

The Austwell City Council met in a special meeting on Friday, February 5, 2021, at 6:00 PM.

Under the provisions of Article XVI, Section 17 of the Texas Constitution (Service of Public Officer Pending Qualification of Successor),\*

mayor pro tem Donnie Denton called the meeting to order. Two commissioners, eight citizens, Sheriff Raul "Pinky" Gonzales, and Assistant District Attorney Tim Poynter attended the meeting. The assembly recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Commissioner Mutschler reminded citizens of the February 12 deadline for filing for City Council Position 2. No citizens offered public comments.

~~Commissioner~~ Mayor pro tem Denton explained the procedure for consideration of candidates for the vacancy in Position 1. Two candidates, Rowen "Skip"

Upton and Andrew "Andy" Biery, were interviewed in open session. Denton moved that Andy Biery be appointed to fill the Commissioner; Position 1 vacancy. The motion was seconded by Mutschler and carried. Refugio County Sheriff Pinky Gonzales administered the oath of office to Andy Biery. The meeting was adjourned.

\* Article XVI, Section 17  
Service of Public Officer Pending Qualification of Successor  
(a) Except as provided by subsection (b) of this section, all officers of this State shall continue to perform the duties of their offices until their successors shall be duly qualified.

Minutes submitted by Bonnie Mutschler due to the absence of the city secretary

Bonnie Mutschler  
Monday, February 8, 2021