



CITY OF DRIPPING SPRINGS

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***City of Dripping Springs Commended for
Sound Financial Condition in Recent Financial Audit***

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DRIPPING SPRINGS, TX – The Dripping Springs City Council and staff received high praises at the March 8th Regular City Council Meeting from an independent auditor charged with reviewing the City’s municipal financial activity and reporting practices.

“The City of Dripping Springs is currently the most profitable of all of the approximately 25 governmental entities that we audit, but still has one of the smallest employee staffs of all the cities,” said Certified Public Accountant Donald Allman as he delivered the results of the City’s financial audit for the fiscal year ending on September 30, 2015.

Highlighting important points from the audit, Allman noted that the City’s combined ending fund balance, or the difference between assets and liabilities, of the General Fund was \$2.7 million, or an increase of \$1.5 million over the prior year.

Due to phenomenal growth in both population and revenues, the City’s General Fund had excess revenues at the end of Fiscal Year 2015. Those funds were transferred into the Reserve Fund and the Wastewater Reserve Fund. In addition, the City was able to set aside \$250,000 for transportation reserve funds for easing traffic congestion in the growing city.

Council Member Charles Busbey said the City’s “recent growth has produced substantial increases in revenue, but along with that growth comes an increased demand for projects to be funded, including wastewater expansion, road and traffic flow improvements, and maintenance of our extensive park facilities.”

Allman said he believed the City's financial success is in large part due to the commitment of the City of Dripping Springs employees, the Mayor, and the City Council. He said their focus has been on growing and promoting economic development and maintaining a quality of life for Dripping Springs residents, not in growing the city government. “The City of Dripping Springs is one of the only cities we audit that receives more sales tax revenue than property tax revenue, and that shows your commitment and success in economic development,” he said.

Allman also added “The City of Dripping Springs has developed more Parks and Recreation areas to promote quality of life for its residents than all of the other cities we work with.”

Council Member Busbey said he was happy that the auditor was complimentary about the City’s sound financial condition and that he specifically praised the hard work of City Treasurer, Gina Gillis. “We all are well-aware of the fiscal responsibilities that come with city management and are quite pleased that our audit reflects that awareness,” he said.

Mayor Todd Purcell said that despite the current economic climate, the City’s fund balance has continued to increase over the past eight years and has enabled the City to build reserve funds for future needs. “We work hard to be good stewards of public funds, manage growth, and plan for the future so we don’t lose our heritage or all that is special about Dripping Springs,” he said.

Purcell mentioned that Council Members, staff, and community leaders are currently updating the Comprehensive Plan for the City. A comprehensive plan helps cities develop a long-term shared vision for the future and a blueprint for achieving that vision. “This Plan will help guide the City Council, Commissions, and staff in important decisions and budgeting that will shape our community’s future,” he said.

To read the City of Dripping Springs Independent Auditors Financial Report for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2015, please go to the City website at www.cityofdrippingsprings.com.