

**Minutes**  
**Special/Budget Workshop Council Meeting**  
**August 23, 2011**

On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2011, 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  
Alderman Steve A. Lopez

Absent being Alderwoman Marina Antu; thus, constituting a quorum.

Personnel present: Gary Pelech, City Administrator; Dora V. Rodriguez, City Secretary and Nancy Pepper, City Accountant.

Others present: Adalberto Bosquez, Pearsall, Texas; Michele (Mickie) Schulze and Wanda Gardner, Devine, Texas and Sandy Herrera, Devine News.

Mayor Herring, presiding, declared the meeting open.

The first order of business was for the council to appoint the new City Treasurer/Accountant.

City Administrator Gary Pelech informed the council that we had a total of 15 resumes turned in for this position. He advised that we interviewed six candidates. Out of the six, we called back two for a second interview. One candidate was a local resident but he turned the position down because he was looking for more money.

City Administrator Gary Pelech informed the council that the candidate we selected is Adalberto Bosquez that is with the City of Pearsall and their Finance Director.

Motion by Alderman Lopez, seconded by Alderman Lance to approve Adalberto Bosquez as our City Treasurer/Accountant.

Ayes	--	Four
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	One – Alderwoman Antu

Motion carried.

The second order of business was to discuss and consider the review of:

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

Mayor informed the council that the Tax Rate will stay the same at .5690 per 100. He advised that he does not want to go up on taxes since we will have to go up on the Garbage and Edwards Aquifer Fee.

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The third order of business was the Budget Workshop.

City Accountant Nancy Pepper went over the changes that occurred in the budget:

- Longevity Pay was taken out.
- COLA went from 2 1/2 % to 2%
- Street Dept. – not hiring one in this department.
- Municipal Court – we lowered the revenue.
- Police Department – Lowered the over-time.
- Health Insurance – Went with the same exact plan as last year, which means we will go with the renewal rates.
- Tax Rate – Left the Rate at .5690.
- Garbage Rates – We are going with a 3 1/2% increase
- Franchise – Was increased for the Garbage.
- Sewer & Water Fund – 3% was transferred from this fund to the General Fund. We will also start a transfer of 3% under franchise to be able to start transferring to the General Fund from Sewer & Water.
- TML Insurance Rates – We are still waiting on TML to send us the rate changes for the New Year. We do know that some of the rates have gone down.

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

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Mayor

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City Secretary