

Minutes
Special Council Meeting
December 7, 2010

On this 7th day of December 2010, 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 being present:

Mayor William L. Herring
Alderman Hal Lance
Alderwoman Marina Antu
Alderwoman Kathy Wilkins
Alderwoman Gina Champion

Absent being Alderman John Ramirez, thus, constituting a quorum.

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

Others present: Sandy Herrera, Devine News; and Raul Garcia, City Engineer.

Mayor Herring, presiding, declared the meeting opened and welcomed all visitors.

The first order of business was a Public Meeting on the Hazard Mitigation Program and the 2010 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

Mayor Herring opened the Public Meeting at 4:01 for public comments or questions. There being no comments or questions from the public, the Mayor asked Darrell the Code Compliance Officer to address the council.

Darrell informed the Council that for the City of Devine to be eligible for Federal and State Grants, we are required to have a Hazard Mitigation Plan. The State and FEMA want to see that the City has a plan in place to address some of these hazards when applying for grants. The plan that the City last adopted was in 2004 and was updated in 2005, and it has expired. AACOG has drafted the Mitigation Plan for all twelve counties of its region. This is affecting the whole region. The state has set a limit of a two-county limit on all mitigation plans and AACOG has twelve counties. AACOG has been granted an exception for this one time, because all of these jurisdictions have expired to go in as a group. In five years when we need to update this plan again, there will be a two-county limit.

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We have attended meetings with Witt Associates that AACOG has contracted with and have had staff meetings to determine what types of mitigation projects we want to include in this plan because if they are not in the plan we cannot apply for grants. Our focus right now is to get improvements done to Burnt Boot Creek to be able to get some properties out of the flood zone and help the creek drain better. We also want to be able to do some other projects associated with the creek like storm sewers. Once this is done we will have to update the maps to reflect all the changes so the people no longer in the flood zone will not have to pay for flood insurance. This is our main focus for this five year plan. AACOG is trying to submit everything to the State by January 2011 for their review. The State will then submit it to FEMA for their review and if there are no changes and they are ready to approve the plan, they will notify us that they will be approving the plan pending the city adopting the plan. This will come before the Council for their adoption and the plan will take effect when the first community adopts the plan.

Hal would like to see a copy of this. Darrell advised that we will be getting a draft that can be viewed by the public in the office.

At 4:12 p.m. the Mayor closed the Public Meeting.

The second order of business was to adopt a Resolution for the Texas Department of Rural Affairs under the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program to authorize certain individuals as signatories for contractual documents associated with this grant.

Mayor Herring read the resolution aloud.

Resolution attached as Exhibit A.

Motion by Alderman Lance, seconded by Alderman Wilkins to adopt Resolution 12-10 for the Texas Department of Rural Affairs under the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program to authorize certain individuals as signatories for contractual documents associated with this grant.

Ayes	--	Four
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	One – Alderman Ramirez

Motion Carried.

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

Mayor

City Secretary