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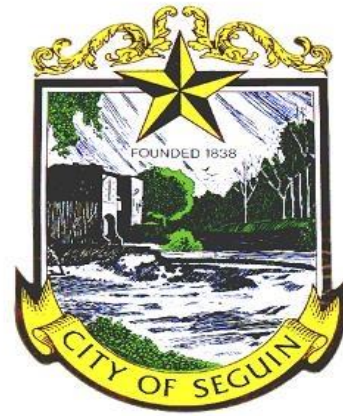
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## **City leaders join staff in Utility Operations Center groundbreaking ceremony**

**SEGUIN, Texas** –On Tuesday afternoon, city leaders came together to celebrate the official groundbreaking of a long awaited project. The site of the new Utility Operations Center on 123 Bypass (just south of Stremple Road) will house the city’s Electric, Water/Wastewater and IT departments.

For Clarence Smith, Director of Electric Utilities, this has been a long process, but he thanks city council and the mayor for approving the project and making it happen.

“It’s been a major challenge to get this far. There has been several changes with the facility plans, getting the project funded and going through a lengthy bid process. Now, we’re less than a year away from moving in!” said Smith.

In October 2012, city council members approved a complete review of the electric, utility services and water/wastewater departments. They analyzed their need in terms of facilities and space. The result of the study found the current utilities warehouse was ‘at capacity’ and did not have enough room for new materials required for a developing city.

“Our utility departments will be able to serve our citizens so much better. It’s a great location, and the building is going to be a beautiful showpiece at the ‘gateway’ to our great city,” said Mayor Don Keil.

The facility sits on an 11 acre lot, and is expected to be completed by the end of the year. It will be able to accommodate all of the utilities and the IT department with 16,000 sq. feet of main office space and a 35,000 sq. foot warehouse. ###