

**Minutes**  
**Special Council Meeting**  
**February 13, 2012**

On this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2012, at 12:00 Noon, 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 being present:

Mayor William L. Herring  
Alderman Hal Lance  
Alderwoman Kathy Wilkins  
Alderwoman Gina Champion  
Alderman Steve A. Lopez

Absent being Alderman David Valdez; thus, constituting a quorum.

Personnel present: Gary Pelech, City Administrator and Dora V. Rodriguez, City Secretary.

Others present: Sandy Herrera, Devine News and James LaCombe, Medina Valley Times.

Mayor Herring, presiding, declared the meeting open.

The first order of business was to discuss and consider ordering a City General Election to be held on May 12, 2012 for Alderman-District #1, Alderman-District #3 and Alderman-District #4. (Discutir y considerar ordenar una Elección General de Ciudad que se llevará a cabo el día 12 de Mayo, 2012 con el propósito de elegir un Concejal para el Distrito #1, un Concejal para el Distrito #3 y un Concejal para el Distrito #4).

Motion by Alderman Lance, seconded by Alderman Lopez to order a City General Election to be held on May 12, 2012 for Alderman-District #1, Alderman-District #3 and Alderman-District #4. (Mociónado por Concejal Lance, segundado por Concejal Lopez para ordenar una Elección General de Ciudad que se llevará a cabo el día 12 de Mayo 2012, con el proposito de elegir un Concejal para Distrito #1, un Concejal para Distrito #3 y un Concejal para Distrito #4).

Ayes(si, voto afirmativo)	--	Four( cuatro)
Nays(voto no affirmativo)	--	None(ninguno)
Absent(	--	One – uno – Alderman(Concejal Valdez)

Motion Carried. (Moción aprobado).

The second order of business was to discuss and consider Water Extension Project and related cost.

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Mayor Herring informed the Council about the meetings which he and some other council members have attended with the school staff on this issue. He advised that the problem is the water pressure for the new building between the High School and Middle School. The school started building the new facility and in the middle of it they found out that by code they would need to have a sprinkler system installed, and this was in November 2011. At this time the School came to the City to see how much water pressure the City has in this area and how many gallons per minute will flow. We got the request one day and the next day we did it and gave them the figures. These figures showed that they would not have enough water to serve the sprinkler system and for the Fire Department to open up a fire hydrant to fight a fire at the same time. Mayor informed the council that there is adequate water to run everything in the building and there is adequate water for the Fire Department to open up a fire hydrant to put out a fire, but not at the same time. He advised that because the gym is larger than 12,000 square feet, by code, it has to have a sprinkler system or fire walls. With going with the fire walls, the school would have to redesign the building. The school is asking what the city can do to make this work. The Mayor informed the council that we have attended six meetings. He advised that the man who is putting in the sprinkler system came up with a plan that for \$150,000 to \$175,000, he can put in a 40,000 gallon tank and a pressure pump to use the existing water pressure for the sprinkler system; but, something we need to think about is that this is a lot of money that the school would be spending.

Mayor Herring advised that we have looked at looping the lines; we called Yancey Water in because they have a line running up to FM 2200 that stops right in front of the bus entrance to the Middle School. Yancey Water repaired a leak and conducted a test but the pressure was not sufficient enough. So after three to four meetings, we are back to square one. So then we moved over the other side of Hwy 173, the area that we annexed in 2004. We have a plan to upgrade the water lines in that area because we only have a 2" line and ideally we need a 6" or 8". We do have an 8" and a 12" running along Colonial Parkway and CR 5710. We have done test after test on fire hydrants to see if somehow we can get the proper pressure without the school having to install a 40,000 tank.

Mayor Herring went over the different options – Option 1 is to run a line from an 8" line behind David Wilkerson's and bore under Hwy 173 and set a meter near the grass area of the school. This is the shortest and quickest way, but the problem with this is that the school would take over and have to cut the new road. Option 2 is coming up from Fred Morales' property, boring under Hwy 173 and coming out into that field, and that again would put the school some distance away to do their lines. Option 3-3A, the one we are looking at doing, is where we have an easement by Doctor Hudson's Dental Place and the Medical Center that has a variance, where we can come across and bore under Hwy 173, come up by the girls' softball field, and put a fire hydrant one each side of Hwy 173. We can then set a meter and the school can take it from there. Option 4 is where CR 5701 meets Colonial Parkway and if we did that we would come up to that corner of that vacant field that belongs to the school, but that would be an extreme distance for the school to have to run their lines Option 3-3A is the one we are considering. Public Works can do all the work except the boring under Hwy 173. The material cost to do this would be about \$19,000 and the boring cost would be about \$20,000.

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Mayor Herring informed the council that we still have bond money that we can use for this project.

Council held discussion about having the school pay for half of the boring cost. Discussion was also held on what cost the school would be paying. The mayor advised that the only cost for them right now is from where we set the meter; they will have to bring it to the building.

Mayor Herring advised that he feels we need to publish this and have a public hearing and table this item until the Regular Meeting on February 21, 2012.

Motion by Alderman Lance, seconded by Alderwoman Wilkins to table this item for the Regular Meeting February 21, 2012.

Ayes	--	Four
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	One – Alderman Valdez

Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the governing body, motion was made by Alderman Lance, seconded by Alderman Lopez to adjourn the meeting.

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Mayor

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City Secretary