

Minutes
Special Council Meeting/Budget Workshop
July 27, 2010

On this 27th 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
Alderwoman Kathy Wilkins
Alderwoman Gina Champion

Thus, constituting a quorum.

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

Others present: Jerome Whitley, Secretary of MCESD #2; Mike McIntyre, McIntyre Consulting; Sandy Herrera, Devine News, James LaComb, Medina Valley Times; John Narramore of Devine, Texas.

Mayor Herring, presiding, declared the meeting open.

The first order of business was to discuss and consider request made by the ESD #2 Board on hiring an ISO Consultant and for the City of Devine to share some of the cost.

Secretary of the MCESD #2, Jerome Whitley informed Council that the ESD wanted to have an ISO study performed. The cost that the City would have to pay to have this study done would be \$2,000.00. He mentioned that the ISO rating for the City was a 6 and a 9 for the County. He stated that if the ISO rating went down after the study, it was possible that insurance rates would go down as well.

Alderman Lance suggested that the City check with local insurance companies to verify if the rates would be lowered in the event that the ISO rating for the City was lowered.

Motion made by Alderwoman Wilkins, seconded by Alderwoman Champion to amend the budget in the amount of \$2,000 for the ISO study for the City of Devine.

Ayes	--	Five
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

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The second order of business was to discuss and consider amending Chapter 94 of the Traffic Ordinance.

Council held discussion.

Chief Rob Flores suggested that the stop signs be put up for now, and that Council consider lower speed limits.

Motion made by Alderwoman Champion, seconded by Alderwoman Wilkins to amend Chapter 94 of the Traffic Ordinance and adopt Ordinance 7-10

Ordinance 7-10 attached as Exhibit A.

Ayes	--	Five
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

The third order of business was to discuss and consider for the City of Devine to hire a Real Estate Appraiser to appraise the 54.297 Acre Tract of Land at the end of Watson Avenue.

Council held discussion.

Alderman Lance suggested that the City find out what the cost of the appraisal would be before Council took action.

Motion made by Alderman Lance, seconded by Alderwoman Champion to table the item until the cost of the appraisal was determined.

Ayes	--	Five
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

The fourth order of business was the Budget Workshop.

Interim City Administrator, Dora V. Rodriguez informed Council that she would meet with the Department Heads and see where they could trim their budget.

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

Ayes	--	Five
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

Mayor

City Secretary