

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
June 17, 2014

On this 17th day of June 2014, 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
Alderwoman Gina Champion
Alderwoman Kathy Wilkins
Alderman David Valdez

Absent being Alderman Steve A. Lopez; thus, constituting a quorum.

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

Others present: Johnette Dixon, Medina CAD; Edie Miller, Draye Miller and Sonia J. Lance, all 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.

Mayor Herring recognized Alderman David Valdez for his birthday.

The third order of business was to discuss and consider Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, May 20, 2014.

City Council reviewed minutes.

Motion by Alderman Espinosa, seconded by Alderman Lance to Approve the Minutes for Regular Meeting, May 20, 2014.

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

Motion carried.

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The fourth order of business was to discuss and consider Proposed Budget for 2015 for the Medina County Appraisal District.

Johnette Dixon handed out copies for City Council to review and explained the copies are a comparison of the 2014 Final Budget of \$1,030,150.00 to the 2015 Preliminary Budget of \$1,058,300.00; showing an increase of \$28,150.00. She explained some of the reasons for the increase were due to software maintenance, evaluation engineers (oil & gas – the last time a study for minerals and industrial properties was done was back in 2010), and cost of living, to name a few. She also showed a 2013 Certified Value of \$135,873,655.00 for the City of Devine and a 2014 Preliminary Value of \$141,255,163.00 for an increase of \$5,381,508.00 to the City of Devine.

Ms. Dixon explained to Council that in 2014, the Pro-Rata Share that the City of Devine paid into their budget was \$16,894.46. For 2015, the Preliminary Pro-Rata Share will be \$17,144.46, which is an increase of \$250.00 for the full year, which broken down quarterly is \$62.50 for quarterly payments. She told Council that with the increase in value that they've gotten for the City of Devine, our city's revenue would be based on the 2013 Tax Rate which comes to \$30,620.78. She explained that in a sense the Medina County Appraisal District brought in \$30,620.00 more for the City of Devine, and is only asking for \$250.00 more from us.

Council held brief discussion on the WalMart store. It was noted that this increase already includes the new WalMart which should bring in even more revenue next year.

Motion from Alderwoman Wilkins, seconded by Alderman Valdez to Adopt the Proposed Budget for 2015 for the Medina County Appraisal District.

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

Motion carried.

The fifth order of business was to discuss and consider adopting a Resolution approving Cooperation with the Cities served by AEP TCC to review Texas Central Company's requested approval of an adjustment to its energy efficiency cost recovery factor; hiring legal and consulting services to negotiate with the company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals; finding that the meeting at which resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of the resolution to legal counsel.

Mayor Herring pointed out to City Council that the very same resolution (6-13C) was passed last year. The only changes seem to be different dates and different wording where it references the docket number.

City Administrator Gary Pelech explained that basically the City is authorizing the Law Firm of Lloyd Gosselink, Rochelle & Townsend to negotiate rates for this coming year with the steering committees of different cities. City Council reviewed last year's resolution and confirmed that it was almost word for word except for the dates and docket number.

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Motion by Alderman Espinosa, seconded by Alderman Lance to Adopt a Resolution approving Cooperation with the Cities served by AEP TCC to review Texas Central Company's requested approval of an adjustment to its energy efficiency cost recovery factor; hiring legal and consulting services to negotiate with the company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals; finding that the meeting at which resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of the resolution to legal counsel.

Resolution 6-14 attached as Exhibit A.

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

Motion carried.

The sixth order of business was Informational Items.

- WalMart – A meeting was held yesterday and they wanted to know of anything outstanding that the City needs from them. We need Bonds on the Streets and we need the Water and Sewer lines. The bonds for the streets could be up to \$330,000.00 and the bonds for the water/sewer lines would be \$30,000.00. City Administrator Gary Pelech informed City Council that once we have those bonds, we can probably approve a motion at our next meeting to take over those utilities and in two years they would belong to the City. The construction company is looking at turning everything over to WalMart sometime in the middle of August. Once WalMart takes over, they still need to work on necessary preparations such as stocking, hiring, training on computers, etc., so they probably won't open until sometime in October. They will start taking applications soon and will be hiring between 150-200 employees. Council members were told they could tour the WalMart store if they wanted but they were required to wear a hard hat and a traffic vest. The store manager will be Nelda Rodriguez.
- Elected Officials Meeting – A quarterly meeting will be held in Castroville on June 26, 2014.
- Mission Devine – This is going on this week.

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

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

Motion carried.

Mayor

City Secretary