Springs Donation Form

Date Form Completed: 9/29/20
 Name of Donor: AUTUMN PAPE Address of Donor: 100 RACHEL CAYTON DR. DRIPPING SPRINGS, TX 78620
 Name of Donor's Representative (if different than Donor): (FOR GIRL SCOUTS)
 Phone Number of Donor: 512-789-1633 Email Address of Donor: agpape@yahoo.com

Project for which Donation is made:

Is this a Donation of: YES Labor/In-Kind Services? X Cash? X Materials? YES
 Other? X

State the estimated completion date of project: December 1st, 2020

Description of Donation: To upgrade/nurse Chamo Ranch Park's information kiosk.

Actual or Approximate Value of Donation (including cost of materials and time): APPROXIMATELY \$800.

Method value was determined (e.g., actual, retail/wholesale, appraisal, fair market value, other): ACTUAL INITIAL:

Printed Name of Donor's Authorized Signee: Autumn Pape
 Title of Authorized Signee: GIRL SCOUT DONOR
 Signature of Authorized Signee: [Signature]
 Date Signed: 9/29/20

LEGAL GUARDIAN
Ag P 9/29/20
TITLE = MOTHER OF DONOR

City Use Only:
 Donation Agreement Required: ___ Yes ___ No
 City Administrator Approval: ___ Yes ___ No
 Commission/Board Approval: ___ Yes ___ No
 City Council Approval: ___ Yes ___ No
 ACCEPTED ON BEHALF OF THE CITY: ___/___/___
 by: _____



STAFF REPORT
City of Dripping Springs
PO Box 384
511 Mercer Street
Dripping Springs, TX 78602

Submitted By: Kelly Schmidt

Commission Meeting Date: 10.05.2020

Agenda Item Wording: Discuss and consider recommendation regarding the Donation of a Bench and Memorial Plaque in honor of Rusty Ranck at Founders Memorial Park.

Agenda Item Requestor: Denise Ranck

Summary/Background: Denise Ranck would like to purchase and donate a memorial bench to honor the memory of her late husband Rusty Ranck. The pair often walked Founders Park trails and the new section of trail was Rusty’s favorite segment of the walk. Ms. Ranck has provided her desired location and style of bench as well as plaque. She will pay for bench and plaque. The City Maintenance Department will install.



Memorial Plaque



Proposed Bench Location

Landmark Recycled Plastic Memorial Benches

Memorial Benches with Extra Wide Back Perfect for Personalizing with an Engraving

Constructed of eco-friendly, maintenance-free 100% recycled plastic using a 2" x 10" back board for strength and durability. These memorial benches are an outstanding symbol of Green Products for a Greener World. These benches can be securely fastened in place using the optional anchor kit. Available in the colors shown below. All stainless steel fasteners included.

Specifications

- 6' Models have Three Frame Legs
- 8' Models have Four Frame Legs



Model LB6WB-P
Cedar Seat | Black Frame

**Staff
Recommendations:**

Staff recommends approval of 6' memorial bench with black frame & cedar seat. The plaque to be provided by Denise Ranck. Install of the plaque and the bench to be completed by City Maintenance department.

Attachments:

Donation Form

Next Steps/Schedule:

Place on Council Agenda with Donation Agreement and staff report.

Attachment A

City of Dripping Springs Donation Form

Date Form Completed: 09.29.2020

Name of Donor: Denise Ranck Address of Donor: 700 Grand Prairie Circle

Name of Donor's Representative (if different than Donor):

Phone Number of Donor: 512-694-0119

Email Address of Donor: Deniseranck@g-mail.com

Project for which Donation is made: Memorial Bench at Founders Park

Is this a Donation of: Labor/In-Kind Services? Cash? Materials?
Other? Memorial Bench

State the estimated completion date of project: 11.30.2020

Description of Donation:

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Actual or Approximate Value of Donation (including cost of materials and time): \$621.08

Quote #
WQ 276961

Here is the Quote as per your request. The 'Shipping' total has been applied. To place an order, simply click 'Submit Order Confirmation' below. Please print this page for your records. Customer Order Confirmation is **required** to process order.

BELSON OUTDOORS 627 Amersale Drive Naperville, IL. 60563 sales@belson.com Toll Free: 1-800-323-5664 Phone: 1-630-897-8489 Fax: 1-630-897-0573

QUOTE #
WQ 276961

Model #	Description	Lbs	Quantity	Unit Price	Unit Total
LB6WB-P	Recycled Plastic 6' Landmark Bench With Back, 3 Legs Choose Frame Color Choose Back/Seat Color	142	1	\$401.00	\$401.00
RP-ROUTER	Router / Engraving (Square/Rectangle/Circle Only) For Plaque's	0	1	\$34.00	\$34.00
Subtotal		142		Subtotal	\$435.00
				0.0000% Tax	\$0.00
Customer Order Confirmation is required to process order.				Shipping	\$186.08
Your Order will not be shipped without your "Order Confirmation"				Grand Total	\$621.08


Materials

& Staff Time for Install

Method value was determined (e.g., actual, retail/wholesale, appraisal, fair market value, other): Retail

Printed Name of Donor's Authorized Signee: Denise Ranck

Title of Authorized Signee: N/a

Signature of Authorized Signee: 

Date Signed: 09/29/2020

City Use Only:

Donation Agreement Required: Yes No

City Administrator Approval: Yes No

Commission/Board Approval: Yes No

City Council Approval: Yes No

ACCEPTED ON BEHALF OF THE CITY: ___/___/___

by: _____



Parks & Recreation Commission

Planning Department Staff Report

Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting: October 5, 2020

Project Planner: Robyn Miga, Consulting City Planner

Subject: Parkland Dedication Ordinance Workshop

Request: Feedback regarding the proposed Parkland Dedication Ordinance.

