

**City of Dripping Springs
City Council**

**Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 20, 2010
511 Mercer Street, Dripping Springs, Texas**

6:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor & City Council Members

Mayor Todd Purcell
Council Member Santos Alba
Council Member Joe Volpe

Mayor Pro Tem Bill Foulds
Council Member Doug Phillip
Council Member H.A. "Spider" Williams

City Staff/Appointed Officials

City Administrator Michelle Fischer
Deputy City Administrator Ginger Faught
Planning Director Jon Thompson
Planning & Zoning Chair Craig Koenig

City Secretary Jo Ann Touchstone
City Attorney Alan Bojorquez
Special Counsel Susan Zachos
Parks Director Ashley Seay

Mayor Purcell calls the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. All present except Bill Foulds, Spider Williams, Craig Koenig and Susan Zachos.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilman Phillip leads the pledge.

III. PRESENTATIONS BY CITIZENS

Floor open to discussion on any subject. No action may be taken by law. Citizens wishing to speak shall do so after being recognized by the Mayor. The Mayor and City Council may establish a time limit as necessary.

Kristin Carlton, states her candidacy for HTGWD district number one. Ms. Carlton states that district one includes the city limits and would like to work with the city should she be elected.

IV. CONSENT ITEMS

The following items may be acted upon in one motion. No separate discussion or action is necessary unless requested by a Council Member or citizen, in which event those items will be pulled from the consent agenda for separate consideration.

- A. FY 2010 Founders Day Participation Agreements between the City of Dripping Springs and:
1. Drippin Towin' for Towing Services
 2. Preferred ATM Services for ATM Machine

Councilman Alba motions to approve. Councilman Phillip seconds. Motion passes, 3-0.

- B. Proclamation Designating Doyle Fellers as Poet Laureate of Dripping Springs for a Second Three Year Term – Councilman Alba motions to approve. Councilman Phillip seconds. Motion passes, 3-0.

V. BUSINESS

Consideration and Possible Action On:

- A. Sign Variance Request from Section 7.1.j, Prohibited Signs, to allow Pole Sign Structures and Signs for Multi-Unit Complex located at 222 West Hwy 290, *Alva Haydon, Property Owner and Sandy Pedrazas, Owner of Ruby's Emporium*
1. Presentation – Sandy Pedrazas, states request.
 2. Sign Administrator's Report – City Administrator Michelle Fischer, report on file.
 3. Public Hearing – Danny Hubbard, states support for variance request. Mr. Hubbard states that our sign ordinance should be addressed so that one tenant is not fiscally punished if another tenant moves out or alters their own sign.

Marianne Simmons, director of the Pound House, states that Ms. Pedrazas has been very supportive of fundraising for the museum. Ms. Simmons states the need for support to keep small businesses open in our community.

Tracy Peel, resident, supportive of the variance request and small businesses and asks for support to keep small businesses open.

Tammy Myers, supportive of variance request and the business that Ms. Pedrazas brings to our community.

Bob Slaughter, supportive of variance request. Ms. Slaughter states that the time limit should be lifted.

4. Sign Variance Request from Section 7.1.j, Prohibited Signs, to Allow Pole Sign Structures and Signs for Multi-Unit Complex – Councilman Phillip motions to approve request with staff recommendations, no time limit, and limitation that if a site development permit is requested that the variance be reconsidered at that time. Councilman Alba seconds. Motion 2-1.
- B. Request from Harrison Ranch Park Steering Committee to Become a City Commission, *June Baumuel, Chair* - Councilman Phillip motions to table. Councilman Volpe seconds. Motion passes, 3-0.
- C. Ordinance No. 1510.05: An Ordinance Amending Volume 1, Article 5, Chapter 6 (Park Rules Ordinance) of the City of Dripping Springs Code of Ordinances; Amending Regulations for Parks; Providing for the Following: Activities Allowed in Parks; Activities Prohibited in Parks; Authority to Regulate Park Use; Enforcement; Criminal Penalties Including Criminal Fines Not to Exceed \$ 500.00; and Severability.
1. Parks & Recreation Commission Report – Parks Director Ashley Seay states changes, report on file.
 2. Public Hearing – None.
 3. Ordinance No. 1510.05 – Councilman Volpe motions to approve. Councilman Alba seconds. Councilman Volpe inquires of the rule about items hanging from trees. Clotheslines can be dangerous. Motion passes, 3-0.

Mayor Purcell calls recess at 6:30. Reconvened at 6:35p.m.

- D. Resolution 2010-14: A Resolution of the City of Dripping Springs Adopting a Camping Policy for Harrison Ranch Park – Councilman Volpe motions to approve. Councilman Phillip seconds. Motion passes, 3-0.

- E. Concerns Related to Vehicular Traffic, Parking, and Pedestrian Safety at Dripping Springs Sports and Recreation Park Playground Area Parking Lot, UIL Baseball Field, and Maintenance Road – No action taken.
- F. Acceptance of Bid Proposal and Approval and Execution of Contract for Haydon Lane Improvements – Councilman Phillip motions to approve staff recommendations. Councilman Volpe seconds. Motion passes, 3-0.
- G. Reciprocal Easement Agreement between the City of Dripping Springs and H.C. Carter – Councilman Phillip motions to approve according to staff recommendation and removing automatic one year renewal, making it an option. Councilman Alba seconds. Motion passes, 3-0.
- H. Ordinance No. 2230.11: An Ordinance Amending Volume 1, Article 2, Chapter 4 (Code Enforcement Citation Issuance Ordinance) of the Dripping Springs Code of Ordinances; Establishing Regulations for the Issuance of Citations Stemming From Alleged Criminal Violations of Ordinances; Providing for the Following: Rules; Standards; Procedures; Criminal Penalties; and, Severability – Councilman Phillip motions to approve. Councilman Alba seconds. Motion passes, 3-0.
- I. Casting of City Proxy for the Dripping Springs Water Supply Corporation Board Member Election – Councilman Phillip motions for Councilman Williams or Mayor Pro Tem Foulds represent and cast the city's vote. Councilman Alba seconds. Motion passes, 3-0.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council 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).

- A. Consultation with City Attorney Regarding Reciprocal Easement Agreement between the City of Dripping Springs and H.C. Carter, 551.072 (*Deliberations about Real Property*)

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Regular City Council Meeting, May 11, 2010 at p.m.
- B. Regular Parks & Recreation Meeting, May 10, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
- C. Regular Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting, April 27, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.
- D. Regular Historic Preservation Commission Meeting, May 3, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.
- E. Regular Founders Day Commission Meeting, TBD, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

VIII. ADJOURN

Councilman Phillip motions to adjourn. Councilman Volpe seconds. Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.