



Utility Commission Regular Meeting

City of Dripping Springs Council Chambers

511 Mercer Street – Dripping Springs, Texas

Thursday, July 18, 2024, at 4:00 PM

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Commission Members

Charlie Busbey, Chair

Barney Austin

Lara Dudek

Matthew Ordway

Zach West

Staff, Consultants, & Appointed/Elected Officials

Utilities Director Dane Sorensen

Deputy City Secretary Cathy Gieselman

Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.

PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS

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MINUTES

- 1. Approval of the June 20, 2024, Utility Commission meeting minutes.**

UTILITY REPORTS

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

- 2. Water & Wastewater Facility Report**

CLOSED SESSION

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Utility Commission Meetings

August 15, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

September 19, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

October 17, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

City Council Meetings

July 23, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

August 6, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

August 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

September 3, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF MEETING

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Diana Boone, City Secretary

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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

With a quorum of the Commission present, Chair Busbey called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Commission Members present were:

Charlie Busbey, Chair
 Barney Austin
 Lara Dudek
 Matthew Ordway
 Zach West

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

Utilities Director Dane Sorensen
 City Secretary Diana Boone
 Deputy City Attorney Aniz Alani
 Deputy City Secretary Cathy Gieselman

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No one spoke during Presentation of Citizens.

MINUTES

1. Approval of the May 16, 2024, Utility Commission meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ordway to approve the May 16, 2024, Utility Commission regular meeting minutes. Commissioner Austin seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

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2. Water & Wastewater Facility Report

Dane Sorenson presented the Facility Report which is on file and addressed questions from the Commission.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dudek to adjourn into Closed Session under Item 3 pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney. Commissioner Ordway seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

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3. Consultation with Attorney regarding legal issues related to Wastewater Discharge Permit, related permits, and current related litigation in *SOS v. TCEQ* in the 459th Judicial District Court of Travis County and related development, financial, and utility issues. Consultation with City Attorney, 551.071

The Commission met in Closed Session from 4:11 pm. to 4:21 p.m.

No vote or action was taken during Closed Session. Chair Busbey returned the meeting to Open Session at 4:21 p.m.

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Utility Commission Meetings

July 18, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

August 15, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

September 19, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

City Council Meetings

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

July 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

August 6, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

August 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

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

This regular meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.



City of Dripping Springs

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Staff Report from: Dane Sorensen

Commission Meeting Date:	07/18/2024
Item Wording:	Update on Utilities for the month June 2024
Agenda Item Requestor:	Utility Commission

Projects Under Construction:

Heritage Treated effluent line under construction

Driftwood effluent line – Construction to start 8/15/24

Big Sky Package Plant – Construction has Started

Upcoming projects:

Howard Ranch – Treated Effluent tap

Cannon Ranch Regional Lift Station - design

Heritage lift station – easements

Anarene (Double L) – Water and Wastewater plans under review

Wild Ridge (Cynosure) – Water and Wastewater plans under review

Village Grove –Wastewater plans under review

New Growth –Wastewater plans under review

South Regional Water Reclamation Expansion Project Update:

The Supreme Court has requested to hear oral arguments on October 1st.

No new updates on the TLAP Amendment 2 contested case.

Dripping Springs Retail Water Update:

Stage 1 watering restrictions are in place for all CODS water customers.

South Regional Water Reclamation Facility Operations Report.

The South Regional Water Reclamation Facility operated within permit parameters for the month of June.

National Works continues to work on the WWLA manhole rehab. This will rehab 46 manholes and add vented lids along the route. 27 have been completed so far.

First Phase of SCADA System completed.

Arrowhead Wastewater Plant Update:

The city is working with AUC on the plant expansion. Construction started on 6/10. We are currently finishing electrical additions and yard piping. Construction should be completed in late-July. The GST and the drip fields have not gone out for bid yet. We need these to come into compliance, however from an operation standpoint the additional capacity in the plant is what is needed to improve effluent quality.

We had one reportable violation for the month of June on the 11th. The BOD concentration was 32 mg/l.

Update on Reclaimed Water:

We have started billing for Reclaimed water. Construction of the irrigation amendments to Sports and Rec Park have started and should be completed by Mid-July.



