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Minutes

The City of Austwell convened in a **Regular Meeting @ 6:00 pm on September 29, 2022** at the Community Center located at 311 Bay Street in Austwell, TX. The purpose of the meeting was to Discuss and or Take action on proposed agenda:

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Biery called meeting to order @ 6:00 PM
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.
3. **Welcome and Announcements:** Mayor Biery asked about the discounted vaccinations. Commissioner Torres explained that not all the information was in yet, but was expecting a flyer and more information in days to come. This will be held in Austwell @ the pavilion. Mayor Biery gave an update on the generators. The generators were to be delivered October 17th 2022 waiting on a liquid cooled overheat sensor and they cannot complete the build until they have the part. We may have to rent generators till they get here.
4. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments this evening.
5. **Staff Reports:**
 - (A) **Mayor Biery read Rene's report.** Explaining that the sewer plant took on more water during the recent rains, Mayor Biery said he has discussed this issue with Ismael Martinez and Rene to work on the drainage. Rene is dealing with sludge, mud and sediments @ the sewer plant causes lots of trouble. Mayor Biery explained that Rene and Crew pressure cleaning the pressure tank at the water plant had to be put on hold after a valve failed. New valve is on order. No word on the divers yet.
 - (B) **City Secretary** report submitted by Jodi Lerma included the City's balance sheet. Mayor Biery made a statement that he wants all these reports to be made available to anyone that would like a copy at future meeting. Mayor continued to reading the financial reports. Dwight Mutschler asked when the Wells Fargo Accounts would be closed. Jenny said after the end of October we should be good to close out. \$10.00 will remain in accounts till closed. Mayor Biery asked if there were any more financial questions and stated that he cannot wait to leave an audit book here for everyone to look at.
 - (C) **Pct 4 Commissioner Wolfshohl** reported that the pier parking lot bids can go out anytime. The pier itself is waiting on TCEQs signature. Dave Ancira asked

Commissioner Wolfshohl if there are any plans posted for the public to look at.

Commissioner Wofshohl said there plans for the parking lot to view.

6. **Minutes:** for Regular Meeting August 18th 2022 and minutes for Special Meeting September 6th 2022. Commissioner Amy Ancira made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Commissioner Monica Torres seconded the motion. The motion carries an pass unanimously.
7. **QuickBooks Intuit:** City accountant Jenny Westphal explains how the QuickBooks and contract terms online payment will work for the customers and the fees to use this service. For the citizens that do not wish to use the online payment service you will still be able to write a check. Commissioner Amy Ancira made a motion to move forward with the \$16.00 fee and lower percentage. Commissioner Monica Torres seconded the motion. The motion carries an pass unanimously.
8. **Juan Llanos month to month weed eating the ditches @ \$15.00 per hr.:** Council discussed the need for immediate mowing and weed eating. Commissioner Amy Ancira made a motion to accept Juan Llanos weed eating the ditches as well as the allies @ \$15.00 per hr. The motion carries an pass unanimously.
9. **Interlocal Agreement with Refugio County and The Town of Austwell for Animal Control:** Mayor Biery read the interlocal agreement aloud. Mayor Biery suggested creating a flyer and put in water bills and encourage the citizens to use animal control for the remainder of the contract. Mayor Biery made a motion to table and He will write a letter to Robert Blaschke and explain to him over the course of the next three months and will encourage the citizens of Austwell to use and we will gauge the effectiveness of animal control before we have to pay the bill in January 1,2023. Commissioner Monica Torres seconded the motion to table. Motion carries pass unanimously.
10. **Adjourn:** 6:54 PM