

**Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019**

On this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2019, 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, 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; Mary Rodriguez, City Financial Advisor; Rob Flores, Superintendent of Public Works; and Ofilia Pedroza, UB Clerk.

Others present: Marly Davis, Devine News, Marcus Buckner, Madeline Steubing, Rita Parish, Charles Hoog, Elaine Hoog, Sandy Herrera, Abby Kohlleppe, Ida Gauna, Cindy Cortinez, Kerry Simmons, Melissa Simmons, Kias Simmons, Quentin Zapata, Butah Zapata, Preslee Quisenberry, Chad Quisenberry, Debie Petty, Eva Thompson, Kelli Geyer, Karma Herring, Scott Herring, Amelia Robinson, Lori Robinson, Christopher Robinson, Gabriel Romero, Sherry Herring, Dawn Zapata, Jordan A. Zapata, and Derek Weinstrom, of Devine, Texas.

Mayor Herring, presiding, declared the meeting open at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Herring delivered the Invocation and Alderman Espinosa led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

No one spoke under this item.

The second order of business was recognition.

- Marly Davis - Mayor Herring recognized Marly Davis as a member of the Friends of the Library. He presented her with a \$1,000 check from the Friends of the Library, for the Driscoll Public Library.
- Quentin Zapata – Mayor Herring awarded Quentin Zapata with a Certificate of Recognition, for being the 2019 State Champion, in the UIL 110m Hurdles. Mayor Herring applauded him for shattering the school record with a race of 13.84 seconds. The City congratulated him.

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- Preslee Quisenberry – Mayor Herring awarded Preslee Quisenberry with a Certificate of Recognition, for being the 2019 State Champion, in UIL Editorial Writing. The City congratulated her.
- Kias Simmons – Mayor Herring awarded Kais Simmons with a Certificate of Recognition, for being the 2019 State Champion, in TAPPS Prose. Mayor Herring also applauded him for placing second at State, in Social Studies. The City congratulated him.
- Amy Robinson – Mayor Herring awarded Amy Robbins with a Certificate of Recognition, for being the 2019 All- State, First Chair Bassoon. The City congratulated her.
- Abby Kohlleppel – Mayor Herring awarded Abby Kohlleppel with a Certificate of Recognition, for being the 2019 State Champion and a National Qualifier, in FCCLA Entrepreneurship. Mayor Herring further commended her for winning Nationals in FCCLA the previous year. The City congratulated her.
- Kelli Geyer – Mayor Herring congratulated Kelli Geyer with a Certificate of Recognition, for being the 2019 State Champion and a National Qualifier, in FCCLA Illustrated Talk. The City congratulated her.
- Karma Herring – Mayor Herring congratulated Karma Herring with a Certificate of Recognition, for being the 2019 State Champion and a National Qualifier, in FCCLA Illustrated Talk. The City congratulated her.

\*Kendall Marek was not present at the meeting – Certificate of Recognition, for being the 2019 State Champion and a National Qualifier, in FCCLA Illustrated Talk.

The third order of business was to discuss and consider Approval of Minutes: Regular Council Meeting, April 16, 2019; and Special Emergency Session, April 30, 2019.

Mayor Herring announced that the approval will only be for Regular Council Meeting, April 16, 2019, as the other minutes were not ready. Alderman Espinosa stated that everything was in order.

Motion by Alderman Espinosa, seconded by Alderwoman Schott for the approval of minutes for Regular Council Meeting, April 16, 2019.

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

Motion carried.

The fourth order of business was to discuss and consider Adopting a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Devine, Texas, authorizing approval of the Building Contractor Award for the HOME Program through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

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Mayor Herring asked who received it. Interim City Administrator/ City Secretary, Dora V. Rodriguez, stated that the recipient of the Building Contractor Award was Randy Malouf. Mayor Herring asked if the City could choose who they wanted to supervise. Interim City Administrator/ City Secretary, Dora V. Rodriguez, replied yes.

Mayor Herring asked who is receiving the HOMES. Interim City Administrator/ City Secretary, Dora V. Rodriguez, stated the recipients of the HOMES are Oscar Cassiano on Crouch Avenue; as well as, Gabriel Gonzales on Crouch Avenue. Mayor Herring stated both of the recipients are very deserving and that he's very happy for both of them.

