

Austwell City Council Meeting July 27th,2023 Regular Meeting/Public Hearing/Budget Workshop

The City of Austwell met for Regular Meeting and Public Hearing and Budget Workshop on July 27th,2023 @ 6.00 PM. Mayor Biery called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Biery welcomes everyone.

Council Meeting:

Item # 5

Staff Reports:

Secretary Jodi Lerma read the financial report.

Mayor Biery read the Animal Control Report.

Mayor Biery stated that we are trying finish the grants to close the Wells Fargo accounts.

Rene's Water Operations, Rene read his report regarding water usage and discharge of waste water. Rene also explained that copper & lead testing will be done on five different locations, and the deadline is September 30th2023. Rene also explained that a liter bottle will be provided and the sample will be taken first thing in the morning from cold water tap. There will be a log sheet to state what time it was taken.

Commissioner Wolfshohl was not at the meeting.

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

Mayor Biery seconded the motion.

All ayes motion passes unanimously.

Item # 6

Minutes for June 20th 2023 Regular/Public Hearing

Council Member Ancira made a motion to accept the minutes.

Mayor Biery seconded the motion.

All ayes motion passes unanimously.

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Item # 7

Swearing in the Municipal Court Clerk

Mayor Biery congratulated Jane Barber and was sworn in.

Item # 8

Tax Discount Rate for 2023 tax collections

Mayor Biery reads the letter from Ida Turner Tax Assessor -Collector on the Tax Discount Rate.

Council Member Ancira made a motion to accept the Tax Discount Rate.

Mayor Biery seconded the motion.

All ayes motion passes unanimously.

Item # 9

Receive advice from legal counsel.

Council and City Attorney went into executive session 6:14 PM

Council and City Attorney back from executive session 6:58 PM

Item # 10

Public Hearing: 509 Vandenberg Street

Council Member Ancira made a motion to table item # 10.

Mayor Biery seconded the motion.

All ayes motion passes unanimously.

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Item # 11

Public Hearing: 601 Proctor Street

Mayor Biery addressed Dennis Arriaga that since unpermitted construction or concealment efforts have occurred since the scheduling of the public hearing, the City will be proceeding with an ^{administrative} search warrant to obtain additional information about the property. This item will be tabled this evening.

Council Member Ancira made a motion to table Item # 11.

Mayor Biery seconded the motion.

All ayes motion passes unanimously.

Item # 12

Budget Workshop:

Council worked on the budget.

Need a special meeting in August 2023

Item # 13

Adjourned: 8:23 PM