Staff Recommendation: No action is recommended at this time. This is a workshop item to discuss the ordinance that is proposed by staff, and modifications will be made based on discussion prior to the item coming back before the Parks & Recreation Commission on November 2, 2020.

Overview

The City of Dripping Springs' adopted Parkland Dedication Ordinance was last revised in 2007. Since 2007, the city has seen tremendous growth, both in the City limits, as well as extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ). In that, there was a definite need for an ordinance overhaul in order to assist city staff with enforceability, and for the ordinance to provide clear direction and process for parkland dedication for developers. Most importantly, with the adoption of the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan in 2014, where the City outlined opportunities and community desires, it is in the best interest of the City to amend the Parkland Dedication Ordinance to further implement and extend those goals and objectives to see those enhancements incorporated through the parkland dedication process.

The Parkland Dedication Ordinance provides tools for the City to work with developers to implement the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan, including providing for the details of the specifications, design guidelines, and types of recreation opportunities that are required/desired within a subdivision. The Parkland Dedication Ordinance provides another set of requirements for compliance as well. It is through the Parkland Dedication Ordinance that the City has the ability to mandate that a subdivision provide land and park amenities, either privately, publicly, through fee-in-lieu, or a combination of the three.

Discussion points for this ordinance include:

- Dedication Requirements;
- Approval Process for Parkland;
- Fee-in-lieu/Park Development Fee;
- Exemptions;
- Dwelling Units instead of using LUEs; and
- Updating the park dedication process and clarity of the ordinance.

Discussion

Discussion Item	Option 1	Option 2
Dedication Requirements	Residential Only, 1 acre/29 units, fewer than 29 units, 5% overall acreage shall be dedicated.	Open to feedback. No alternatives proposed.
Exemptions	1. Subdivisions with individual tracts larger than	Open to feedback. No alternatives proposed.

	<p>5 acres, no public improvements, are not subject to parkland dedication.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Subdivisions with 5 units or fewer are not subject to parkland dedication. An applicant cannot subdivide into several small projects to meet this exemption. 3. Properties in the Historic Districts with fewer than 25 dwelling units proposed are not subject to parkland dedication. 	
<p>Approval process</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If the applicant meets the criteria of the ordinance outright, they do not have to go before the Commission or City Council. 2. If they want to deviate at all from the ordinance, they're required to apply for an alternative plan, which will go before Parks & Recreation Commission for recommendation, and City Council for final decision. 	<p>Open to feedback. No alternatives proposed.</p>
<p>Fee-in-Lieu</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fee-in-lieu is required instead of dedication of land for all properties that are not located in the city limits; 2. Where less than ½ acre would be required to satisfy parkland dedication; or 3. Is an option if an applicant would rather pay fee-in-lieu in accordance with the fee schedule instead of dedicating land. <p>If an applicant wants to propose a hybrid, this would likely be taken back to the Parks & Recreation Commission for recommendation, and City Council for final approval.</p>	<p>Still have fee-in-lieu, but the city could accept land in the ETJ for parkland dedication.</p>
<p>Park Development Fee</p>	<p>The numbers for the fee were derived from a study conducted by an outside Parks' consultant, and took into consideration level of service, with a projected 21,000 in</p>	<p>Some options for this to offset the fee for developers are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow detention basins that include amenities, and the

	<p>population by 2024.</p> <p>The Park Development Fee is in addition to land dedication/fee-in-lieu criteria.</p> <p>Fee:</p> <p>Neighborhood Park (service area within ½ mile radius), and based on an approximate 3 acre park model. \$828/dwelling unit.</p> <p>Community Park (serving a 2 mile radius), and based on an approximate 50 acre park model. \$1,619/dwelling unit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developer can provide cost estimate for improvements they’re already proposing in addition to land dedication to be subtracted from this amount. • Parks Commission would see the proposals, and make a recommendation for City Council to make a final decision. 	<p>construction costs to be subtracted from the development fee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allow the construction of regional trails that connect to the larger parks to contribute to reducing this fee. <p>Open to suggestions and feedback.</p>
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Conclusion

While there are other changes proposed to the ordinance to increase user-friendliness, listed above are the major items that staff requests direction on to determine if the proposed amendments are aligned with the goals and objectives of the Parks & Recreation Commission. Overall, the major changes proposed are potentially eliminating commercial developments from the requirement of providing parkland dedication and/or fee-in-lieu, and implementing a park development fee that will be used for the development of parks and amenities for service areas within the city.

Furthermore, with the implementation of the park development fee, staff wanted to ensure that we were able to talk through the purpose of the fee, and potential options for offsetting this if a development was going above and beyond what’s generally required.

Staff would like feedback on all proposed changes, as well as any feedback/ideas you all have regarding this ordinance.

Recommendation

No recommendation is requested.

Meeting Schedule

Next Meetings:

November 2, 2020 – Parks & Recreation Commission - Recommendation

November 24 – Planning & Zoning Commission

December 8, 2020 – City Council



STAFF REPORT
City of Dripping Springs
PO Box 384
511 Mercer Street
Dripping Springs, TX 78602

Submitted By: Andrea Cunningham, City Secretary

Commission Meeting Date: October 5, 2020

Agenda Item Wording: **Discuss and consider approval of the Parks & Recreation Commission 2021 Annual Meeting Calendar.**

Agenda Item Requestor: Andrea Cunningham, City Secretary

Summary/Background: Annually the City prepares the meeting calendar for Boards, Commissions and Committees. The attached calendar for the Parks & Recreation Commission considers the approved City of Dripping Springs Holiday Calendar and additional observed holidays by DSISD.

