



City Council

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of Dripping Springs, Texas was held Tuesday, March 17, 2020 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 511 Mercer Street, Dripping Springs, Texas.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor & City Council Members present were:

Mayor Todd Purcell

Mayor Pro Tem Bill Foulds

Council Member Travis Crow (arrived at 6:12 p.m.)

Council Member Wade King

Council Member John Kroll

Council Member Taline Manassian

City Staff/Appointed Officials/Consultants:

City Administrator Michelle Fischer

Deputy City Administrator Ginger Faught

City Attorney Laura Mueller

City Secretary Andrea Cunningham

Emergency Management Coordinator Roman Baligad

Communications Coordinator Lisa Sullivan

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Purcell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

III. PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS

A member of the public who desires to address the City Council regarding any item on an agenda for an open meeting may do so at presentation of citizens before an item or at a public hearing for an item during the City Council's consideration of that item. Citizens wishing to discuss matters not contained within the current agenda may do so, but only during the time allotted for presentation of citizens. Speakers are allowed two (2) minutes to speak during presentation of citizens or during each public hearing. Speakers may not cede or pool time. Members of the public requiring the assistance of a translator will be given twice the amount of time as a member of the public who does not require the assistance of a translator to address the City Council. It is the request of the City Council that members of the public wishing to speak on item(s) on the agenda with a noticed Public Hearing hold their comments until the item(s) are presented for consideration. Speakers are encouraged to sign in. Anyone may request a copy of the City's policy on presentation of citizens from the city secretary. By law no action may be taken during Presentations of Citizens.

Rachel Butler spoke during Presentation of Citizens regarding Homespun Kitchen's response to COVID-19.

IV. BUSINESS

Via unanimous consent, the City Council heard Business Item A and B concurrently.

- A. Discuss and consider approval of a Resolution adopting a Personnel Policy Update to allow for City Staff Paid Administrative Leave and City Hall and Facility Closure Policy.**

Sponsor: Mayor Purcell

Filed as Resolution No. 2020-R09

- B. Discuss and consider approval of a Resolution of a Policy regarding Cancellation of Events and Closure of City Facilities by the City for health and safety reasons.**

Sponsor: Mayor Purcell

Filed as Resolution No. 2020-R10

Laura Mueller presented the staff report which is on file. Staff recommends approval of both resolutions.

Mayor Pro Tem Foulds expressed that the public understand that the City along with the County is following an abundance and will not affect private business. Basically, the City will be closing DSRP Buildings, but not the parks. We want people to enjoy the parks, the trails and the lower arena that is wide open and things such as that.

A motion was made by Council Member Manassian to approve Resolutions adopting the Personnel Policy the Cancellation Policy and the Declaration of Disaster. Council Member Kroll second the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

The Mayor directed staff to implement the Closed Door Policy at all City walk-in facilities, where the City is open for business but closed to walk-in customers/traffic. Implementation is to begin the morning of Wednesday, March 18, 2020. Staff will be available by phone, text or email to continue to provide service to the community while City facilities are closed to walk-in customers.

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Foulds to adjourn into Executive Session under Texas Government Code Section 551.071, Consultation with City Attorney regarding legal issues related to policies regarding cancellation of events and closure of facilities. Council Member Kroll seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

V. 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). The City Council 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.

The City Council met in Executive Session from 6:36 – 6:54 p.m. No vote or action was taken during Executive Session. Mayor Purcell returned the meeting to Open Session at 6:54 p.m.

VI. UPCOMING MEETINGS

A. City Council & Board of Adjustment Meetings

April 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. (6:00 Workshop / 6:30 Regular Meeting)

April 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

May 12, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. (6:00 Workshop / 6:30 Regular Meeting)

May 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

B. Board, Commission & Committee Meetings

March 19, 2020 Farmers Market Association Board at 10:00 a.m.

March 23, 2020 Transportation Committee at 3:30 p.m.

March 23, 2020 Founders Day Commission at 6:30 p.m.

March 24, 2020 Planning & Zoning Commission at 6:00 p.m.

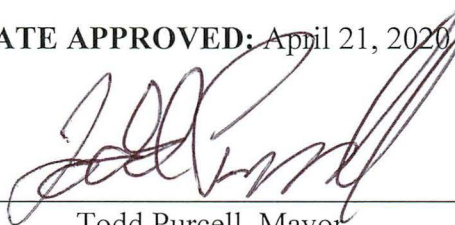
March 25, 2020 Economic Development Committee at 4:00 p.m.

VII. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Foulds to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Kroll seconded the motion which carried unanimously 5 to 0.

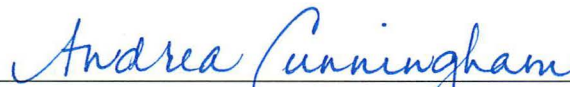
This regular meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

DATE APPROVED: April 21, 2020



Todd Purcell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Andrea Cunningham, City Secretary