

Minutes
Special Council Meeting
December 11, 2018

On this 11th day of December, 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

Absent being Alderman David Valdez and Alderwoman Jennifer Schott; thus, constituting a quorum.

Personnel present: Denise Duffy, City Accountant; Tom Cate, City Attorney; Rob Flores, Superintendent of Public Works; Ruben Chapa, Superintendent of Golf Course; Ofilia Pedroza; and Stephanie Barker.

Others present: Marly Davis, Devine News; Margaret Hardin, Langford Community Management Services, Leander, Texas; and Debbie Randall of Devine, Texas.

Mayor Herring, presiding, called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was to discuss and consider any possible action to award the engineering services contract for the preparation of the 2019-2020 TxCDBG Community Development Fund Application and subsequent contract implementation if application is funded.

Mayor Herring introduced 5 proposals, all from different engineering funds. While the council reviewed and discussed the proposals, Alderman Espinosa announced to the committee that Mr. Raul Garcia has done a lot for the City. During the discussion Mayor Herring commented that Garcia and Wright Consulting Engineers, Inc. has the most familiarity as well as the highest review ratings, making them a top decision.

Motion by Alderman Espinosa, seconded by Alderman Lopez to approve awarding the engineering services contract for the preparation of the 2019-2020 TxCDBG Community Development Fund Application and subsequent contract implementation if application is funded to Garcia and Wright Consulting Engineers, Inc.

Ayes	--	Three
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	Two – Alderman Valdez Alderwoman Schott

Motion carried.

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The second order of business was the Executive Session: Pursuant to Provision of the Open Meeting Law Texas Government Code.

- § 551.074 Personnel Matters – Golf Course

At 6:05 p.m., Mayor Herring announced to the public that the Council would go into a Closed Session.

At 6:12 p.m., Closed Session was open to the public.

No action was taken in Closed Session.

The third order of business was to RECONVEVE into Regular Session and consider action, if any, on item(s) discussed in Executive Session.

Motion by Alderman Espinosa, seconded by, Alderman Thompson to pay ½ of Tier 1 longevity pay to the five employees of the Golf Course.

Ayes	--	Three
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	Two – Alderman Valdez Alderwoman Schott

The fourth order of business was Informational Items.

- Mayor Herring announced that Council wants to postpone the building of the fence at Walmart. He also stated that we met with the Nelda Rodriguez, Manager of Walmart, who advised for us to apply for a grant next February, worth \$2,000 (for environmental situations). If the grant is received, Walmart will donate shrubs to go around the fence. Council agreed we will be helping Walmart collect trash around the fence during its construction.
- Alderman Espinosa announced St. Joseph's Catholic Church is holding their Annual Pilgrimage tomorrow, December 12th. The group walk, being escorted by Devine Police Department, will be starting at the City Park and ending at the St. Joseph's Church parking lot. The Church will also be holding morning mass around 6:30 a.m. as well as an evening mass around 7:00 p.m. They will be providing breakfast/dinner for the attendants.
- Alderman Thompson inquired if Bowyers Tree Trimming Service is still trimming trees in various parts of town. Denise Duffy, City Accountant, commented she knows Bowyers Tree Trimming Service is working in sections, but is unsure how much they have completed. Mayor Herring stated that he has noticed the company working on the section of housing behind Food King.

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- Alderman Lopez inquired about purchasing materials from the State in regards to other roads, and possibly for use on Mendoza Alley. Rob Flores, Superintendent of Public Works commented that to his knowledge, the Subcontractor is selling the materials for \$150 a load. Denise Duffy, City Accountant, then informed Council that Mendoza Alley has already been completed.

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

Ayes	--	Three
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	Two – Alderman Valdez Alderwoman Schott

Motion carried.

Mayor

City Secretary