The PRC meets the 1st Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. The attached calendar for 2021 meetings has two conflicts for July and September.

Recommended Board Actions: Staff recommends approval of the attached calendar with the July regular meeting scheduled for the 1st Tuesday on July 6, 2021; and the September regular meeting scheduled for the 1st Tuesday on September 7, 2021.

Attachments:

1. Approved City Hall Holiday Calendar
2. Proposed PRC 2021 Meeting Calendar

Next Steps/Schedule:

1. Prepare 2021 meeting calendar for review and approval by City Council.
2. Upon City Council approval meetings will be updated on the City website and calendar invites will be forwarded to Board Members.

2021

Holidays

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Holidays - City Hall Closures

- January 1 - New Year's Day
- January 18 - Martin Luther King Day
- February 15 - Presidents Day
- May 31 - Memorial Day
- July 5 - Independence Day (observed)
- September 6 - Labor Day
- October 11 - Columbus Day
- November 11 - Veterans Day
- November 25 & 26 - Thanksgiving Day
- December 24 - Christmas Eve
- December 31 - New Year's Eve

DSISD Holidays & Breaks

- Spring Break, March 15 - 19
- April 2 - Staff/Student Holiday
- Thanksgiving Break, November 23 - 26
- Winter Break, December 20 - January 4

2021 Parks & Recreation Commission

City Hall Closure, DSISD Break

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January

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February

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March

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April

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May

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September

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October

4 - PRC @ 6:00 p.m.

November

1 - PRC @ 6:00 p.m.

December

6 - PRC @ 6:00 p.m.

*Suggest reschedule of July and September meetings to:
- July 6, 2021
- September 7, 2021*

PARKS

Charro Ranch Park

The monthly volunteer work day at Charro Ranch Park was held on Saturday, September 5, 2020. The group assisted with mitigating some of the scarring that occurred from the Oak Wilt mitigation trenching.

Dripping Springs Ranch Park -Submitted by: Tina Adams – Event Center Manager



September was an exciting month for DSRP with several successful weddings, large horse shows and preparing for the Upcoming Rodeo in October.

In preparation for the fall show season, the local Hays County 4-H club has started meeting again on Monday nights at DSRP.

The Dripping Springs Fair & Rodeo was postponed until October 16-17th. With the current Covid-19 safety precautions, this event has downsized considerably and will operate at 50% capacity. The DSRP board and CODS city council approved the amended fee schedule for the 2020-2021 DSRP budget. Also 2 major repairs to the Event Center have been completed (NE Corner of new addition door and Warm Up Arena roll up door). The management team is currently revamping the DSRP riding series for this next season/series. The management team is gaining a new member for October. Lily has an extensive background in livestock and equine fields, event planning and customer service. With the event center starting to ramp back up, she will be a welcome addition.

Founders Memorial Park & Pool –

New trail segment has been completed as previously reported. Discussions and plans are being formulated for moving forward on the additional proposed parking area adjacent to future skateboard park.

Rathgeber Natural Resource Park (Pending)

Use agreement still being drafted with Capitol Area BSA for Rathgeber. Awaiting the results of the November election. Staff has begun developing a preliminary operations budget for the park with a plan for bringing it on-line in 2022.

Sports & Recreation Park

2020 DSYSA Fall youth sports program has resumed. Engineering portion and phased implementation plan of the Sports Lighting replacement while implementing dark sky compliance certification is wrapping up.

Veterans Memorial Park & Triangle

Community rental capabilities of the portion of the Triangle west of the low water crossing are no longer permitted.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Initiatives

- **Bird City Texas:**

Applications for the 2021 Texas Bird City designation process opened June 15, 2020 with a deadline of December 4, 2020. An application committee was formed and consists of the following partners:

Hope Boatright – Destination Dripping Springs, Visitors Bureau
Maggie Martin – CODS Programs & Events Specialist
Paul Fushille – CODS Parks & Recreation Commissioner
Kelly Schmidt – CODS Parks & Community Services Director
Lisa Sullivan – CODS Communications Director
Amanda Pena Bustillos – Wild Birds Unlimited

Connie Boltz – Hays County Master Naturalists
Anne Forish – Hays County Master Gardeners

The committee divided up the extensive application requirements and will be meeting on several occasions during the next several months to support each other through the process of completing the application with the best information. The objective is to ensure that our 2021 application accurately assesses and shares the past, current and future work that reflects Dripping Springs' dedication to the preservation and conservation of birds.

- **International Dark Sky Association:** Lights Out! Campaign being driven by Maggie Martin, Communications Coordinator Lisa Sullivan & City Administrator Michelle Fischer. Proclamation to be presented at the next City Council meeting detailing the importance of a night sky and how artificial lighting negatively impacts migratory bird patterns. This acknowledgement aids in achieving Bird City requirements as well as celebrate our designation as an International Dark Sky city.
- **It's Time Texas:** On Going- prepping for next year.
- **Keep Dripping Springs Beautiful:** On Going - Nothing to report>
- **Scenic City:** On Going - Nothing to report.

Community Outreach Volunteer Services

Nothing to report for August. Covid still continues to impact normal operations. Beginning our planning for the 2021 volunteer season and creating organizational structure for on-going opportunities for recruitment of community volunteers.

Banner Requests & Co-Sponsorships

- Run by the Creek
- Empty Bowls

Community Events & Programs – Submitted by: Maggie Martin, Programs and Events Specialist



Bird City:
We are continuing our efforts for earning the Bird City Designation. Planning meetings with the Bird City Texas Committee have continued and the team is working hard on their designated items to meet our December deadline.



