

**Minutes**  
**Special Council Meeting/Budget Workshop**  
**August 14, 2012**

On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August 2012, 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  
Aldерwoman Kathy Wilkins  
Alderman Steve A. Lopez

Absent: Alderwoman Gina Champion and Alderman David Valdez; thus, constituting a quorum.

Personnel present: Gary Pelech, City Administrator; Denise Duffy, City Treasurer; and Ofilia Pedroza, Assistant City Secretary.

Others present: None

Mayor Herring, presiding, declared the meeting open.

The first order of business was to discuss and consider review of:

Rate A. Review of Effective and Rollback Tax Rates.  
Rate B. Review Schedule A, B, C.  
Rate C. Review Tax Rate.

City Administrator Gary Pelech informed Council that the effective tax rate for this current year is \$.5593/\$100 and the effective rollback tax rate for the new year is \$.5865/\$100. He explained that this new rate is the rate at which an election could be called to hold a rollback election for. He would prefer to stay where we are at \$.5690 for the total tax rate but that would be up to Council to make this decision.

He also stated that we had the effective tax rate worksheets reviewed by Josie Campa, City Secretary of Lytle, who found some minor discrepancies.

City Treasurer Denise Duffy addressed Council and stated that after these findings, she and City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez decided to meet with Loraine Neuman, Tax Assessor-Collector, in Hondo. She explained that Ms. Campa's concern had been with the base rate which was different than what Ms. Neuman had. After meeting with Loraine Neuman, they found that Ms. Neuman was using the updated base rate. Mrs. Duffy advised that everything is now okay and everything was inputted correctly, and Ms. Campa was fine with it also.

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Council reviewed worksheets and discussed Schedules A, B and C with City Administrator Gary Pelech. They also reviewed the tax rates for 2011 and 2012; what we did last year as opposed to what we can do this year. Council held discussion over the rates. Looking at the three rates mentioned, we could go as low as \$.5593/\$100 and up to but not including \$.5865/\$100, but felt we should stay at \$.5690.

Alderman Lance inquired if there's any anticipated increase in sales taxes coming into Devine because of what's happening with the oil fields. Typically across the board, the increase is 5% according to City Administrator Gary Pelech.

The second order of business was to Review 2012 Appraisal Roll Certified by James Garcia with Medina County Appraisal.

Council reviewed worksheet. City Administrator Gary Pelech informed Council that these are certified figures plugged in by the County. He told Council that there is an increase in property values, and we should generate \$19,000 to \$20,000 in revenue.

The third order of business was the Budget Workshop.

City Administrator Gary Pelech informed Council that we need to put this off until next Tuesday or later. Our financial advisor Mary Badillo will be coming down to meet with the City Secretary and City Treasurer.

Council tabled item until next week.

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

Ayes	--	Three
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	Two (Alderman Valdez and Alderwoman Champion)

Motion carried.

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Mayor

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City Secretary