Motion by Alderwoman Schott, seconded by Alderman Thompson to adopt Resolution 5-19 and award the Building Contractor Award for the HOME Program.

Resolution attached as Exhibit A.

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

Motion carried.

The fifth order of business was to discuss and consider Adopting a Resolution of the City of Devine authorizing intervention in AEP Texas Inc.'s Requested Rate Change Proceeding before the Commission; approving cooperation with the cities served by AEP Texas; hiring Lloyd Gosselink Attorneys and Consulting Services to negotiate with the Company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals; requiring reimbursements of cities' rate case expenses; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to the Company and legal counsel.

Mayor Herring stated that the City does this every year, and every year we do not agree with the rate increase. Interim City Administrator/ City Secretary, Dora V. Rodriguez, announced that Rita Parrish, with AEP Texas, is present.

Rita Parrish, with AEP Texas, gave a brief dialog about the Rate Case to Council. She stated that it has been 12 years since AEP has had a rate review; within those 12 years, they have invested 6 million dollars in the infrastructure of Texas. She then announced AEP is going to look at their rates, and decide if they need to be adjusted. She explained they are looking at the revenue they are taking in versus the customers that are being served by that rate; thus being, AEP has to make sure they are adequately receiving the correct funds, in order to support their customers under that rate base. She stated they are going to being looking at the top tax cut, the Jobs Act, and transmission cost. Rita Parrish, with AEP Texas, then clarified that overall AEP is wanting to put 38.3 million in the rate structure to recover from customers. She further explained that if a customer uses 1,000 Kilowatt hours, that's a residential customer, it will impact them \$4.75. She clarified that if the use less than 1,000 Kilowatt hours, the fee will be less. If they use more than 1,000 Kilowatt hours the fee will be more.

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Rita Parrish, with AEP Texas, then announced that in September of 2020, AEP's TC Rider, that was present due to deregulation, will be removed. She explained once this tariff comes, a customer that uses 1,000 Kilowatts will be affected by \$8.35. She clarified that once the Rate Case is approved, 9-12 months from now, the rate increase will be no more than \$4.75. She then mentioned the rate cost will be negotiated, and will most likely will be less than \$4.75. Rita Parrish, with AEP, further explained that once the tariff comes off, customers will experience a decrease after September 2020. Mayor Herring asked if there were any questions. Alderman Espinosa asked if it would affect the customers directly under AEP, or if it would also affect all the providers under AEP. Rita Parrish, with AEP Texas, responded that all TDSP charges are sent to the providers. She explained that AEP is regulated by the Public Utility Commission of Texas, the providers are not regulated. She clarified that even though AEP sends the charges to the providers, the providers can ignore, increase, or even decrease the charges. Rita Parrish, with AEP Texas, then explained that AEP is aware that no one wants a rate increase; however, it must be done in order for our facilities to be maintained and to make sure everything is up to standard.

Mayor Herring then thanked Rita Parrish, with AEP Texas, for the explanation of the Rate Case and for the overall AEP service.

Motion by Alderman Lopez, seconded by Alderman Espinosa to Adopt Resolution 5-19A of the City of Devine authorizing intervention in AEP Texas Inc.'s Requested Rate Change Proceeding before the Commission; approving cooperation with the cities served by AEP Texas; hiring Lloyd Gosselink Attorneys and Consulting Services to negotiate with the Company.

Resolution attached as Exhibit B.

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

Motion carried.

The sixth order of business was to discuss and consider requests submitted by the Devine Chamber of Commerce for its 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Festival on November 2, 2019:

- A. The use of the Community Center – October 31, 2019 through November 3, 2019

Papers were handed out to the Council. Mayor Herring stated the City does this every year and asked if there were any questions.

Motion by Alderman Espinosa, seconded by Alderman Lopez to allow the use of the Community Center - October 31, 2019 through November 3, 2019.

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Ayes	--	Three
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	One – Alderman Valdez
Abstain	--	One- Alderman Thompson

Motion carried.

B. Permission to sell alcoholic beverages – November 2, 2019

Council agreed to postpone until the next meeting, due to lack of paperwork.

C. The use of additional electricity and water – October 31, 2019 through November 3, 2019

Motion by Alderwoman Schott, seconded by Alderman Espinosa for the use of additional electricity and water – October 31, 2019 through November 3, 2019.

