

Minutes
Special Council Meeting
August 9, 2016

On this 9th day of August 2016, 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
Alderdwoman Kathy Wilkins
Alderman Steve A. Lopez
Alderman David Valdez

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

Personnel present: Dora V. Rodriguez, Interim City Administrator/City Secretary; Denise Duffy, City Accountant; and Ofilia Pedroza, UB Clerk.

Others Present: Marly Davis, Devine News; and Sonia Lance, Devine, Texas.

Mayor Herring, presiding, called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was to discuss and consider review of:

Rate A. Review of Effective and Rollback Tax Rates

Council reviewed worksheet showing last year's total tax rate as \$0.5110/\$100; this year's effective tax rate as \$0.4616/\$100 and the rollback tax rate as \$0.5236/\$100.

Council held lengthy discussion with Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez regarding calling of the public hearings and meetings.

Motion by Alderman Lopez, seconded by Alderman Valdez to confirm that Council did discuss and consider review of the Effective and Rollback Tax Rates.

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

Motion carried.

Rate B. Review of Schedules A, B, and C.

Council reviewed worksheet showing Schedule A – Unencumbered Fund Balance, Schedule B – 2016 Debt Service and Schedule C – Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax.

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Motion by Alderman Lance, seconded by Alderwoman Wilkins to confirm that we did discuss and consider review of Schedules A, B, and C.

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

Motion carried.

Rate C. Review Tax Rate Worksheet

Council reviewed worksheet

Motion by Alderman Valdez, seconded by Alderman Lopez to confirm that Council did discuss and review the tax rates.

Worksheet attached as Exhibit A.

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

Motion carried.

The second order of business was to Review the 2016 Appraisal Roll Certified by Medina County Appraisal District.

Council reviewed the Appraisal Roll.

Motion by Alderwoman Wilkins, seconded by Alderman Lopez to confirm that Council did review the 2016 Appraisal Roll Certified by Medina County Appraisal District.

2016 Appraisal Roll attached as Exhibit B.

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

Motion carried.

The third order of business was Informational Items.

The following was discussed:

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- Murphy's Gas – Mayor Herring announced the Groundbreaking tomorrow, August 10th at 9:00 a.m.
- National Night Out – Mayor Herring announced we will observe National Night Out in October. There will be more on the agenda for the next regular meeting.
- Go Medina County – Mayor Herring announced there will be a meeting next month on September 8, 2016 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in Castroville.
- Eagle Scout Ceremony – Alderman Lopez announced the VFW is having an Eagle Scout Ceremony tonight.
- Employee Recognition – Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez announced that the front office was short-staffed last week, and she recognized Alma Rios-Flores and Joanna Muniz for stepping up to the plate; both were treated to lunch for their appreciation.
- Movie Nights – Mayor Herring announced that the Summer Movie Nights are over. They went well with 99 attending the last show. He thanked several employees and police officers for helping out. The Chamber of Commerce will probably take this over for next year.
- Chick-Fil-A – Mayor Herring announced that Chick-Fil-A will be coming down every Wednesday throughout the school year. They will be at the community center parking lot. This is not affiliated in any way with the City or with Devine I.S.D.
- Congressman Will Hurd – Alderwoman Wilkins announced there was good turnout at the Dairy Queen with Congressman Will Hurd on August 16, 2016.
- AACOG – Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez announced that she and Denise Duffy, City Accountant, were not able to attend the event with Congressman Hurd because they were at a meeting at AACOG regarding a new payroll law which will affect exempt employees and overtime.

There being no further business to come before the governing body, motion by Alderman Lopez, seconded by Alderman Lance.

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

Motion carried.

Mayor

City Secretary