

**Minutes  
Special Council Meeting  
September 22, 2015**

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2015, at 6:00 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 being present:

Mayor William L. Herring  
Alderman Hal Lance  
Aldерwoman Kathy Wilkins  
Alderman Steve A. Lopez

Absent being Alderman David Valdez and Alderman David Espinosa; thus, constituting a quorum.

Personnel present: Gary Pelech, City Administrator; Dora V. Rodriguez, Assistant City Administrator/City Secretary; Denise Duffy, City Accountant; and Mary Badillo, City Financial Advisor.

Others present: Marly Davis-Devine News, Devine, Texas.

Mayor Herring, presiding, declared the meeting open.

The first order of business was to discuss and consider adopting a Proclamation for October 2015 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Mayor Herring read Proclamation aloud.

Motion by Alderwoman Wilkins, seconded by Alderman Lopez to adopt Proclamation for October 2015 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Proclamation attached as Exhibit A.

Ayes	--	Three
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	Two – Alderman Valdez and Alderman Espinosa

Motion carried.

The second order of business was to discuss and consider a Resolution nominating a candidate for the election of Medina County Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2016-2017.

Council held brief discussion on nominating Mamie Navarro.

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Motion by Alderman Lance, seconded by Alderman Lopez to nominate Mamie Navarro for the election of Medina County Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2016-2017.

Resolution 9-15E attached as Exhibit B.

Ayes	--	Three
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	Two – Alderman Valdez and Alderman Espinosa

Motion carried.

The third order of business was to discuss and consider Amending Current Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

Mary Badillo, City Financial Advisor, informed Council that Gary, Dora and Denise have done an outstanding job with the budget. City Administrator Gary Pelech went over a few highlights/changes on the amendments with City Council.

Motion by Alderman Lopez, seconded by Alderman Lance to Adopt the Amended Current Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

Amended Current Budget attached as Exhibit C.

Ayes	--	Three
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	Two – Alderman Valdez and Alderman Espinosa

Motion carried.

The fourth order of business was to discuss and consider Adopting Budget for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Council reviewed a Budget Cover Page comparing property tax rates from last year.

City Administrator Gary Pelech, went over some of the highlights of the new Budget as well for Council, such as Operating Revenue, Operating Expenditures, Operating Surplus, Cash Outlay, and net Surplus for the General Fund, Sewer/Water Fund and Lodging Fund for all departments.

Motion by Alderwoman Wilkins, seconded by Alderman Lopez to Adopt the Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Cover Page and Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 attached as Exhibit D.

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Ayes	--	Three
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	Two – Alderman Valdez and Alderman Espinosa

Motion carried.

The fifth order of business was to discuss and consider Adopting an Ordinance establishing the Budget beginning October 1, 2015, and ending September 30, 2016, appropriating funds for the operation of the General Fund, Water Fund, and Sinking Fund to pay interest and principal due on all city indebtedness.

Motion by Alderman Lopez, seconded by Alderman Lance to Adopt an Ordinance establishing the Budget beginning October 1, 2015, and ending September 30, 2016, appropriating funds for the operation of the General Fund, Water Fund, and Sinking Fund to pay interest and principal due on all city indebtedness.

Ordinance 9-15F attached as Exhibit E.

Ayes	--	Three
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	Two – Alderman Valdez and Alderman Espinosa

Motion carried.

The sixth order of business was to discuss and consider Adopting 2015 Tax Rate.

Motion by Alderwoman Wilkins, seconded by Alderman Lance to adopt a maintenance and operating tax rate of \$.4404 for \$100 valuation of property and an interest and sinking fund tax rate of \$.0706 for \$100 valuation of property, for a total Property Tax Rate of \$.5110 for 2015, for each \$100 valuation of property.

Ayes	--	Three
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	Two – Alderman Valdez and Alderman Espinosa

Motion carried.

The seventh order of business was to discuss and consider Adopting an Ordinance levying ad valorem taxes for use and support of the municipal government of the City of Devine for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year; providing for appointing each levy for specific purposes; and, providing when taxes shall become due when same shall become delinquent if not paid with \$.4404 on each \$100.00 valuation of property

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for the maintenance and support of the general government (General Fund) and \$.0706 on each \$100.00 valuation of property for the Interest and Sinking Fund, and making it a Tax Rate of \$.5110 on each \$100.00 valuation of property.

Motion by Alderman Lance, seconded by Alderman Lopez to Adopt an Ordinance levying ad valorem taxes for use and support of the municipal government of the City of Devine for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year; providing for appointing each levy for specific purposes; and, providing when taxes shall become due when same shall become delinquent if not paid with \$.4404 on each \$100.00 valuation of property for the maintenance and support of the general government (General Fund) and \$.0706 on each \$100.00 valuation of property for the Interest and Sinking Fund, and making it a Tax Rate of \$.5110 on each \$100.00 valuation of property.

Ordinance 9-15G attached as Exhibit F.

Ayes	--	Three
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	Two – Alderman Valdez and Alderman Espinosa

Motion carried.

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

Ayes	--	Three
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	Two – Aldermen Valdez and Espinosa

Motion carried.

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Mayor

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City Secretary