

**Minutes**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**March 17, 2015**

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2015, at 6:00 p.m., the City Council of the City of Devine convened in a Regular 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  
Alderman Steve A. Lopez  
Alderman David Valdez  
Alderman David Espinosa

Absent being: Alderwoman Kathy Wilkins; thus, constituting a quorum.

Personnel present: Gary Pelech, City Administrator; Dora V. Rodriguez, Assistant City Administrator/City Secretary; and Denise Duffy, City Accountant.

Others present: Stacy Cantu, Devine News; Jon Cantu, Mike Mello and George Moralez, of Devine, Texas.

Mayor Herring, presiding, called the meeting to order. Mayor Herring also delivered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business was the Visitor/Citizens Forum.

No one signed up to speak under this item.

The second order of business was Recognition.

There was no recognition at this time.

The third order of business was to discuss and consider Approval of Minutes: Regular Council Meeting, February 9, 2015; Special Meeting, February 24, 2015; and Special Meeting, March 3, 2015.

Council reviewed minutes.

Motion by Alderman Lopez, seconded by Alderman Valdez to approve the minutes for Regular Council Meeting, February 9, 2015; Special Meeting, February 24, 2015; and Special Meeting, March 3, 2015.

Ayes	--	Four
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	One – Alderwoman Wilkins

Motion carried.

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The fourth order of business was to discuss and consider the Devine Little League Contract for the Lighting Project.

City Council reviewed draft copies of a contract, a corporate resolution and a promissory note for the Devine Little League, and held lengthy discussion with Devine Little League President, Mike Mello, regarding the responsibilities of future Little League boards and the viability of the corporation and its operations.

Motion by Alderman Espinosa, seconded by Alderman Lopez to table this item until City Attorney is present at next meeting, and after Devine Little League has its next board meeting.

Ayes	--	Four
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	One – Alderwoman Wilkins

Motion carried.

The fifth order of business was to discuss and consider accepting Certification of Unopposed Candidates. (*El quinto orden de negocio fue discutir y considerar aceptar el Certificado de los Candidatos Sin Oposición.*)

Motion by Alderman Valdez, seconded by Alderman Espinosa to accept the Certification of Unopposed Candidates. (*Mociónado por Concejal Valdez, segundado por Concejal Espinosa para aceptar el Certificado de los Candidatos Sin Oposición.*)

Certification of Unopposed Candidates attached as Exhibit A. (*Certificado de los Candidatos Sin Oposición adherido Exhibición A.*)

Ayes ( <i>Voto a favor</i> )	--	Four ( <i>Cuatro</i> )
Nays ( <i>Voto en contra</i> )	--	None ( <i>Ninguno</i> )
Absent ( <i>Ausente</i> )	--	One ( <i>Una</i> ) – Alderwoman Wilkins ( <i>la Concejal Wilkins</i> )

Motion carried. (*Moción aprobado*).

The sixth order of business was to discuss and consider ordering Cancellation of Election for Mayor, Alderman District #2 and Alderman District #5. (*El sexto orden de negocio fue discutir y considerar ordenar la Cancelación de Elección para las carreras electorales del Alcalde y del Concejal Distrito #2 y Concejal Distrito #5.*)

Motion by Alderman Lance, seconded by Alderman Lopez to order Cancellation of Election for Mayor, Alderman District #2 and Alderman District #5. (*Mociónado por Concejal Lance, segundado por Concejal Lopez para ordenar la Cancelación de Elección para las carreras electorales del Alcalde y del Concejal Distrito #2 y Concejal Distrito #5.*)

Cancellation of Election attached as Exhibit B. (*La Cancelación de Elección adherida Exhibición B.*)

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Ayes ( <i>Voto a favor</i> )	--	Four ( <i>Cuatro</i> )
Nays ( <i>Voto en contra</i> )	--	None ( <i>Ninguno</i> )
Absent ( <i>Ausente</i> )	--	One ( <i>Una</i> ) – Alderwoman Wilkins ( <i>la Concejal Wilkins</i> )

Motion carried. (*Moción aprobado*).

The seventh order of business was the Executive Session: Pursuant to Provision of the Open Meeting Law Texas Government Code.

- §551.074 Personnel Matters – City Administrator’s Evaluation

At 6:15 p.m., Mayor Herring announced to the public that the Council would go into a Closed Session. At 6:40 p.m., Closed Session was opened to the public.

No action was taken in Closed Session.

The eighth order of business was to Reconvene into Regular Session and Consider Action, if any, on Items discussed in Executive Session.

Motion by Alderman Espinosa, seconded by Alderman Lopez to give City Administrator a pay raise of \$1.52 per hour, effective immediately.

Ayes	--	Four
Nays	--	One – Alderman Lance
Absent	--	One – Alderwoman Wilkins

Motion carried.

The ninth order of business was Informational Items.

- Devine Little League – Opening day is March 28, 2015, and Little League meeting tomorrow night at the Little League field; everyone is invited.
- Stock Show – A lot of our kids did great at the Medina County Stock Show and also in San Antonio with our own Russell Crossland’s daughter placing in San Antonio.
- VFW – Alderman Lopez announced that on March 29<sup>th</sup>, they will having their Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen and Teachers’ Awards, and there will be a banquet for all the recipients and all the kids who participated. Mayor Herring, among others, will be one of the judges for this program. The Devine VFW Post #3966 will be giving away \$200.00, \$150.00 and \$100.00 scholarships respectively to the first, second and third place winners; they will also give away \$100.00 for the teachers, with the VFW Ladies’ Auxiliary matching that amount.
- Bureau Veritas – Using this company for inspections is working out a lot better for Darrell Rawlings, Code Compliance Officer, according to City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez.

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

Ayes	--	Four
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	One – Alderwoman Wilkins

Motion carried.

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Mayor

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City Secretary