Ayes	--	Three
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	One – Alderman Valdez
Abstain	--	One- Alderman Thompson

Motion carried.

D. Requesting a Noise Variance – November 2, 2019

Mayor Herrin inquired when the festival would be shut down. President of the Chamber of Commerce, Marcus Buckner, clarified that the festival would be shut down at 12:00 am

Motion by Alderman Lopez, seconded by Alderwoman Schott to grant a Noise Variance – November 2, 2019.

Ayes	--	Three
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	One – Alderman Valdez
Abstain	--	One- Alderman Thompson

Motion carried.

E. Permission for the Devine Police Department to do a letter for TxDOT letting them know of all the street closures, and that our Police Department will be responsible for the traffic control.

Mayor Herring asked if there was any comments or questions.

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Motion by Alderman Espinosa, seconded by Alderman Lopez giving permission to the Devine Police Department to do a letter for TxDOT letting them know of all the street closures, and that our Police Department will be responsible for the traffic control.

Ayes	--	Three
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	One – Alderman Valdez
Abstain	--	One- Alderman Thompson

Motion carried.

- F. Requesting payment for services from the City of Devine from the hotel/ motel tax for the 2019 Annual Fall Festival.

Mayor Herring asked if anyone had an amount the City could consider. City Financial Advisor, Mary Rodriguez, stated that they looked at the cost that the City is going occur. She reminded Council that within that Lodging Fund we are paying Go Medina, which totaled to \$4,850 this year. She further explained that the telephone, for the Chamber, ranges about \$400 dollars a month, which totals to \$4,693 for the year; the utilities that were just approved are approximately \$133; and the dumpster we are acquiring for about \$430. She then stated the total expenses are \$9,606, without the man power the City gives. She explained that they usually calculate our staff salary because the City pays for them. She stated that's \$11,670, so the out of pocket from the City is \$21,276 without giving any money to the Chambers.

City Financial Advisor, Mary Rodriguez, then talked about historical revenue. She stated that the revenue ranged anywhere from \$9,900 that we received for the hotel/ motel tax portion and the highest was \$11,000. She said so far, for this year, the City has only received \$6,000 for the hotel/ motel tax so far. So you're are comparing the \$6,000 to the \$21,000.

President of the Chamber of Commerce, Marcus Buckner, then asked for City Financial Advisor, Mary Badillo, to repeat the amount the phones are costing the City. City Financial Advisor, Mary Rodriguez, responded that it's costing us approximately \$400 a month, totaling \$4,693 for the year. Interim City Administrator/ City Secretary, Dora V. Rodriguez, explained that this is the phone that we have in City Hall. President of the Chamber of Commerce, Marcus Buckner, then asked Council if we can get rid of this phone. Financial City Advisor, Mary Rodriguez, stated that if we did so, we would have to set up various charges. Mayor Herring announced that they used to have someone hired by the Chamber at the community center in that room. President of the Chamber of Commerce, Marcus Buckner, suggested the City could use a google voice line, which is free. He then mentioned how it would allow the City to save over \$4,000. Alderwoman Schott asked why it's costing us \$400 a month. City Accountant, Denise Duffy, responded that the reason we are charged so much is because it is a commercial phone, and that it's routed to City Hall.

Alderwoman Schott commented that she believes that it is not Chamber's fault that they don't have any hotel/motel tax money.

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City Financial Advisor, Mary Rodriguez, then stated the Council had wanted a Grand Opening for the golf course, and that the amount was not included into the amount she just presented to Council.

Alderman Thompson stated that we need to switch the phone line, due to it being so expensive, which means the Chamber board needs to approve switching over the phone lines. He then explained that he advised Marcus to go ahead and come before City Council now, because he knows that one of the comments made in the past when Phillip Fitch did it, was that it messed with our budgeting. So if he can do this as quickly as possible so that it can be factored into our budget in August once they begin doing the budget. He said it is very helpful to those doing the budget that it is pre planned, rather than coming in after the fact.

Council held discussion on how much the budget was last year. Alderman Thompson and Alderwoman Schott believed it was \$2,500. City Financial Advisor Mary Rodriguez corrected them, stating it was \$3,000.

