



CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS

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DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS – The Dripping Springs Mayor and City Council have taken a new step to better manage the rapid growth they have seen within the City and its extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ). Although the City remains somewhat small with an estimated population of 2,200, the ETJ continues to grow and represents an estimated population of more than 30,000. The growth is expected to continue which will place more demands on City staff.

Recently the Mayor and City Council asked City Administrator Michelle Fischer to re-organize the City Staff to better respond to customers. Mayor Purcell says “Over the past few years, we have recognized an increase in economic activity in our community unlike any we have seen in the past. The Council and I have also observed the increasing pressures put on our staff to perform their duties and responsibilities. We believe the new reorganization will allow our staff to respond to our taxpayers and our other customers more effectively and efficiently.”

As the Dripping Springs community has grown, so has the City staff. Today the City staff numbers eleven full-time personnel and three part-time personnel. These employees are supplemented by a variety of outside specialists including Architects, Attorneys, Engineers, Lighting Consultants, Inspectors, and Wastewater System Operators and Maintainers.

The City is now organized into three departments – Finance and Administration (FAAD), Parks and Recreation (PARD), and Public Works and Development (PWDD). The City Administrator will oversee both the FAAD and the PARD. Deputy City Administrator Ginger Faught will oversee the PWDD. Long-time City Engineer Rick Coneway is the Director of the day-to-day activities of the PWDD and will continue to serve as City Engineer.

Michelle Fischer, Ginger Faught, and Rick Coneway each have a long history with the City. Fischer joined the City in 1998. Faught began work in 2001 and Coneway began serving in 1995.

Photo Attached: Rick Coneway, P.E., BCEE, D.WRE - City of Dripping Springs Public Works and Development Director and City Engineer

