



Utility Commission Regular Meeting

City of Dripping Springs Council Chambers

511 Mercer Street – Dripping Springs, Texas

Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 4:00 PM

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Commission Members

Charlie Busbey, Chair

Barney Austin

Lara Dudek

Mark Miller

Matthew Ordway

Staff, Consultants, & Appointed/Elected Officials

Utilities Director Dane Sorensen

Deputy City Secretary Cathy Gieselmann

Mayor Bill Foulds, Jr.

PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS

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PRESENTATIONS

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

MINUTES

- 1. Approval of the February 15, 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**

BUSINESS AGENDA

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

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

May 16, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

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

City Council Meetings

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

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

May 7, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

May 21, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF MEETING

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Cathy Gieselmann, Deputy 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

Mark Miller

Matthew Ordway

Commission Members absent were:

Barney Austin

Lara Dudek

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

Utilities Service Manager Dane Sorenson

Deputy City Secretary Cathy Gieselmann

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No one spoke during the Presentation of Citizens.

MINUTES

1. Approval of the January 10, 2024, Utility Commission meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Miller to approve the January 10, 2024, Utility Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Ordway seconded the motion which carried unanimously 3 to 0.

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.

Dane Sorenson presented the staff report which is on file. Dane noted one correction to the staff report where it stated there were no reportable violations this month; however, there were reportable violations that occurred this month.

BUSINESS AGENDA

3. Discuss and consider approval of the Revised 2024 Utility Commission meeting calendar.

Cathy Gieselman addressed questions from Commissioners; staff recommends approval.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ordway to approve the Revised 2024 Utility Commission meeting calendar as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion which carried unanimously 3 to 0.

CLOSED SESSION

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The Commission did not meet in Closed Session.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Utility Commission Meetings (pending Approval of Revised Calendar)

March 21, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

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

May 16, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

City Council Meetings

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

March 5, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

March 19, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

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

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Commissioner Ordway to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion which carried unanimously 3 to 0.

This regular meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.



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Staff Report from: Dane Sorensen

Commission Meeting Date:	03/21/2024
Item Wording:	Update on Utilities for the month of February 2024
Agenda Item Requestor:	Utility Commission

Projects Under Construction:

Heritage Treated effluent line under construction

Driftwood effluent line - obtaining permits

Upcoming projects:

Big Sky Package Plant – Site permit approved, Minor amendment to wastewater permit

Howard Ranch – Treated Effluent tap

Cannon Ranch Regional Lift Station

Heritage lift station

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 additional briefing. Final briefings are due March 8th. There is no timeline on how quickly they decide whether they will hear oral arguments or dismiss the case.

No new updates on the TLAP Amendment 2 contested case.

Dripping Springs Retail Water Update:

Stage 3 watering restrictions are in place for all CODS water customers.

The City is currently negotiating an amendment to the wholesale agreement with the WTCPUA.

South Regional Water Reclamation Facility Operations Report.

The South Regional Water Reclamation Facility has been operating within permit limits since the last meeting.

National Works continues to work on the WWLA manhole rehab. This will rehab 46 manholes and add vented lids along the route. 20 have been completed so far.

No reportable violations have occurred this month.

Arrowhead Wastewater Plant Update:

The City is working with AUC on the plant expansion. Plant mobilization will be in early April. We received one bid that was over budget. We are working with AUC to see what aspects of the construction they can complete. We will most likely finish construction through subcontractors and doing some work in-house.

We had one reportable violation this month. The sample taken on 2/27/24 had a BOD of 36mg/L. We have completed another reseed of the plant as well as increased chlorine to the contact chamber.

Update on Reclaimed Water:

Effluent pump station is complete and has been serving customers since late February.

Feb-24								Effluent							
Day	Rain	Flow	Drip meter	Reuse meter	Combine	Chlorine	NTU	Solids	TVSS	BOD	TSS	E-coli	Ph	DO	Temp
1	0	295	122	197.2	319.2	5.66	2.19								
2	0	308	114	114.4	228.4	5.64	2.36								
3	0.75	317	129	83.1	212.1	6.05	2.42								
4	0	276	115	185.7	300.7	6.26	2.32								
5	0.03	288	99	12.2	111.2	4.93	2.83			4		1			
6	0	280	135	192.8	327.8	5.11	2.67	6300	5400	3	1	1	7.7	9.4	17.4
7	0	275	116	94.6	210.6	4.17	3.23								
8	0	276	110	185.3	295.3	5.92	3.12								
9	0	278	139	99.8	238.8	8.51	-								
10	0.47	283	107	140.2	247.2	8.57	3.48								
11	0	311	100	178.3	278.3	8.16	3.24								
12	0.03	260	80	5.3	85.3	5.63	2.62			3		1			
13	0	314	135	208.7	343.7	7.16	2.88	6650	5650	3	1	ND			
14	0	279	95	170.8	265.8	5.74	2.33								
15	0	283	106	94.4	200.4	4.97	2.07								
16	0	285	104	82.5	186.5	5.41	2.12								
17	0	292	117	145.8	262.8	6.19	2.27								
18	0	279	109	157.3	266.3	6.62	1.68								
19	0	273	92	1.4	93.4	5.03	1.73			2		7.9			
20	0	305	114	196.6	310.6	5.79	1.92	6400	5700	0	1	1			
21	0	284	117	144.9	261.9	7.2	2.11								
22	0	257	111	125.5	236.5	6.43	2.31								
23	0	292	111	22.5	133.5	2.28	2.28								
24	0	306	113	186	299	-	-								
25	0	281	105	128.4	233.4	-	-								
26	0	282	113	164.1	277.1	4.77	1.99			3		1			
27	0	284	38	114.7	152.7	6.61	1.98	5550	4800	3	1	4.1			
28	0	316	49	167.1	216.1	8.06	1.9								
29	0	300	134	216.6	350.6	3.49	1.84								
30															
31															
TOTAL		8359	3129	3816.2	6945.2										
AVG		288.2414	107.896552	131.5931034	239	5.94	2.38	6225		2.625	1.000	1.644	7.700	9.400	17.400
MIN		257	38	1.4	85.3	2.28	1.68	5550		0.000	1.000	1.000	7.700	9.400	17.400
MAX		317	139	216.6	350.6	8.57	3.48	6650		4.000	1.000	7.900	7.700	9.400	17.400

