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Austwell City Council Meeting June 20,2023 Regular Meeting/Public Hearing.

The City of Austwell met for Regular Meeting and Public Hearing on June 20,2023 @ 6:00 PM. Mayor Biery called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Biery welcomes everyone. Mayor Biery said there will be a work day in July no date set as of yet.

Item # 4

Public Comments:

Bonnie Mutschler & John Simmons signed up for Public Comments. Bonnie stated that she is working in the flower beds and watering & replacing plants. Bonnie also said that if anyone had extra mulch lying around could drop the off at the City Hall flower bed. John Simmons wanted to thank everyone that helped him tear down his shed.

Item # 5

Staff Reports:

Secretary Jodi Lerma read the financial reports.

Rene's Water Operations, Rene was not able to attend meeting. Mayor Biery read Rene's report regarding the water usage and the discharge of waste water. Also, Mayor Biery stated that the county is scheduled to put a tap in at the sewer plant to water oleanders.

Commissioner Wolfshohl reported that all he had was the Interlocal agreements.

Council Member Ancira made a motion to accept the staff reports.

Council Member Torres seconded the motion.

All ayes motion passes unanimously.

Item # 6

Minutes for May 23,2023 Regular Meeting / Public Hearing

Council Member Torres makes a motion to accept minutes with revisions to correct the date from May 23rd 2023 to April 18th 2023.

Council Member Ancira seconded the motion with corrections

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All ayes motion passes unanimously.

Item # 7

Interlocal Agreement with Refugio County Pct 4 for Mosquito Control.

Council Member Ancira made a motion to accept the Interlocal agreement with the Refugio County Pct 4 for Mosquito Control.

Council Member Torres seconded the motion.

All ayes motion passes unanimously.

Item # 8

Interlocal Agreement with Refugio County Pct 4 for Backhoe Service / Bulk Water.

Council Member Torres made a motion to accept Interlocal agreement for Refugio County Pct 4 for Backhoe & Bulk Water.

Council Member Ancira seconded the motion.

All ayes motion passes unanimously.

Item # 9

Interlocal Agreement / Grant Funding CDBG MIT MOD: Grant Works / Refugio County, City of Austwell Drainage, Culvert and Street Improvements.

Natalie Gonzales from Grant works attended the meeting. Natalie explained that this was an allocation that was issued to Refugio County and the judge & commissioners court have decided to split it between all the different communities that are not receiving individual allocations in the result of this funding. Austwell will be receiving 1,000,000. out of the total over all allocations, which will be funding a large-scale drainage project that will also include the streets.

Council Member Ancira made to accept Interlocal Agreement / Grant Funding CDBG MIT MOD: Grant Works / Refugio County, City of Austwell Drainage, Culvert and Street Improvements.

Council Member Torres seconded the motion.

All ayes motion passes unanimously.

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Item # 10

Austwell/Aransas Coastal Conservation Community Development Association, Project for home and community improvements (18,000.)

Council Member Torres made a motion to table Item # 10

Council Member Ancira seconded the motion.

All ayes motion passes unanimously.

Item # 11

Interview applicants/make selection for Part-Time Maintenance Employee

6:35 PM Council went into executive session.

6:44 PM Council returned from executive session.

Council Member makes a motion to except Juan Llanos as Part- Time Maintenance Employee.

Council Member Torres seconded the motion.

All ayes motion passes unanimously.

Item # 12

Employee Review/City Secretary

6:50 PM Council went into executive session.

7:03 PM Council returned from executive session.

Item # 13

Oleanders & Irrigation for Sewer Plant

Council Member Ancira makes a motion to table Item # 13 until more prices are looked at. Also, too hot to keep plants alive.

Council Member Torres seconded the motion.

All ayes motion passes unanimously.

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Item # 14

Consider representation agreement with Bojorquez Law Firm.

7:11 PM Council went into executive session.

7:21PM Council returned from executive session.

Council Member Ancira made a motion to accept representation agreement with Bojorquez Law Firm.

Council Member Torres seconded the motion.

All ayes motion passes unanimously.

Item #15

Public Hearing 509 Vandenberg Street.

Council Member Torres made a motion to table Item #15

Council Member Ancira seconded the motion.

All ayes motion passes unanimously.

Item # 16

Public Hearing 601 Proctor Street.

Mayor Biery explains we will continue this public hearing for another month, while Bojorquez reviews the current status, and advises on how to proceed next.

Council Member Ancira made a motion for a continuance after the review with Bojorquez Law Firm.

Council Member Torres seconded the motion.

All ayes motion passes unanimously.

Item # 17

Adjourn: 7:28 PM



Mayor Andy Biery



Council Member Amy Ancira

Council Member Monica Torres