

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
November 16, 2010

On this 16th day of November 2010, at 7:00 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 John Ramirez
Alderman Hal Lance
Alderwoman Marina Antu
Alderwoman Kathy Wilkins
Alderwoman Gina Champion

Thus, constituting a quorum.

Personnel present: Gary Pelech, City Administrator; Dora V. Rodriguez, City Secretary; Nancy Pepper, City Accountant; Billy Grote, Director of Public Works, Ismael Carrillo, Superintendent of Public Works; Barbara Moore, Library Director; and Darrell Rawlings, Code Compliance Officer.

Others present: Sandy Herrera, Devine News; Tom Key- United Methodist Church; Larry Stacy, Carol & Michael Chavez, Devine, Texas.

Mayor Herring, presiding, declared the meeting opened and welcomed all visitors. Mayor Herring also delivered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business was recognition.

Mayor Herring recognized the New City Administrator, Gary Pelech. He introduced him to the public and stated that the city was happy to have him.

Mayor Herring recognized Commissioner-Elect, Jerry Beck, and congratulated him on being elected to serve as County Commissioner for Precinct 4.

Mayor Herring recognized Dora V. Rodriguez for her service of 26 years and for her service as Interim City Administrator since February of 2004.

Mayor Herring recognized our Devine Athletic High School and Middle School students for another great season.

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Mayor Herring recognized the High School and Middle School Bands for their performances at the half time. He commended the High School Band for a great job at contest.

The second order of business was the Visitors/Citizens Forum.

Jerry Beck addressed the council that he wanted to formally come before them to let them know that we have interlocal agreement between the City and County and that he is looking forward to January. He intends to put some teeth into this position and bring back some of the taxpayers' money back into the city limits. He will be attending meetings on a regular basis.

The third order of business was the approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, October 19, 2010 and Special Meeting October 28, 2010.

Council reviewed the minutes.

Motion made by Alderman Ramirez, seconded by Alderwoman Champion to approve the Minutes for Regular Meeting, October 19, 2010 and Special Meeting October 28, 2010.

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

The fourth order of business was to discuss and consider recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission for Meeting held on November 8, 2010.

- a. Request made by Tom Key on behalf of the First United Methodist Church to reduce the side set-back from 15-foot minimum at 216 Benton Avenue W., known as all of Block 34 (NCB 56) of the J.M. Bright Addition, for construction of a 40' x 74' addition to the "Education Building" which will be along Sayers Drive N.

Code Compliance Officer Darrell Rawlings informed the council that they had a survey done to determine the property line and he found that the actual building itself is about 7 feet off the property line. He advised that the two covered porches are 4 1/2 feet off the property line. He informed that all they want to do is to keep all the buildings in line. He advised the council that letters were mailed out to the property owners within 200 feet and two letters were received stating that they had no objections to this request.

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Motion by Alderman Ramirez, seconded by Alderwoman Wilkins to approve recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission for Meeting held on November 8, 2010 to grant a variance to the First United Methodist Church for the side set-back.

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

The fifth order of business was cancelling Regular Meeting for December.

Motion by Alderman Lance, seconded by Alderwoman Antu to cancel the Regular Meeting for December and allow for a Special Meeting, if needed.

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

The sixth order of business was to discuss the Reports:

All reports were reviewed and discussed.

The seventh order of business was Informational Items.

Mayor Herring announced that Alderwoman Champion, Alderwoman Wilkins along with himself worked the concession stand for the Pearsall Game.

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

Mayor

City Secretary