

Minutes
Special Council Meeting/Budget Workshop
July 13, 2010

On this 13th 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 – arrived @ 6:05 p.m.
Alderman Hal Lance
Alderwoman Kathy Wilkins
Alderwoman Gina Champion

Absent: Alderwoman Antu; thus, constituting a quorum.

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

Others present: Robin Sisco, Langford Community Management Services; Ernest Munoz, Frost Insurance; James LaComb, Medina Valley Times; Wanda Gardner and Cindy Morales of Devine, Texas.

Mayor Herring, presiding, declared the meeting open.

The first order of business was to discuss and consider reviewing bids and award construction contract for the Home Program Contract #1001022.

Robin Sisco with Langford Community Management Services informed Council that the next step for the Home Program was to award the construction contract. She stated that one of the approved applicants had to be turned away because they did not have a clear title to the property. She explained that the City was too far along in the process to go back and find another qualified applicant. Therefore, only four homes were going to be built instead of five. She informed them that the only bid received was from Randy Malouf Builders. She mentioned that since Mr. Malouf's base bid was so reasonable; a parking slab, gutters and additional ceiling fans may be added to each home. She explained to Council that the City had to pledge 10% of the project total. She stated that in order to meet their pledge, the City would waive permit fees and pay for the demolition. She predicted that the homes would be move in ready by the end of the year.

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Motion made by Alderman Ramirez, seconded by Alderwoman Wilkins to award Randy Malouf Builders the construction contract for Home Program Contract #1001022.

Ayes	--	Four
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	One (Alderwoman Antu)

Motion Carried.

The second order of business was to discuss and consider request made by Cindy Morales on invoice she received from the City for a damaged water meter.

Cindy Morales addressed Council. She expressed that she felt she wasn't at fault for the water meter being damaged. She stated that the water meter was installed in the easement that belonged to her neighbor on Bain St. She felt that it was out of her control if someone damaged the water meter seeing as how it wasn't installed on her property. If it was on her property, she would be able to monitor it better.

Council held discussion regarding the policy that the City currently has in place for damaged water meters. Alderman Lance urged Council to stick to the current policy and hold Mrs. Morales responsible.

Interim City Administrator, Dora V. Rodriguez informed Council that someone has to be billed for the damage and usually the home owner is responsible for the charges if we do not know who damaged the meter.

Director of Public Works, Billy Grote mentioned that Public Works has since moved the water meter closer to the fence located on Mrs. Morales's property.

Motion made by Alderman Ramirez, seconded by Alderwoman Wilkins to waive the invoice in the amount of \$220.87, the amount that it cost to fix the damaged water meter.

Ayes	--	Four
Nays	--	One (Alderman Lance)
Absent	--	One (Alderwoman Antu)

Motion carried.

The third order of business was to discuss and consider appointing Ernest Munoz as our Insurance Agent.

Ernest Munoz of Frost Insurance addressed Council and reminded them that it was that time of the year for the City to go out for bids for their Medical and Life Insurance. He informed that in order for him to shop the insurance market for the City, he would have to be appointed as the City's Insurance Agent.

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Motion made by Alderman Ramirez, seconded by Alderman Lance to appoint Ernest Munoz of Frost Insurance as the City of Devine's Insurance Agent.

Ayes	--	Four
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	One (Alderman Antu)

Motion carried.

The fourth order of business was a Budget Workshop.

Chief Rob Flores addressed Council regarding the Police Department and Animal Control's Budget.

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

Ayes	--	Four
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	One (Alderman Antu)

Motion carried.

Mayor

City Secretary