The 'Lights Out' Proclamation passed on September 8th, 2020. Throughout September and October, you can show your support for protecting Dripping Springs bird species by signing the pledge on the Dripping Springs Bird City webpage. The program has been well received by the public with X pledges so far.

In September, the Night Sky Month Proclamation passed, recognizing the month of October Night Sky Month. We are discussing possible events or programs to support IDA and Night Sky Month.

The Charro Ranch Park Bird Interpretive signage has been completed! The Bird guide is currently being printed and will be available for use in October! Head over to the Charro Ranch Birding station to check it out! Thank you to Tom Hausler, a DS Birding Club member and bird photographer, for donating photos to be used in the guide. The project would not have been a success without his generosity.



In other news, Charro is getting love and attention from our fellow Girl Scouts! We have one Silver Award Candidate applying to work with the City on restoring the Charro Ranch Park kiosk! She will spend approximately 50 hours working to make the kiosk more inclusive and relevant. She will be leading the project, and working closely with staff to tackle the project.

Christmas on Mercer:



Continued planning of Christmas on Mercer 2020- sponsorship is open and supporters have already begun submitting their sponsorships. Vendor applications are open as well and are at 60% capacity. We are continuing our efforts of gaining more sponsors and vendors! The PCS department has teamed up with other city entities to update the Traffic control plans, our health and safety protocol, and event site plan to work towards creating a safer event for our community. This year the tree lighting will be held virtually. Movie in the Park:

Continued planning of the Halloween special movie in the park! We have received sponsorship from Austin Realty who have donated to the expense of the event. Sponsors will get a special shout out at the event with their logo (or chosen piece of marketing) will be shown on the screen before the show begins as well as any banners and posts from the City! It will be held at Ranch Park and will adhere to COVID regulations by limiting the number of guests, spacing out parking spots, and using an online, touchless reservation system. Signups will begin at the end of September. We will be showing the new Addams Family (2019)!

Farmers Market – Submitted by: Laurel Robertson, Market Manager



In September, the Farmers Market was able to accomplish a long-term goal of moving weekly booth reservations and payments online. It took several weeks, and plenty of backup support from PCS Team Kelly Schmidt and Maggie Martin, but the new system is operational and vendors are successfully using it. Ongoing tweaks and improvements are expected during the coming months.



Manager Robertson continues to be in conversation with Mayor Foulds about re-opening the market to live music, craft vendors, and public seating as COVID restrictions are lifted. The Mayor okayed increasing craft vendors at this time, with the promise of revisiting the entertainment and seating options soon.

At their September meeting, the Farmers Market Association Board approved offering reduced joining fees for Holiday Vendors (November and December markets) and moving the market indoors at DSRP Event Center during January, February, and the first part of March. Market Manager Robertson will coordinate with the DSRP Event Center Staff on logistics for the temporary move.

Marketing, Website, Social Media, Branding & Communications

The PCS department continues to expand their website pages to encompass the resource as a tool to provide the full scope of services within the department's span of responsibility. Currently, the "Community Services" aspect of the department is lacking in web presence and ease of service access. Staff is in the process of creating an easier application process and information dissemination platform.

- Road closure requests
- Itinerant Vendor Permits
- Event Permit for events held on city property and events held within City Limits
- Co-Sponsorship Requests and banners at the triangle requests

City of Dripping Springs

PARKS

Income Statement

For the Eleven Months Ending August 31, 2020

Item 7.

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
Revenues				
Transfer from Park Dedication	0.00	22,475.00	83,651.73	247,225.00
TXF from Landscaping Fund	0.00	741.67	0.00	8,158.37
TXF from DSRP	0.00	0.00	15,500.00	0.00
Daily Pool Entries	3,264.00	0.00	9,680.00	0.00
Programs	167.50	0.00	1,274.50	0.00
Swim Lesson Fees	0.00	0.00	833.70	0.00
Private Pool Party Fees	0.00	0.00	280.00	0.00
Park Rental Income	0.00	125.00	3,558.00	1,375.00
Park Donations	0.00	0.00	5,916.92	5,000.00
Pavilion,& Pool Rental	300.00	0.00	585.00	0.00
Total Revenues	3,731.50	23,341.67	121,279.85	261,758.37
Expenses				
Pool Management	2,065.50	0.00	9,076.50	0.00
Lifeguard	7,278.81	0.00	19,086.37	0.00
Lifeguard OT	7.20	0.00	16.50	0.00
Camp Staff	0.00	6,240.00	0.00	24,960.00
Founders Park/Pool Supplies	652.28	487.50	5,121.77	5,362.50
Sports & Rec Park Supplies	0.00	0.00	164.14	0.00
Pool Chemicals	1,205.40	583.33	3,688.19	6,416.63
Program Supplies	83.37	83.33	786.05	916.63
Pool Equipment	0.00	31.25	149.00	343.75
Charro Ranch Supplies	0.00	129.17	0.00	1,420.87
General Park Supplies	722.91	333.33	3,308.88	3,666.63
Parks Mileage	78.49	0.00	152.38	0.00
Park Dues, Fees, Subscriptions	26.20	0.00	111.53	0.00
Pool Training	0.00	83.33	342.00	916.63
Pool Phone & Network	155.44	66.67	1,324.46	733.37
Portable Toilets Parks	460.00	416.67	4,430.00	4,583.37
Founders Park/Pool Electricity	628.62	625.00	6,027.12	6,875.00
Sports & Rec Park Electricity	-226.74	41.67	706.64	458.37
Triangle Electricity	38.25	166.67	462.44	1,833.37
DSRP House Network/Phone	175.84	66.67	1,227.14	733.37
DSRP Electricity	154.80	100.00	771.26	1,100.00
DSRP House Septic	0.00	62.50	0.00	687.50
Charro Ranch Improvements	0.00	58.33	0.00	641.63
Founders Park/Pool Improvmts	0.00	6,250.00	74,187.75	68,750.00
Sports & Rec Park Improvements	0.00	17,833.33	9,456.00	196,166.63
DSRP Improvements	0.00	2,621.67	24,613.74	28,838.37
DSRP House Furniture & Equip	0.00	0.00	1,710.88	0.00
General Parks Maintenance	0.00	666.67	61.81	7,333.37
Charro Ranch Maintenance	6,815.07	766.67	6,839.01	8,433.37
Founders Pool/Park Maintenance	188.65	750.00	7,531.62	8,250.00
Sports & Rec Park Maintenance	0.00	1,083.33	4,760.20	11,916.63
Triangle Maintenance	0.00	291.67	41.13	3,208.37
DSRP Maintenance	809.96	116.67	1,479.95	1,283.37
Founders Park Lawn Maintenance	950.00	541.67	4,750.00	5,958.37

