

The Austwell City Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at the Austwell Community Center. All three commissioners attended the meeting. Mayor Bonnie Mutschler called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the pledge to the flag. There were no public comments, but Mayor Mutschler acknowledged recent donations to the city from Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (funds remaining from rental of the Community Center), Pamala Muscara (twenty bags of mulch for the planting area at the park), and Joyce Biery (lunch for volunteers on two Saturday workdays). Thanks were also offered to citizens who did volunteer work on park facilities and streets.

#### Staff Reports

5A. Financial Report: Whitaker Enterprise submitted a financial report which indicated net income of \$20,796.32 total assets of \$270,450.07, and total liabilities and equity of \$270,450.07.

5B. Rene Rodriguez of Rene's Water Operations presented statistics based on the performance of the water system and the waste water system. A representative of Odessa Pumps has indicated that final steps to make Water Well #1 operational are nearing completion.

5C. County Commissioner Blaine Wolfshohl did not attend the meeting. Mayor Mutschler reported on a meeting on March 18 of mayors of municipalities within Refugio County at which information regarding insurance obtained for the county and its municipalities was presented.

#### 6. Minutes

Minutes from the February 9, 2022, regular meeting were reviewed. Council member Biery moved to accept the minutes; Commissioner Torres seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of the February 10, 2022, emergency meeting were also read. Commissioner Biery moved their acceptance; Commissioner Torres seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### 7. Park Committee Report

Park Committee Chairman Andy Ancira reported that the RV Park is nearly ready for occupancy, and that it is being featured on the city's website. The support of Earl Bluhm and Juan in providing time, energy, and support to reach this goal was acknowledged and appreciated.

#### 8. RV Park Rules and Regulations

Copies of the revised RV Park rules and regulations were presented. Councilman Biery moved that the Rules and Regulations be accepted; Councilmember Torres seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

#### 9. City Secretary

Based on action at the February 10, 2022, Emergency Meeting, a newspaper advertisement was placed and notices were posted calling for applicants to fill the City Secretary position. One applicant had applied. The Council retired into Closed Executive Session to conduct an interview with the applicant, Jodi Lerma. Upon their return to the open meeting, council member moved that Ms. Lerma be employed by the city. seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. May 2022 City Council Election

Mayor Mutschler read a letter regarding the upcoming May 2022 City Council election. In Austwell, two positions were open to applicants. Only one applicant, Andrew Biery, filed for the office of Mayor. Amy Barber-Ancira was the only applicant who filed for Office of Council, Place 1. The letter advises Rachel Garcia, Refugio County Elections Administrator, that Andrew Biery and Amy Barber-Ancira will be considered elected on the date of the election, in accordance with state law, and that the election for these two positions may be canceled.

11. Potential Development of Vacant Lots

Water Systems Director Rene Rodriguez presented information regarding the installation of water and sewer services that will need to be provided for the development of currently vacant lots at Luthardt and Gisler Streets.

12. Adjournment