

Austwell City Council Regular Meeting

June 9, 2026

The City of Austwell met for a Regular Meeting on June 9, 2026, at 6:00 pm.

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

Mayor Biery welcomed everyone.

Item #3

Announcements:

Mayor Biery reported that the MitMod Grant for streets and drainage should be completed by August 2027.

Item #4

Public Comments:

Resident Matt Authement stated that the drainage issue has been a problem for ten plus years, and the current standing water issue seemed to be coming from the surrounding crops. Mayor Biery stated that TxDot was taking care of that overflow due to corn cobs blocking culverts.

Item #5

Staff Reports:

Secretary Barbara Merchant read the financial reports.

Rene Rodriquez read the water usage report.

Commissioner Wolfshohl – Did not attend.

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

Council Member Ancira made a motion to accept the staff reports.

Mayor Biery seconded the motion.

All ayes, motion carries.

Item #6

Approve minutes for May 19, 2026.

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

Mayor Biery seconded the motion.

All ayes, motion carries.

Item #7

Loan Documents from Communities Unlimited scheduled for 06/10/26 closing for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mayor Biery Reported that the loan agreement has improved regarding the interest rate, and the only collateral is the debt service fee and \$10.00 of the water bill collected every month.

Council Member Ancira made a motion to accept and approve the loan documents.

Mayor Biery seconded the motion.

All ayes, motion carries.

Item #8

Ordinance for Debt Service Fee, Segregation of Funds, and Annual Budget Action for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Council Member Ancira made a motion to accept and approve the Ordinance.

Mayor Biery seconded the motion.

All ayes, motion carries.

Item #9

Resignation of Travis Pruski from Nueces River Authority, Vacancy of Project Manager.

Mayor Biery reported that Travis Pruski is no longer with the Nueces River Authority, but will be available as an advisor to complete the WWTP process. A letter from the City Attorney will be forthcoming to discuss the interlocal agreement with the Nueces River Authority.

Item #10

Naming Michael Branecky, Architect, Interim Project Manager for the WWTP, to oversee the CEC and BCLEAR contract execution through construction.

Mayor Biery reported that Michael Branecky will take over management of CEC and BCLEAR contracts. Michael Branecky has accepted the roll. Mayor Biery will send a letter to CEC to contact Mr. Branecky in all future correspondence.

Council Member Ancira made a motion to accept Michael Branecky as the Interim Project Manager.

Mayor Biery seconded the motion.

All ayes, motion carries.

Item #11

Adjournment at 6:44 pm.