City of Dripping Springs
PARKS
Income Statement
For the Eleven Months Ending August 31, 2020

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
Sports & Rec Park Lawn Mainten	1,700.00	825.00	11,550.00	9,075.00
Triangle Lawn Maintenance	0.00	458.33	400.00	5,041.63
Charro Ranch Lawn Maintenance	0.00	575.00	6,100.00	6,325.00
S&R Trail Maintenance	0.00	416.67	2,220.00	4,583.37
Pool Maintenance	563.42	1,291.67	1,414.70	14,208.37
Founders Park/Pool Water	494.60	291.67	4,370.05	3,208.37
Sports & Rec Park Water	5,945.51	1,083.33	20,091.17	11,916.63
Triangle Water	39.15	16.67	405.97	183.37
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Total Expenses	31,012.73	45,455.44	238,936.35	456,329.84
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Net Income	-27,281.23	-22,113.77	-117,656.50	-194,571.47
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CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS
REPORT TO THE INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY ASSOCIATION
October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020

The City of Dripping Springs is proud to be part of the night sky preservation movement sweeping Texas. The city continues to experience rapid growth and welcomes its new businesses and residents in the city limits and surrounding area to be a part of the efforts to protect and preserve the night sky.

Territory

The current population of the City of Dripping Springs city limits is estimated to be 3,277. From October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020, the city annexed 0.09 km² and the total size of the city limits is now 22.45 km².

The city continues to be successful in obtaining voluntary compliance in its Extraterritorial Jurisdiction, where state law does not allow the Lighting Ordinance to be applied unilaterally. Many developers want their projects to be good neighbors and part of a dark sky community.

Lighting Projects

The Dripping Springs Sports & Recreation Park Lighting Plan was drafted by EMA Engineering. They consulted with Musco Lighting on the plan. The Lighting Plan will be sent to the International Dark Sky Association to be reviewed for compliance with the Community-Friendly Outdoor Sports Lighting Certification Program Criteria.

The city's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction is much larger than the city limits, so compliance with the Lighting Ordinance in this area is very impactful. The City's Planning Department is creating a database of the properties outside the city limits that are required to comply with the Lighting Ordinance and those that voluntarily comply with the ordinance. The Planning Department plans to create a map that shows the compliant properties.

Lighting Ordinance

The City Council approved a minor amendment to the Lighting Ordinance on April 21, 2019, in response to City Staff, builder, and lighting provider comments regarding clarity and efficiency. The changes included:

- 1. Simplified exemption of festoon lighting and rope lights including removal of reference to Holiday Lighting and instead treating all temporary lighting the same. It also clarified that these types of low-output lighting do not need shielding.
- 2. Clarified the ordinance’s application in the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ): the only way this applies in the ETJ for buildings is through: (1) variances; and (2) voluntary compliance.
- 3. Removed dimming options from the ordinance because users were reading the options as requirements. Instead, the dimming options will be available on the city website and the Lighting Plan Application so that users still have access to the tools the city has to assist with dimming. The language now says that dimming can be any method that complies.
- 4. Added an illustration of how the Kelvin spectrum works.

Sky Quality Meter Readings

Sky Quality readings in various locations throughout the City of Dripping Springs were taken by city staff on August 17, 2020, with clear skies and no moon using a Unihedron SQM-L Sky Quality Meter. The following chart shows the locations, times, and readings.

LOCATION	TIME	READING
Dripping Springs Ranch Park -Outdoor Arena	9:41 pm	20.33
Hidden Springs Ranch HOA Park -Parking Lot	9:49 pm	20.20
Lake Lucy -West End of Loop	9:54 pm	20.05
City Hall -Parking Lot	9:58 pm	19.63
Charro Ranch Park -Parking Lot	10:05 pm	20.4
Sports & Recreation Park -Parking Lot by Adult Softball Fields	10:12 pm	20.07
Founders Memorial Park -Parking Lot by Trail Head Sign	10:17 pm	20.01

Generally, the sky quality has not significantly changed. The sky quality readings at City Hall and Founders Memorial Park slightly improved from previous readings. This may be because some noncompliant light fixtures at both locations were replaced with compliant ones.

The City 's Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget includes funds for the installation of a permanent sky monitor to be installed on City property. The City is working with the Hill Country Alliance on the specifications for the sky monitor.

