

CITY OF AUSTWELL TX

EMERGENCY MEETING HELD 8-12-2021, 7PM.

Minutes:

3) Announcements: Council Announced that requests have been made to rent Austwell Community Center, and that all requests for such would be deferred until a secretary is in place and the building is manned.

4) Public Comments: Donnie Denton presented the council and attendees' with the states guidance on allowing public comments, and the councils leeway for answering citizen requests

5) Water System report: For the reporting period, 7 days were in exceedance of outflow permit due to stormwater incursion into wastewater. A complaint was filed during the month, that resulted in an inspection by TCEQ. Well #1 is down. Urgent. No Meters were shutoff during the reporting period. Clint Arnim received multiple water bills for the same period, for different amounts. Rene was requested to visit Clint, and compare meter readings from his invoice to meter reading that was submitted by himself for billing.

6) County Commissioner not available

7) Resignation of Mayor: Discussion by Council and citizens, many questions to answer regarding legality and affordability of request by departing mayor to have legal fees covered by city, amounting to \$8,500.

Motion made by Andy Biery: Accept Resignation of Molly Garcia, without response to requested condition. Any response to condition coming after confer with legal counsel, and conclusion of budget process. Second by Monica Torres. Both vote Aye, motion carried.

8) None present in the audience volunteered for the unexpired term of Mayor. Andy Biery made motion to post Mayor Opening, Second by Monica Torres. Two votes for. Motion Carried.

9) Resignation of City Secretary: Monica Torres made motion to accept resignation of Josie Spence as Secretary. Seconded by Andy Biery. Both vote Aye. Motion Carried.

10) None present in audience volunteered or applied for secretary position. Discussion ensued over best path forward. Motion Made by Andy Biery:

Post Job Opening for City Secretary, Post Opening for temporary City Secretary (Volunteer unpaid), place both items on next special meeting agenda. Second by Monica Torres. Both AYE, motion carried.

11) Interlocal Agreements with Refugio Precinct 4. Bulk Water in exchange for backhoe service, Mosquito Spraying for re-imbusement of expenses. Andy Biery made motion to accept both agreements. Second by Monica Torres. Both Aye. Motions Carried. Documents were signed, to be hand delivered by Monica to Blaine Wolfshohl.

12-14) Committee assignments. Andy Biery made motion to table these items, for discussion in upcoming workshop. Second by Monica Torres. Both Aye.

15: Agenda set for special meeting on Aug 17, and Workshop on Aug 19.

16: Adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Andy Biery

Commissioner, Place 1

