

**Minutes
Special Council Meeting
August 28, 2012**

On this 28th day of August 2012, at 5:15 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: Alderman David Valdez; thus, constituting a quorum.

Personnel present: Gary Pelech, City Administrator; City Attorney, Tom Cate; Cassandra Maldonado, Municipal Court Clerk.

Others present: Sandy Herrera, Devine News; Anne Woods, Devine, TX.

Mayor Herring, presiding, declared the meeting open.

The first order of business was to discuss and consider amending Ordinance implementing use reduction measures intended to reduce water use from the Edwards Aquifer in order to preserve and protect the aquifer, the public water supply and springflow and to prevent unnecessary waste; and providing the violation of such ordinance shall be a misdemeanor punishable upon conviction by fine of not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$200.00; and containing a severability clause.

City Attorney, Tom Cate presented the Council with the new ordinance. He briefly discussed key changes made to the ordinance. He stated that since the City of Devine does not rely entirely on the Edwards Aquifer, the City could decide on whether or not to declare a stage of drought.

Council held discussion regarding changes to the ordinance.

Ordinance 08-12 attached as Exhibit A.

Motion was made by Alderman Lopez, seconded by Alderman Lopez, seconded by Alderman Lance to adopt the Ordinance.

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

Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Alderwoman Champion, seconded by Alderwoman Wilkins to declare that the City of Devine was under Stage II Water Restrictions effective immediately contingent upon the fact that the City could maintain pumping levels with the Edwards Aquifer Authority.

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

Motion carried.

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.

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

Motion carried.

Mayor

City Secretary