Working with the City's Electricity Provider

The city continues to work with its electricity provider, the Pedernales Electric Cooperative, to bring noncompliant street and area lighting into compliance with the city's Lighting Ordinance. The Pedernales Electric Cooperative has reported to the city that it has installed sixty-two (62) street and area lights that comply with the city's Lighting Ordinance in the past year. Of these, five (5) street lights replaced nonconforming street lights on city streets, at the city's request.

Programs, Education, and other Outreach

Building Official Sarah Cole attended the Texas Planning Association Annual Conference and participated as a panelist on the Night Planning Panel on November 8, 2019, in Waco, Texas.

City Staff talked with people representing other cities developing lighting ordinances or applying for International Dark Sky Community Designation, such as Jennifer Scola, City Planner, City of Bee Cave.

The city participated in International Dark Sky Week April 19-26.

The city participated in Hays County Friends of the Night Sky activities and programs.

The city provided items for the Dripping Springs Chamber of Commerce Welcome Bags for new residents in July:

200 "I Love the Texas Night Sky" stickers with www.idatexas.org; and

200 International Dark Sky-Association and City of Dripping Springs International Dark Sky Community logo stickers with www.darksky.org.




The city’s Communications Director, Lisa Sullivan, redesigned the “Passport to the Stars” for the Hays County Friends of the Night Sky, to be used by families at the Hill Country Living Festival + Rainwater Revival on April 4. Due to COVID, the event was moved to a virtual event to be held on October 24, 2020.



City Administrator Michelle Fischer met virtually with Scout Caroline Newby to discuss light pollution and ways she can be an advocate in her community, the City of Austin.

The City Council approved of a Proclamation declaring August - October 2020 and March - May 2021, as "Lights Out Migratory Months" in the City of Dripping Springs, Texas. Almost one hundred people have taken the online pledge to date.


PROCLAMATION
OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS
PROCLAIMING AUGUST – OCTOBER 2020 AND
MARCH – MAY 2021 AS
“Lights Out Migratory Months”

WHEREAS, the Audubon National Lights Out Program was established in 1999 in Chicago, Illinois and organized to protect birds from light pollution; and

WHEREAS, the Lights Out Program encourages businesses and community members to turn off exterior lights within a designated timeframe during migratory months to reduce light pollution providing safe, natural migration routes for birds; and

WHEREAS, Audubon is a nonprofit organization partnering with cities nationwide to protect their unique bird species fostering a healthier environment and shared quality of life for all; and

WHEREAS, 1 of every 3 birds migrating through the U.S. in spring passes through Texas, meaning approximately one billion birds travel through the state annually; and

WHEREAS, studies show birds support local economies in places such as the Rio Grande Valley where Nature Tourism, which is dominated by birding, contributes \$300 million to the local economy and supports 4,607 full-time and part-time jobs annually; and

WHEREAS, the Lights Out program will support other city initiatives such as the International Dark Sky Community designation, the Birding Club and Bird City designation that will help us qualify for grants to support Nature Tourism in Dripping Springs benefiting our local economy; and

WHEREAS, the Dripping Springs Lights Out program will offer a pledge to be signed by community members, business owners, and government officials to participate by turning off their lights during the migration periods bi-annually; and

WHEREAS, the Lights Out Program, once proclaimed, will be listed as an official partner program on the Audubon website alongside other cities offering the program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the City Council of Dripping Springs, Texas:

- August through October and March through May shall hereafter be known as “Lights Out Migratory Months” in Dripping Springs, Hays County, Texas.
- Community members, business owners, and government officials are encouraged to sign the pledge stating you will extinguish exterior lights during the specified time frame during Lights Out migratory months.


Bill Foulds, Jr.
 Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor



Dripping Springs is a well-known corridor for migrating birds during the fall and winter. Migratory birds typically fly at night leaving them vulnerable to light pollution, which causes them to become confused and collide with structures. Lights Out Dripping Springs is the initiative to participate in the national Lights Off Program! Turn off your lights between 11pm-6am September through October and March through May to help reduce light pollution and save our birds from collision! Participate in the pledge below to receive special recognition for joining our efforts!

First and Last Name: _____

Do you pledge to participate in the Lights Out Dripping Springs program by turning off all indoor and outdoor lights during migration periods between 11pm and 6am to reduce light pollution?

Yes No

Are you a business or organization?

Yes No

Business/ Organization Name: _____

If you would like to receive information regarding City of Dripping Springs Birding and Night Sky Programs and Events please provide your email: _____

The first annual Hill Country Night Sky Month, October 2020, is a celebration of the region’s night skies and of the hard work that Hill Country communities do to preserve it. The City Council approved a Proclamation declaring the Month of October 2020 as "Hill Country Night Sky Month" in the City of Dripping Springs. The city will promote night sky education and events in October in Dripping Springs and the Hill Country. This event has caused cities, parks, and advocacy groups in the region to collaborate on night sky activities and outreach and to think about how they can help each other by promoting the night skies regionally.



PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2020 AS

"Hill Country Night Sky Month"