Commission Recommendations:	
Actions by Other Jurisdictions/Entities:	
Previous Action:	
Recommended Action:	
Alternatives/Options:	
Budget/Financial Impact:	
Attachments:	
Related Documents at City Hall:	
Public Notice Process:	
Public Comments:	
Enforcement Issues:	
Comprehensive Plan Element:	
Next Step/Schedule:	

Jun-24								Effluent							
Day	Rain	Flow	Drip	Reuse	Combine Effluent	Chlorine	NTU	Solids	TVSS	BOD	TSS	E-coli	Ph	DO	Temp
1	3.46	622	130	322.7	452.7	1.34	1.22								
2	0	349	90	225.1	315.1	8.4	2.73								
3	0	297	107	19	126	1.34	1.22			1		1			
4	0	345	130	239.3	369.3	7.69	1.68	8770	4470	2	1	7.5	7.8	8.5	26.9
5	0	347	196	14.7	210.7	6.7	1.78								
6	0	323	210	41	251	2.74	1.26								
7	0	378	181	147.6	328.6	6.99	1.35								
8	0	340	129	164.2	293.2	6.99	1.29								
9	0	325	127	1.5	128.5	6.3	1.26								
10	0	327	123	22.1	145.1	5.78	0.86			1		1			
11	0	335	129	108.8	237.8	2.49	0.9	5470	4170	1	1	2			
12	0.51	313	110	207.1	317.1	1.3	1.26								
13	0.12	318	122	0	122	5.87	1.17								
14	0	335	131	216.8	347.8	7.4	1.33								
15	0	314	133	55.5	188.5	8.66	1.67								
16	0	304	104	195.9	299.9	8.66	1.35								
17	0	313	111	55.8	166.8	2.2	1.95								
18	0	308	141	195	336	6.56	2.55	5930	4600	2	2	9.8			
19	0	357	129	153.9	282.9	6.9	1.92								
20	1.41	348	114	13.1	127.1	3.01	10.2								
21	0.25	356	120	250.8	370.8	4.01	6.4								
22	0	383	122	217.1	339.1	4.03	5.8								
23	0	319	130	10.2	140.2	3.81	5.6								
24	0	220	95	176.2	271.2	6.56	1.48			1		1			
25	0	329	123	84.5	207.5	7.31	1.04	5860	4500	1	1	1			
26	0	313	131	94.2	225.2	8.05	1.36								
27	0	310	103	250.5	353.5	4.86	0.74								
28	0	295	115	36.3	151.3	4.17	0.9								
29	0	371	67	298.7	365.7	4.55	1.01								
30	0	284	55	0	55	5.23									
TOTAL		10078	3708	3817.6	7525.6										
AVG		336	124	127	251	5.33	2.18	6508		1.286	1.250	2.040	7.800	8.500	26.900
MIN		220	55	0	55	1.3	0.74	5470		1.000	1.000	1.000	7.800	8.500	26.900
MAX		622	210	322.7	452.7	8.66	10.2	8770		2.000	2.000	9.800	7.800	8.500	26.900

CoDS Arrowhead/ TPDES Permit No. WQ0014824001

Year : 2024-2025

Month: June

Date	Daily Avg Flow (mgd)	Flow Drip Skid (mgd)	Effluent					Influent		Aeration	
			BOD (mg/l)	TSS (mg/l)	e-Coli (cfu)	CL2 (mg/l)	pH (su)	BOD (mg/l)	TSS (mg/l)	TSS	VSS
Daily Avg mg/l			25.0	40.0	126.0	1.0 - 4.0	6.0 - 9.0				
Smpl Frequency			1/wk	1/wk	1/qtr	5/wk	1/mo	2/mo	2/mo	1/wk	1/wk
6/1/2024	0.073	0.078				7.3					
6/2/2024	0.065	0.066				7.2					
6/3/2024	0.052	0.054				1.9					
6/4/2024	0.049	0.046	6	14	26.9	4.3	7.8	402	372	2730	2030
6/5/2024	0.073	0.074				3.7					
6/6/2024	0.053	0.052				2.2					
6/7/2024	0.064	0.068				2					
6/8/2024						2.3					
6/9/2024		0.059				2					
6/10/2024	0.071	0.074				2.1					
6/11/2024	0.061	0.059	32	34		2.03	7.7			3000	2700
6/12/2024	0.079	0.056				2.1					
6/13/2024	0.074	0.058				2					
6/14/2024	0.065	0.064				3.4					
6/15/2024	0.043	0.052				3.1					
6/16/2024	0.051	0.054				3					
6/17/2024	0.062	0.065				1.2					
6/18/2024	0.058	0.06	11	23		1.4	7.8	595	304	2230	2030
6/19/2024	0.057	0.054				1.6					
6/20/2024	0.068	0.075				1.5					
6/21/2024	0.066	0.069				1.4					
6/22/2024	0.068	0.072				1.5					
6/23/2024	0.072	0.074				1.8					
6/24/2024	0.04	0.037				8.8					
6/25/2024	0.061	0.062	4	13		8.8	7.6			3120	2760
6/26/2024	0.059	0.06				1.6					
6/27/2024	0.054	0.056				4.1					
6/28/2024	0.054	0.056				1.6					
6/29/2024	0.072	0.072				4.3					
6/30/2024	0.066	0.057				7.6					