

**Minutes**  
**Special Council Meeting/Budget Workshop**  
**June 29, 2010**

On this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June 2010, 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 Kathy Wilkins  
Alderwoman Gina Champion

Absent: Alderman John Ramirez and Alderwoman Marina Antu; thus, constituting a quorum.

Personnel present: Dora V. Rodriguez, Interim City Administrator/City Secretary; Nancy Pepper, City Treasurer; Rob Flores, Chief of Police; Billy Grote, Director of Public Works; Ismael Carrillo, Superintendent of Public Works; Barbara Moore, Library Director and Cassandra Maldonado, Municipal Court Clerk.

Others present: James LaComb, Medina Valley Times.

Mayor Herring, presiding, declared the meeting open.

The first order of business was a Budget Workshop.

Interim City Administrator, Dora V. Rodriguez, addressed council in regards to the Community Center's Budget. She mentioned that it has not been rented out as much as it had been in the past. She suggested lowering the rental fees. She presented council with a list of surrounding cities and what they charge to rent their community centers.

Council held discussion with Interim City Administrator, Dora V. Rodriguez and City Accountant, Nancy Pepper.

Council decided to lower the rental from \$500 to \$350 along with the \$100 deposit. If the rental was for a bridal or baby shower, the rental would only be \$100 along with a \$100 deposit. The \$50 half day rate for the day before the event would stay the same. The new rental rates are to be effective as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

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Library Director, Barbara Moore, addressed council regarding the Library's Budget. She provided council with a spreadsheet that reflected what the surrounding communities' library staff consisted of. She requested that council consider changing the staff from part-time to full-time with benefits. She mentioned that she would not need medical insurance benefits, however, the other two employees would need that benefit. She also suggested that more computers be added to library. Due to the influx in use of the library by patrons, longer hours would also be a good idea. She stated that her staff had considered opening on Saturdays as well to offset the traffic during the week. She is hoping that with the longer hours, the library will be able to offer more programs for children and adults.

Council held discussion with Library Director, Barbara Moore regarding this matter.

Mayor Herring mentioned that the walls in the library needed some attention.

Director of Public Works, Billy Grote stated that his department has to put caulk around the windows and walls every couple of years.

Mayor Herring suggested that the City Engineer, Raul Garcia be contacted regarding this matter.

Council then held brief discussion with Police Chief, Rob Flores regarding Hurricane Alex. He notified them that emergency management procedures were set in place and he felt that the State of Texas was well prepared.

There being no further business to come before the governing body, motion was made by Alderwoman Champion, seconded by Alderwoman Wilkins to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes	--	Three
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	Two (Alderman Ramirez, Alderwoman Antu)

Motion carried.

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Mayor

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City Secretary