- WHEREAS, the aesthetic beauty and wonder of star-filled skies are the heritage of all humankind and locally to the inhabitants of Dripping Springs and are therefore worthy of celebration; and
- WHEREAS, the experience of standing beneath a star-filled night sky inspires feelings of wonder and awe, and may encourage interest in science and nature especially among young people; and
- WHEREAS, the opportunity to view star-filled skies attracts tourists to our region and therefore economic benefit to Dripping Springs; and
- WHEREAS, preserving the rich historic heritage and starry night skies of Dripping Springs is important to its citizens; and
- WHEREAS, "light pollution," which is wasted light that performs no function or task and artificial light that goes where it is not supposed to go, is created by glare, light trespass, sky glow, and overlighting; and
- WHEREAS, light pollution wastes natural resources amounting to at least \$2 billion per year and contributes to diminished American energy independence; and
- WHEREAS, the historical view of the night skies has been eroding in many nearby areas and generations are growing up with limited, if any, view of the wonders of the universe; and
- WHEREAS, the influx of people into the Texas Hill Country region and the accompanying light pollution from area lighting fixtures has been steadily on the rise; and
- WHEREAS, solving the problem of light pollution involves making better use of outdoor lighting to direct light down to where it is needed instead of upward into the sky, putting outdoor lights on timers and using outdoor lighting only where necessary; and
- WHEREAS, Hill Country communities are increasingly dedicated to the preservation of the region's night skies, as evidenced by the frequent educational activities conducted in our region and by the increasing number of places in our region recognized as International Dark-Sky Places by the International Dark-Sky Association, including: Enchanted Rock State Natural Area, South Llano State Park, the City of Dripping Springs, the Wimberley Valley, the City of Fredericksburg, the City of Horseshoe Bay, U Bar U Camp & Retreat Center, River Hills Neighborhood of Travis County, and Lost Creek Neighborhood of Travis County; and
- WHEREAS, this regional effort and the preservation and celebration of our night skies is worthy of a month-long celebration.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the City Council of Dripping Springs, Texas:

1. October 2020 shall hereafter be known as "Hill Country Night Sky Month" in Dripping Springs, Hays County, Texas.
2. That the City Council encourages citizens to enjoy the night sky and to participate in the Dripping Springs and the Hill Country region's events and programs celebrating the night sky and promoting the ways in which communities are working to preserve it.
3. That the City Council encourages citizens to learn about light pollution and why it matters, night sky friendly lighting, and lighting regulations, and to implement practices and lighting improvements that will reduce light pollution, thereby preserving our night skies.

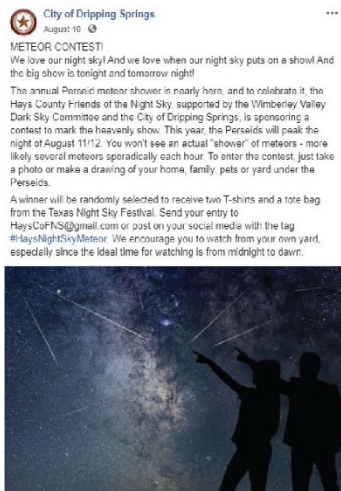


Bill Foulds, Jr.
Bill Foulds, Jr., Mayor

City Administrator Michelle Fischer participated in the Hill Country Alliance Leadership Summit September 23-25 and served on a panel that discussed the night skies and tourism.

The city is a sponsor of the Hill Country Living Festival + Rainwater Revival, which was rescheduled from April 4th to October 24^h and changed to virtual event. City representatives will give a lighting presentation during the event.

Perseid Contest August
 Lights Out Dripping Springs September



Actual Data:

Globe at Night	March 11	Reached 1,882 people, with 26 comments, reactions and shares
International Dark Sky Week	April 19-26	Reached 2,844 people, with 92 comments, reactions and shares

Census	July 21	Reached 404 people, with 3 comments, reactions and shares
Perseid Showers Contest	August 5-9	Reached 1,511 people, with 31 comments, reactions and shares
Lights Out Dripping Springs	September 9	Kicked off September 9, will run through Sept and Oct. Already reached 10,750 people, with 1,007 comments, reactions and shares through September 30, 2020.

New Construction

In the past year, the city’s Building Department issued 765 New Residential Permits for a total of 3,077,998 square feet, and issued the following commercial building permits for projects complying with the Lighting Ordinance:

- twelve New Commercial Building Permits for a total of 355,176 square feet;
- sixteen Commercial Tenant Finish Out Permits for a total of 45,334 square feet;
- seven Commercial Remodel Permits for a total of 25,769 square feet; and
- two Commercial Addition Permits total of 2,768square feet.

All permitted commercial and residential buildings were required to obtain approved lighting plans and were/will be inspected after construction for compliance before a certificate of appropriateness was/is issued.

In the city’s Extraterritorial Jurisdiction, there were several variances approved for projects that required compliance with the Lighting Ordinance, including Reds Detail and Reconditioning, StorServ, and Jiffy Lube. Several large developments were under construction that were required to comply with the Lighting Ordinance through Development Agreements, including, retail buildings in Belterra Village, the Belterra Village Apartments, and the Driftwood Land and Golf Club.

The Dripping Springs Independent School District continues to bring nonconforming lighting on district properties into compliance with the Lighting Ordinance and two new schools being built will comply, Walnut Springs Elementary (in city limits) and Elementary School #5 (in Extraterritorial Jurisdiction).



Texas Regional Bank



Flying Fish Swim Academy



Arrowhead Ranch Amenity Center



Western Springs Apartments



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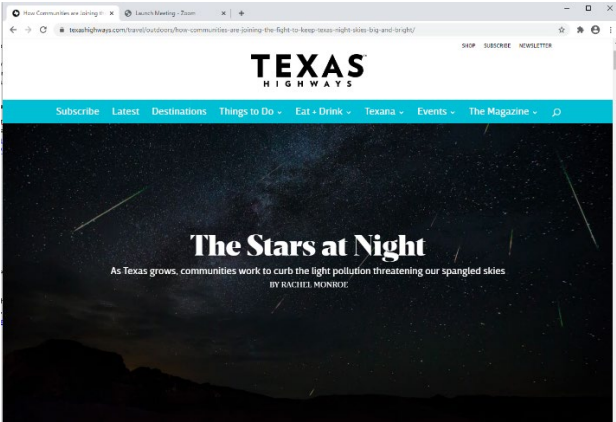
The Retreat at Dripping Springs

