

Minutes
Special Council Meeting/Budget Workshop
July 6, 2010

On this 6th day of July 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 John Ramirez
Alderman Hal Lance
Alderman Marina Antu
Alderman Kathy Wilkins
Alderman Gina Champion

Thus, constituting a quorum.

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

Others present: Sandy Herrera, Devine News; Wanda Gardner of Devine, Texas and Ralph Ramirez of Natalia, Texas.

Mayor Herring, presiding, declared the meeting open.

The first order of business was to discuss and consider:

- a. Placing a dead end sign at the end of Eagle Street along with the railing.
- b. Creating a drainage ditch from the School Property to Robin Street.
- c. Approving putting some base material on Eagle Street.

Mayor Herring and Alderman Champion addressed Council and informed them of the drainage problem on Eagle Street. Alderman Champion stated that whenever it rains, it flows into Jimmy Weber's yard at 1003 Eagle. She stated that the school has a temporary barricade right now consisting of railroad ties and flags, however, parents continue to cross over the berm which is creating a problem.

Interim City Administrator, Dora V. Rodriguez informed Council that City Attorney, Tom Cate stated that if the City chose to make Eagle a Dead End, they could do so by putting up the proper signage. No ordinance would be needed.

Council held brief discussion with Billy Grote, Director of Public Works and Ismael Carrillo, Superintendent of Public Works regarding several options the City has to fix the problem.

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Alderman Ramirez suggested that the school be informed about what the City intended to do.

Mayor Herring suggested holding off on declaring the street a Dead End until everyone was in agreement.

Motion made by Alderwoman Champion, seconded by Alderman Lance to allow Public Works to construct a ditch, furnish street sign and finish street off with base material.

Ayes	--	Five
Nays	--	None

Motion Carried.

The second order of business was a Budget Workshop.

City Accountant, Nancy Pepper briefed Council on the budget for the Water, Sewer and Street Departments. She mentioned that due to the fact that there would no longer be a Gas Department, employees would be moved around to other departments. One employee from the Street Department would be moved into the Health & Sanitation Department. She also mentioned that an additional \$60,000 was being requested for Maintenance Materials in the Street Department. This would be used to repair various streets in town that need attention.

Citizen Wanda Gardner urged Council to consider resurfacing Harralton Circle. She mentioned that it was in need of fixing and that grass was beginning to grow between the curb and street.

Mayor Herring thanked her for her concerns and that Public Works would definitely look into that area.

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

Ayes	--	Five
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

Mayor

City Secretary