

**Minutes
Special Meeting
February 10, 2009**

On this 10th day of February 2009, at 6:00 p.m., the City Council of the City of Devine convened in a Special Meeting, the same being opened to the public at their regular meeting place, thereof at City Hall, 303 S. Teel Drive, Devine, Texas. Notice of said meeting having been prescribed in Chapter 551, Government Code and Vernon's Texas Codes, Annotated, and the following members thereof, being present:

Mayor Steve A. Lopez
Alderman John Ramirez
Alderman David Espinosa
Alderman Hal Lance
Alderwoman Marina Antu

Absent being Alderman Frank Cortez III; thus, constituting a quorum.

Personnel Present: Dora V. Rodriguez, City Administrator; Ofilia Pedroza, Assistant City Secretary; Rob Flores, Chief of Police; Billy Grote, Director of Public Works; and Ismael Carrillo, Superintendent of Public Works.

Others present: James Caldwell, Doll-Fin Dynamics of Natalia, Texas and Sonia Lance of Devine, Texas.

Before any business was conducted, Mr. James Caldwell took pictures of the Council members and management staff to be able to put the pictures on-line.

Mayor Steve A. Lopez, presiding, declared the meeting opened.

The sole order of business was to discuss and consider approving the City Website and putting it on-line.

Mr. James Caldwell proceeded with an overview presentation to Council of the new City of Devine's web page which he promised would go on-line (live) effective the next day, February 11, 2009, with the group and individual pictures he had just taken. The City's website will be www.cityofdevine.com.

City Council was able to view James' presentation on a projection screen as he began going into each site, beginning with the Home Page. He pointed out where the quarterly newsletter and calendar of events will be. James opened up every page for Council to review such as Municipal Services, Mayor & Council, Residents, Business, Community Calendar, Visitors, and Contact Us; he then opened up everything linked to those pages.

Council discussed a few minor changes and adjustments to be made, namely:

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- Doing away with pictures of the Sewer Plant
- Adding “commercial dumpsters” for businesses
- Clarifying that “trash” is included in the Utilities
- Removing “payment option” from the Municipal Services area because it’s already in the Utilities Department
- Recycle Pickup – Adding that customers need to only call in one time to be placed on the recycle list (they don’t need to call every month)
- Utility Department – Changing picture of water tower on the Utility Department page to only show the top of the tower with the Warhorse-Arabian logo
- Election information – Removing “Register Now” and adding “Want to Vote? – Call City Hall for more information”
- Election information – Making the numbers larger on the District Map and putting a border around the colored areas
- Email addresses on the city directory will all be changed to “...@cityofdevine.com” and they will all be directed over to the official email that is used by that employee.

City Administrator Dora V. Rodriguez told Council that we only put departments that are funded by the City. However, James did include a few external links; one of them being the Devine Independent School District. He also added a site disclaimer clearing James and the City from any external links. He explained that on the Devine Independent School District, for example, neither he nor the City would be responsible for anything that they have on their site just because we have a link to it from our site. There are several other external links such as the one for FEMA and several others on the Code Compliance page.

The last page that James showed Council was the Site Map which is just a basic page with a link to every single solitary page on the whole site. He said from here you can go anywhere.

Council liked what they saw. They said it was a lot of information, and thought the whole website was very impressive. City Council thanked James for his presentation and for his hard work in putting this together.

Motioned by Alderman Espinosa, seconded by Alderman Lance to approve the City website and to put it on-line after all changes and updates are done upon the approval of the City Administrator.

Ayes	--	Four
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	One (Alderman Cortez)

Motion carried.

Mr. James Caldwell informed Council that he will give us two weeks to make any changes before he starts charging us.

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There being no further business to discuss, motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor

City Secretary