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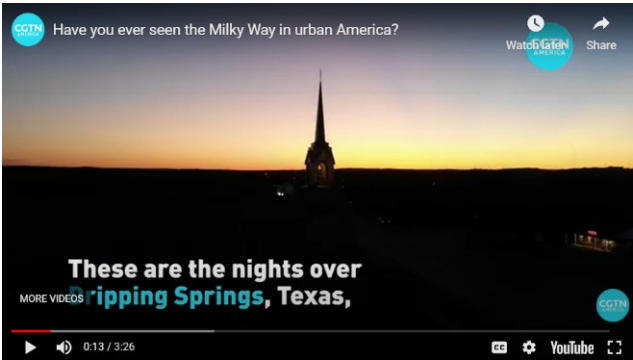
The city’s Code Enforcement Inspector continues to enforce the Lighting Ordinance and issues violation warnings as needed. No citations have been issued this past year due to compliance in response to the violation warnings.

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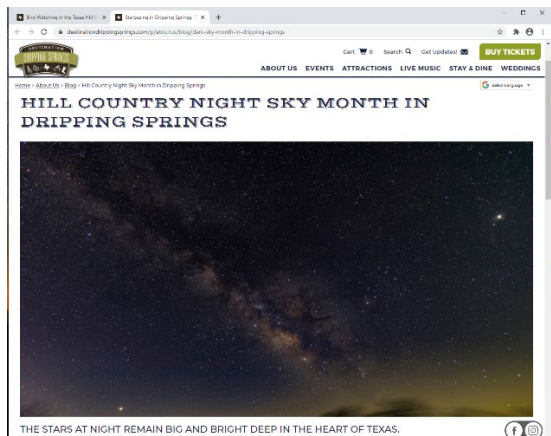
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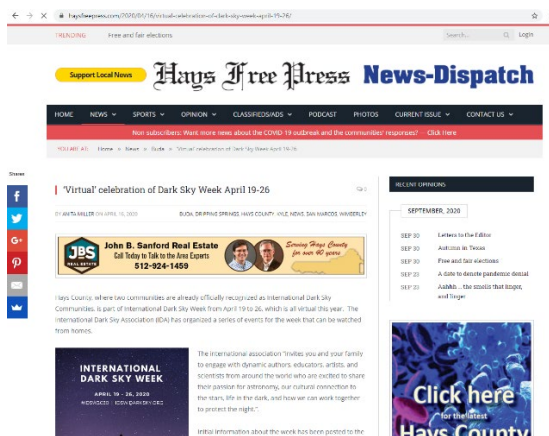
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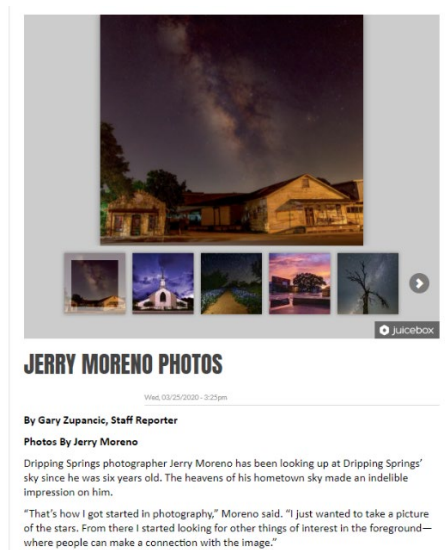
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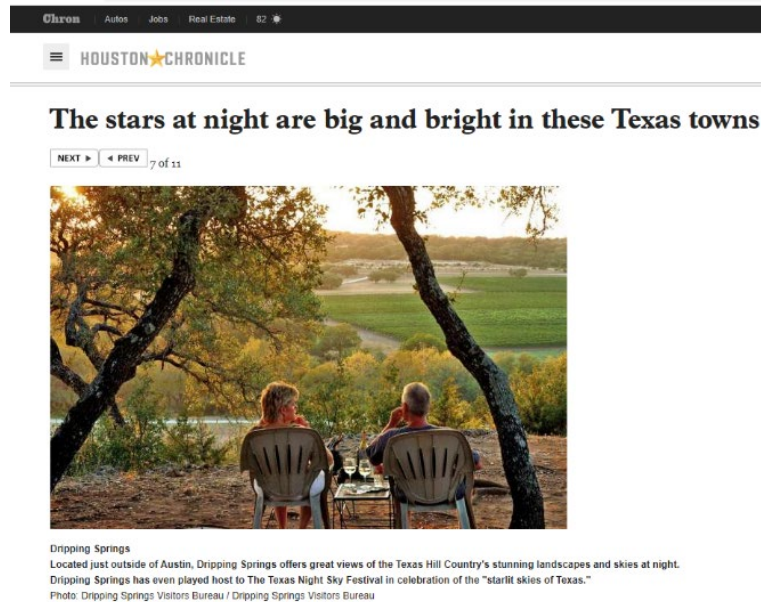
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Engagement with IDA

The city collaborates with the Texas IDA Chapter on a regular basis and city representatives attend chapter meetings.

COVID-19 Pandemic Impact

Due to COVID, the city couldn't have in-person events. Some night sky events had to be canceled or changed to virtual events. The city put its efforts into promoting what it could virtually. This brought about an increase in public engagement through the city's social media platforms.

The city has seen an increase in park use during the pandemic. Outdoor activities, such as stargazing has increased. The city expects an increase in astrotourism and nighttime park use in the future. City staff is planning to promote overnight camping and stargazing in Dripping

Springs Ranch Park. The city will have to continue to promote night sky education and programs virtually.

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