

Austwell City Council Regular Meeting

January 8, 2025

The City of Austwell met for a Regular Meeting on January 8, 2025, at 6:30 pm.

Mayor Biery called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Biery welcomed everyone.

Council Meeting

Item # 4

Public Comments:

Stephen Johnson said a prayer for the City.

Item # 5

Staff Reports:

Secretary Barbara Merchant read the financial reports.

Rene Rodriquez read the water usage report.

Commissioner Wolfshohl – Did not attend, no report.

Animal Control – Did not attend, Mayor Biery read the report.

Item # 6

Approve Minutes for December 11, 2024, Regular Meeting

Council Member Ancira made a motion to accept the minutes as written.

Mayor Biery seconded the motion.

All ayes, motion carries.

Item # 7

Travis Pruski, Nueces River Authority, Engineering Firm to propose plans for new sewer plant

Travis did not attend. Mayor Biery reported there was no official business to report.

Council Member Ancira made a motion to table the discussion.

Mayor Biery seconded the motion.

All ayes, motion carries.

Items # 8

Margaret Somereve, TCAP, Approve and sign contract for electricity rates.

TCAP representative Gary presented information to the citizens present.

Council Member Ancira made a motion to sign and approve the contract.

Mayor Biery seconded the motion.

All ayes, motion carries

Item #9

Information on water rate increase

Mayor Biery informed citizens that the rate increase of \$65.00 to the water bills will be approved at the February, 2025 meeting and will be effective at the completion of the Sewer Plant. Other options for funding were also discussed.

Item # 10

General Election on May 3, 2025, Council Place 2

Secretary Barbara Merchant discussed the upcoming election and provided dates for election processes.

Item # 11

Adjournment at 6:51 pm

Austwell City Council Public Hearing

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The City Council and Austwell Residents met for a Public Hearing on January 8, 2025, at 5:30 pm.

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Item # 2

Sewer Plant Replacement

Mayor Biery updated the citizen on the existing sewer plant and why we are where we are. He explained the process and whys of the loan and paying it back with the water bills.

Many questions were raised regarding cost and other funding possibilities.

Raising the water/sewer tab fees was considered.

Another Public Hearing will be held on Narch 19, 2025 at 5:30 pm, prior to the regular meeting scheduled at 6:30 pm.

Item # 3

Adjournment at 6:30 pm.