

**Minutes**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**November 20, 2012**

On this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012, 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, TX. 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  
Aldерwoman Kathy Wilkins  
Aldерwoman Gina Champion  
Alderman Steve A. Lopez  
Alderman David Valdez

Absent: Alderman Lance thus; constituting a quorum.

Personnel present: Gary Pelech, City Administrator; Tom Cate, City Attorney, Dora V. Rodriguez, City Secretary; Denise Duffy, City Accountant/Treasurer.

Others Present: Sandy Herrera, Devine News; Rebecca Garcia and Aaron Smith, Global Professional Services; Rosa Southard, Keli & Kristian Morin, Sonia J. Lance, Patricia Brown, Paul Noak, Raegan T. Houston, Misty Houston, and Frank Cortinez, all of Devine, TX .

Mayor Herring, presiding, called the meeting to order. Mayor Herring also delivered the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business was Recognition.

Mayor Herring thanked those who volunteered for the Food Bank distribution. He congratulated the Arabians and Warhorses for becoming District Champs. He also commended Joseph Espinosa for making it to State in Cross Country. He thanked the Chamber and City Staff for their hard work on the Fall Festival. He also mentioned that a thank you letter was received by the Devine Police Department from Jessica Jones and Sheryl Stine.

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

Sandra Stacy, Vice President of the Devine Garden Club, addressed the Council and thanked them for their support over the years. She also thanked the Mayor for watering the tree during the drought. She informed the Council that every year the sprinkler system is damaged during the Fall Festival. She asked the Council to come up with a plan on how to avoid this from happening in the future.

The third order of business was to discuss and consider approval of Minutes: Regular Council Meeting, October 16, 2012; Special Council Meeting, October 30, 2012 and Special Council Meeting, November 5, 2012.

Council reviewed the minutes.

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Motion made by Alderman Lopez, seconded by Alderwoman Wilkins to approve the Minutes: Regular Council Meeting, October 16, 2012; Special Council Meeting, October 30, 2012 and Special Council Meeting, November 5, 2012.

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

Motion carried.

The fourth order of business was to discuss and consider proposal submitted by Aaron Smith with Global Professional Services, LLC. for a Comprehensive Master Plan.

Aaron Smith addressed the Council and stated that the Company wanted to hold a series of Community Meetings in Devine to see what development needed to be done.

City Administrator, Gary Pelech, mentioned that this Company recently completed a project for AACOG. He mentioned that the cost to the City for this Project would be \$10,000 and that this figure had already been figured into the current budget.

Mayor Herring stated that developers usually ask if a City has a Comprehensive Plan prior to development.

Council held discussion with Aaron Smith and City Attorney Tom Cate.

Motion by Alderwoman Champion, seconded by Alderman Lopez to approve the proposal submitted by Aaron Smith with Global Professional Services, LLC.

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

Motion carried.

The fifth order of business was a Public Hearing to discuss and consider recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission for meeting held on November 13, 2012:

- a. The zoning classification of property located along Hondo Avenue W. in the City of Devine, from Class A. Single Family Residence District to Class F. Neighborhood Shopping Center, which is proposed to include any or all properties with the following addresses: 510 Hondo Avenue W.; 604 Hondo Avenue W.; 606 Hondo Avenue W.; 605 Hondo Avenue W.; 700 Hondo Avenue W.; 703 Hondo Avenue W.; 602 Brown Avenue E.; 610 Brown Avenue E.; 617 Brown Avenue W.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

At 6:17 p.m., Mayor Herring announced that the Public Hearing was open.

Council held discussion.

There were no comments from the public.

At 6:20 p.m., Mayor Herring closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Alderwoman Champion, seconded by Alderman Valdez to approve the recommendation of Planning & Zoning to amend the Zoning Ordinance to change the zoning classification of property located along Hondo Avenue W. in the City of Devine, from Class A. Single Family Residence District to Class F. Neighborhood Shopping Center, which includes all properties with the following addresses: 510 Hondo Avenue W.; 604 Hondo Avenue W.; 606 Hondo Avenue W.; 605 Hondo Avenue W.; 700 Hondo Avenue W.; 703 Hondo Avenue W.; 602 Brown Avenue E.; 610 Brown Avenue E.; 617 Brown Avenue W.

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

Motion carried.

The sixth order of business was to discuss and consider request made by Rick Campsey for council to grant a variance allowing for one travel trailer to be placed on the property located at 601 N. Windy Knoll Dr.

Council held brief discussion.

Motion by Alderman Lopez, seconded by Alderwoman Wilkins to grant a six month variance allowing for one travel trailer to be placed on the property located at 601 N. Windy Knoll Drive.

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

Motion carried.

The seventh order of business was to discuss and consider request made by Nora Casas for council to grant a variance allowing for one travel trailer to be placed on the property located at 605 McAnnelly.

Council held discussion with Keli Morin who appeared on behalf of Ms. Casas.

Motion made by Alderwoman Wilkins, seconded by Alderwoman Champion to grant a six month variance allowing for one travel trailer to be placed on the property located at 605 McAnnelly.

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

Motion carried.

The eighth order of business was a Public Hearing to discuss and consider the first reading on the Amendment to the Animal and Fowl Ordinance – Chapter 14 of the City of Devine Code of Ordinances.

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At 6:25 p.m., Mayor Herring declared that the Public Hearing was open.

Mayor read the ordinance aloud.

Gary Pelech, City Administrator, explained that this was a re-write of the original ordinance.

Council held brief discussion.

There were no comments from the public.

At 6:27 p.m., Mayor Herring closed the Public Hearing.

Motion made by Alderman Lopez, seconded by Alderman Valdez to approve the first reading on the Amendment to the Animal and Fowl Ordinance – Chapter 14 of the City of Devine Code of Ordinances.

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

Motion carried.

The ninth order of business was to discuss and consider canceling the Regular Council Meeting for December 2012.

Mayor Herring stated that a Special Meeting might have to be called if necessary.

Motion made by Alderman Lopez, seconded by Alderman Valdez to cancel the Regular Council Meeting for December 2012.

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

Motion carried.

The tenth order of business was Informational Items.

- Chamber appreciation luncheon with the City for the Fall Festival to be Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>
- Code Compliance Officer, Darrell Rawlings' mother passed away
- D.J. Carlson passed away
- Silent Santa Project was underway
- Alderman Hal Lance still helping FEMA

There being no further business to discuss, motion by Alderman Lopez, seconded by Alderman Lance to adjourn meeting.

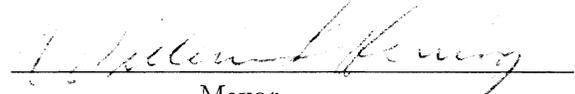
Ayes	--	Four
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	One (Alderman Lance)

Motion carried.



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City Secretary



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Mayor