

Minutes
Special Council Meeting
November 27th, 2018

On this 27th day of November, 2018, 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 Steve A Lopez
Alderman David Espinosa
Alderman Cory Thompson
Alderwoman Jennifer Schott

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

Personnel present: Dora V. Rodriguez, Interim City Administrator / City Secretary; Denise Duffy, City Accountant; Tom Cate, City Attorney; Ofilia Pedroza, UB Clerk; and Stephanie Barker, Telecommunications Officer for Devine Police Department.

Others present: Marly Davis, Devine News; Mike Ratchman, Texas Golf Insider; Ruben Chapa, Devine Golf Course Supervisor.

Mayor Herring, presiding, called the meeting to order and introduced and welcomed Stephanie Barker, Telecommunications Officer for Devine Police Department, to the meeting.

The first order of business was the Presentation by Mike Ratchman of the Texas Golf Insider.

Devine Golf Course Supervisor, Mr. Ruben Chapa, stated that Mr. Ratchman called Dora in reference to marketing the Devine Golf Course and said that he is here today to share his presentation to the Devine City Council. Mr. Mike Ratchman, shared that he owns the publication of the Insider, has a television broadcast on ESPN, and holds a radio show that is also used for marketing. Mr. Ratchman provided the following materials to the Devine City Council to review while he was presenting his proposal.

- A. Texas Golf Insider Advertising Proposal Devine Golf Course
- B. Texas Golf Insider / Radio Show Podcast Statistics
- C. 2018 Advertising Rates – included Golf Courses, Resorts, & Communities; Display Ad.
- D. Great Golf Communities; 3 Issues per Year
- E. Fall/Winter 2018 Texas Golf Insider-The Official Guide to Golf in Texas

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Mr. Mike Ratchman told Council that he had spoken to Dora about the Devine Golf Course and about other courses in the surrounding areas. Mr. Ratchman shared insight about the Magazine with Dave Roberts in reference to the Kissing Tree in San Marcos and Forest Creek. Mr. Ratchman and Dave Roberts made nice comments on Facebook about the Devine Golf Course. Also, the Council was advised that no monies need to be provided at this time until the repairs are completed. Mr. Ratchman stated, "It's a fun course and very playful." Mr. Ratchman shared that the course has an old style look which also offers players the ability to walk the course as well. He stated that currently the course is not ready (for us to advertise) and it needs a lot of work for it to be completed. He said he would much rather mention that the Devine Golf Course is under new management on Television/ Radio, and not have us pay for any advertisement right now.

No action was taken.

The second order of business was to discuss and consider Advertising with the Texas Golf Insider.

Council held discussion with Mr. Mike Ratchman about pricing. He told Council that prices will be going up after December, 2018 so right now, he just needs a commitment from Council to be able to lock in prices for next year. Mr. Ratchman stated that he will email the agreement to Interim City Administrator / City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez and Ruben Chapa, Devine Golf Course Supervisor, upon approval from Council.

Motion by Alderman Espinosa, seconded by Alderman Lopez that we are committing to advertise with the Texas Golf Insider, with an effective date to be determined at a later date.

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

Motion carried.

The third order of business was to discuss and consider awarding the Management/ Administrative Service for the 2019-2020 TxCDBG Program.

Dora V. Rodriguez, Interim City Administrator / City Secretary shared that the TxCDBG will be going to Langford's because that was the only bid received. There needs to be \$275,000.00 in water/sewer improvements and it will take approximately two years to get the funds. Dora V. Rodriguez, Interim City Administrator / City Secretary, shared that we have been advertising in the paper for proposals. Alderman Cory Thompson inquired as to what type of grant we received. Dora V. Rodriguez, Interim City Administrator / City Secretary, stated that we are currently in the preliminary stages. Dora V. Rodriguez, Interim City Administrator / City Secretary shared that we already have funds for the Martin Well rehabilitation, and said this one would be for a new grant.

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Motion by Alderwoman Schott, seconded by Alderman Thompson for awarding Langford Community Management Services the Management/Administrative Service for the 2019-2020 TxCDBG Program.

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

Motion carried.

The fourth order of business was Informational Items.

- Alderman Lopez shared that he attended the Voice of Democracy at the VFW. He mentioned that there were eight Voice of Democracy students who received awards for District 13, including two teacher awards. He added that the City of Devine had a great turnout and they are eager to see what next year brings.
- Tom Cate, City Attorney, spoke about the Resolution in reference to creating a District Court within Medina County.

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

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

Motion carried.

Mayor

City Secretary