

**Minutes  
Special Meeting  
September 8, 2009**

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September 2009, at 7:00 p.m., the City Council of the City of Devine convened in a Special 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 thereof, being present:

Mayor Jerry Beck  
Alderman David Espinosa  
Alderman Hal Lance  
Alderwoman Marina M. Antu

Absent being Alderman Ramirez and Alderman Cortez; thus, constituting a quorum.

Personnel Present: Dora V. Rodriguez, Interim City Administrator/City Secretary; Ofilia Pedroza, Assistant City Secretary; Nancy Pepper, City Treasurer; Rob Flores, Chief of Police; Billy Grote, Director of Public Works; Ismael Carrillo, Superintendent of Public Works; and Barbara Moore, Library Director.

Others present: Sandy Herrera-Devine News; James LaCombe-Medina Valley Times; Pete Maldonado, San Antonio TX; and Joe Ramos, San Antonio TX.

The first order of business was the Executive Session: Pursuant to Provision of the Open Meeting Law §551.071 through §551.076, §551.086, §551.087 Texas Government Code, (Consultation with Attorney, Deliberation Regarding Real Property, Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift or Donation, Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations and Personnel Matters).

- a. §551.074 – Personnel Matters – Interviews for City Administrator

At 7:00 p.m., Mayor Beck announced to the public that the Council would go into a Closed Session. At 8:40 p.m., Closed Session was opened to the public.

No action was taken.

The second order of business was to Reconvene into Regular Session and Consider Action, if any, on items discussed in Executive Session.

No action was taken.

Mayor Jerry Beck, presiding, declared the meeting opened.

The third order of business was the Public Hearing on the Service Plan for the Voluntary Annexation of the Paradigm Subdivision – Lot 2 and Part 1 located on State Highway 132.

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At 8:40 p.m., Mayor Beck declared a Public Hearing on the Service Plan for the Voluntary Annexation of the Paradigm Subdivision – Lot 2 and Part 1, located on State Highway 132.

There were no comments from the public. Interim City Administrator Dora V. Rodriguez informed Council that this is the last Public Hearing we will have on the Voluntary Annexation.

At 8:45 p.m., Mayor Beck closed the Public Hearing on the Service Plan for the Voluntary Annexation of the Paradigm Subdivision – Lot 2 and Part 1, located on State Highway 132 to the public.

The fourth order of business was the Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for FY 2009-2010.

At 8:45 p.m., Mayor Beck declared a Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for FY 2009-2010.

There were no comments from the public.

At 8:46 p.m., Mayor Beck closed the Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for FY 2009-2010 to the public.

The fifth order of business was the Public Hearing on the Proposed Tax Rate for FY 2009-2010.

At 8:46 p.m., Mayor Beck declared a Public Hearing on the Proposed Tax Rate for FY 2009-2010. The Effective Tax Rate that the Council is proposing is .5900/per \$100 property valuation.

There were no comments from the public.

At 8:47 p.m., Mayor Beck closed the Public Hearing on the Proposed Tax Rate for FY 2009-2010 to the public.

The sixth order of business was to discuss and consider hiring Simon Pena as Consultant to help out with the Sale of our Gas System.

Interim City Administrator Dora V. Rodriguez informed City Council that we have been looking for someone to help us with our gas system. She stated that Simon Pena has helped us before; he's done this for other cities; and he's very knowledgeable and he knows what questions to ask.

City Financial Advisor Phil Sagebiel had advised the City that it would be wise to hire him to help us out. He will still stay at the same pay rate of \$95.00 per hour, as last time. Interim City Administrator Dora V. Rodriguez told Council that the last bill we received from him was \$285.00 for 3 hours and we've already done all the legwork for this project.

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Motioned by Alderman Lance, seconded by Alderwoman Antu to hire Simon Pena as a Consultant to help out with the Sale of our Gas System, effective immediately, at a pay rate of \$95.00 per hour.

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Interim City Administrator Dora V. Rodriguez told Council that Accountant Nancy Pepper has already made the changes they requested. She said we just needed to give them a final proposal since we were having a public hearing on it today, and in case someone from the public had any questions. However, she said, the budget won't be adopted until September 22, 2009.

Accountant Nancy Pepper informed Council that there's only one change made to the Budget. She moved Animal Control into its own department, and she moved Health & Sanitation into its own department. So now, Health & Sanitation is Garbage and Animal Control is Animal Control.

Council reviewed the budget.

Chief Flores informed Council that he already got the truck ready for Animal Control. It only lacks the light bar and cage.

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

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Mayor

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City Secretary