

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
April 15, 2014

On this 15th day of April 2014, at 12:00 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
Alderwoman Gina Champion
Alderwoman Kathy Wilkins
Alderman Steve A. Lopez

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

Personnel present: Gary Pelech, City Administrator; and Ofilia Pedroza, City Clerk.

Others present: Anne Chen, Medina Valley Times; and Sonia J. Lance, 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 Visitors/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 Meeting, March 18, 2014 and Special Meeting, March 24, 2014.

City Council reviewed minutes.

Motion by Alderman Lopez, seconded by Alderman Lance to approve the minutes for Regular Meeting, March 18, 2014 and Special Meeting, March 24, 2014.

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

Motion carried.

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The fourth order of business was to discuss and consider adopting a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Devine, Texas authorizing the Mayor or his/her designee to implement a Section 3 Program, which to the greatest extent feasible, will provide job training, employment, and contracting opportunities for Section 3 residents and/or businesses of the area in which the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TXCDBG) Program/Project is being carried out.

Mayor Herring read resolution aloud.

City Administrator Gary Pelech explained that basically when we are applying for a grant in a particular area and if we have low-income people in that area, we can offer them an opportunity to apply for a job based on their qualifications and income status. He said he doesn't see this happening very often but it is a requirement of the Texas CDBG Program.

Council held brief discussion.

Motion by Alderwoman Wilkins, seconded by Alderwoman Champion to adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Devine, Texas authorizing the Mayor or his/her designee to implement a Section 3 Program, which to the greatest extent feasible, will provide job training, employment, and contracting opportunities for Section 3 residents and/or businesses of the area in which the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TXCDBG) Program/Project is being carried out.

Resolution 04-14 attached as Exhibit A.

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

Motion carried.

The fifth order of business was to Review the Quarterly Report.

City Council reviewed report.

City Administrator Gary Pelech reported that everything looks good and we're still doing well with the Reserve Accounts with roughly over 2 ½ to 3 million dollars.

The sixth order of business was Informational Items.

Mayor Herring made the following announcements:

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- Alderwoman Champion’s mother-in-law passed away and services will be in Edinburg, Texas at the Memorial Funeral Home, Friday at 1:00 p.m. Condolences were conveyed.
- WalMart is coming along fine. They are currently working on the slabs and the traffic lights on State Hwy. 173. They are looking at an August 17th completion date on the building but do not have an exact date on when they will open.
- Park equipment has been installed at both parks and it looks very nice. We do need lights and hope to get with AEP on that in the future for both parks. We also plan to work on the sidewalks, more parking spots, more tables (one needs to be handicap accessible), and maybe a hiking trail.
- State Hwy. 132 (in front of Las Palmas and Lowes) is in bad shape. TxDOT is behind on a lot of projects right now, and there is not enough money. State Hwy. 173 is also bad due to all the truck traffic.
- We will discuss the streets that the City plans to pave at next month’s regular council meeting.
- City Hall will be closed on Good Friday.

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.

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

Motion carried.

Mayor

City Secretary