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Minutes for July 23, 2022, Public Workshop

The Austwell City Council met for a Public Workshop on Saturday, July 23, 2022, to discuss and consider taking action on the 2022-2023 City Budget. Mayor Andy Biery, Council Member Amy Ancira, city secretary Jodi Lerma, and five citizens attended the meeting. Mayor Biery called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, and provided copies of the proposed budget for those present. It was noted that citizen volunteers were making progress on the fencing for the baseball field at the park.

Based on the calculations for the proposed budget (document attached), projected income through July 2022 will be \$141,848.04. Some consideration was given to raising the base charge for water usage fees. Total expense was projected to be \$115, 537.28.

A preview of work to be done in the immediate future included wastewater plant improvements, corrections to the drainage system, replacement of culverts, replacement of signage, closing down grants, and filing liens for lots that have not been mowed and/or have unmaintained buildings. A proposed budget, including anticipated income and expenses as well as a capital expense plan, was produced to be discussed at the next regular meeting.

Council members retired into executive session from 10:30 AM to 10:36 AM.

Discussion regarding the original survey of the city and the filling-in of the water-front in the 1950's proceeded to discussion of water-front lots and street easements between Bay Street and the Hynes Bay shoreline.

Mayor Biery moved that all discussion be tabled until the next regular meeting, which is planned for Tuesday, July 26. Motion seconded by Commissioner Ancira and passed.