



DRIPPING SPRINGS  
Texas

# UTILITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

City of Dripping Springs

Council Chambers, 511 Mercer St, Dripping Springs, TX

Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 4:00 PM

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## Agenda

### CALL TO ORDER

#### Commission Members

Charlie Busbey, Chair

Lara Dudek

Roger Kew

Mark Miller

Matthew Ordway

#### Staff, Consultants & Appointed/Elected Officials

Public Works Director Aaron Reed

Utility Operator II Gray Lahrman

Deputy City Secretary Cathy Gieselman

### PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS

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### MINUTES

- 1. Approval of the June 14, 2023 Utility Commission meeting minutes.**

### BUSINESS

- 2. Update and discussion regarding Water and Wastewater facility activities.**

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

*The Utility Commission for the City of Dripping Springs has the right to meet in executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matter as authorized by Texas Government Code*

Sections 551.071 (Consultation with City Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), and 551.086 (Economic Development). The Utility Commission for the City of Dripping Springs may act on any item listed in Executive Session in Open Session or move any item from Executive Session to Open Session for action.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### Utility Commission Meetings

August 9, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

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

October 11, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

### City Council Meetings

July 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

August 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

August 15, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

September 5, 2023 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.*

*I certify that this notice of meeting was posted at the City of Dripping Springs City Hall and website, [www.cityofdrippingsprings.com](http://www.cityofdrippingsprings.com), on **July 7, 2023 at 1:00 PM**.*

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City Secretary

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## MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

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

**Commission Members present were:**

Charlie Busbey, Chair  
 Lara Dudek  
 Mark Miller  
 Matthew Ordway

**Commission Members absent were:**

Roger Kew

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

Public Works Director Aaron Reed  
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No one spoke during Presentation of Citizens.

### MINUTES

**1. Approval of the May 10, 2023, Utility Commission meeting minutes.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Ordway to approve the May 10, 2023, Utility Commission meeting minutes. Commissioner Dudek seconded the motion which carried unanimously 4 to 0.

## BUSINESS

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

Gray Lahrman presented the staff report which is on file. Aaron Reed noted the corrections to the staff report as follows: Village Grove and New Growth should be listed as **Wastewater** only, not **Water and Wastewater**. Additionally, the City officially took over operations of the Arrowhead Wastewater Plant as of **May 22, 2023**, not **March**. The South Regional Water Reclamation Facility Operations Report, which is on file, was provided as a handout to Commissioners.

The staffing budget for Arrowhead plant operations was planned for and is included in the 2023 budget. Although this plant does not fall under the Utility Commission's oversight of 're-use' (since it is a 'stand-alone' plant) the Commissioners requested to see the monthly spreadsheets. Aaron Reed will provide at the next meeting.

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The Commission did not meet in Executive Session.

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### Utility Commission Meetings

July 12, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

August 9, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

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

### City Council Meetings

June 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

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

July 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

August 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

## ADJOURN

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

This regular meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.