

Austwell City Council Regular Meeting

August 19, 2026

The City of Austwell met for a Regular Meeting on August 19, 2026, at 6:00 pm.

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

Mayor Biery welcomed everyone.

Council Member Torres commented that there are several people walking in the early morning hours and to please be aware.

Council Meeting:

Item #4

Public Comments:

Resident Christopher Flores stated that he is interested in building a rental property consisting of tiny houses. He is also interested in opening a small convenience store for residents and visitors.

Item #5

Staff Reports:

Secretary Barbara Merchant reported that due to Quickbooks maintenance there are no financial reports available.

Rene Rodriguez read the water usage report.

Commissioner Wolfshohl – Did not attend.

Mayor Biery read the animal control report.

Item #6

Approve Minutes for July 22, 2026.

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

Mayor Biery seconded the motion.

All ayes, motion carries.

Item #7

Travis Pruski, Funding From MBMT for Lift Station Replacement, Grant Opportunity.

Council Member Torres made a motion to accept the grant opportunity from Travis Pruski.

Mayor Biery seconded the motion.

All ayes, motion carries.

Item #8

2026-27 Budget.

Mayor Biery presented the budget. No action required.

Item #9

Approve/Consider Voter Approved Property Tax Increase at \$0.1740/\$100 for 2026/27 Tax Year per Refugio County Tax Assessor/Collector.

Council Member Torres made a motion to approve the Voter Approved Tax Rate.

Mayor Biery seconded the motion.

All ayes, motion carries.

Item #10

Interlocal Service Agreement with the Tivoli Volunteer Fire Department.

Council Member Torres made a motion to table the discussion.

Mayor Biery seconded the motion.

All ayes, motion carries.

Item #11

Sewer Plant Process Update.

Council Member Torres made a motion to table the discussion.

Mayor Biery seconded the motion.

All ayes, motion carries.

Item #12

Beach Park Access and Closures.

Council Member Torres made a motion to table the discussion.

Mayor Biery seconded the motion.

All ayes, motion carries.

Item #13

Fencing Ordinance

Council Member Torres made a motion to table the discussion.

Mayor Biery seconded the motion.

All ayes, motion carries.

Item #14

Adjournment at 7:08 pm.