Alderman Espinosa asked City Financial Advisor, Mary Rodriguez, what her recommendation is. Interim City Administrator/ City Secretary, Dora V. Rodriguez, explained that this is not their call. She stated she did ask City Accountant, Denise Duffy, because she is a part of the Chamber in Hondo and she asked about what projects they do to raise money. City Accountant, Denise Duffy, responded that they do multiple fundraisers. Alderwoman Schott explained she has been attending Hondo Chamber of Commerce meetings in order to help find a solution. Interim City Administrator/City Secretary, Dora V. Rodriguez, asked Marcus about their Golf Tournament coming up. President of the Chamber of Commerce, Marcus Buckner, responded, yes, and that it will be funding all sorts of community events.

Mayor Herring asked for any more comments. Alderman Espinosa stated he wants to help, but he doesn't have a solution. Alderman Lopez inquired into how much money is in the Chamber's bank account. Alderwoman Schott said about \$22,000. Interim City Administrator/City Secretary, Dora V. Rodriguez, asked what the Chamber is planning to do with the money. Alderwoman Schott answered that they use it for donations towards The Manifest, Mission Devine, Queens Court, etc. She explained that they had no one else step up to take over Queen's Court and that it's around \$5,000 - \$10,000 depending on the girls and the contest.

President of the Chamber of Commerce, Marcus Buckner, stated that they are looking at \$5,250 for entertainment on the main stage, but they're looking for a sponsor on a second stage. He clarified that he wants people to be able to go to back street (College St.) and be able to have another experience with another band and hang out. He explained he wants the visitors to have an immersive experience. He mentioned the Chamber is also thinking about making a huge bubble station for kids to help create a family friendly atmosphere.

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President of the Chamber of Commerce, Marcus Buckner, then stated they've switched the theme to "Cactus." His reasoning was that when he was learning about the history of Devine, he unveiled the Cactus Zoo. He explained that it was such a unique, weird and intriguing thing we used to have in the 1950's. He then mentioned he would like to tell the story of the Devine Cactus Zoo inside of the Community Center and experience the City's history. President of the Chamber of Commerce, Marcus Buckner, explained that it was once a big attraction to our town; people came from overseas, on buses, etc. Mayor Herring added that the Cactus Zoo was on a short program on one of the local channels, and was a location on the Texas map. President of the Chamber of Commerce, Marcus Buckner explained that he already has some old brownie photos he can use, and is looking for film to possibly transfer. He explained he wants the town's help to extract our history. Council then discussed how Devine used to also be the broom corn capitol of the world. Alderman Lopez explained the train used to pick them up.

Alderman Espinosa stated that President of the Chamber of Commerce, Marcus Buckner, has some great ideas, and he'd like to help him out.

Motion by Alderman Espinosa, seconded by Alderman Lopez to pay the Chamber of Commerce \$2,500 from the hotel/ motel tax for the 2019 Annual Fall Festival.

Ayes	--	Three
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	One – Alderman Valdez
Abstain	--	One- Alderman Thompson

Motion carried.

The seventh order of business was to discuss and consider Golf Course:

A. Cost of repairing the 7 greens

Mayor Herring announced that he knows Golf Course Superintendent Ruben Chapa has been working on it, but that he is not ready to present it. Golf Course Superintendent Ruben Chapa agreed. Ruben Chapa, then explained they did not get all the numbers in and they want to make sure they are covering everything. Interim City Administrator/City Secretary, Dora V. Rodriguez, stated that Golf Course Superintendent Ruben Chapa had talked to the USGA and they are sending him different Architects. Ruben Chapa, clarified that John Daniels, with USGA, sent him a list of Architects. He then stated he would get with Interim City Administrator/City Secretary, Dora V. Rodriguez, and go from there.

Alderwoman Schott inquired if it mattered what time of year this takes place. Golf Course Superintendent Ruben Chapa stated, yes. He explained that the timeline for them to grow in is at least 2 months. He clarified it should take place no later than September.

Mayor Herring then asked if we'd be able to redo the greens at the same time as the Club House renovation, which is planned to begin at the end of July. Golf Course Superintendent Ruben Chapa stated we can if we can get the numbers where we need them to be.

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Motion by Alderman Thompson, seconded by Alderman Espinosa to postpone the discussion of the cost of repairing the 7 greens on the City of Devine Municipal Golf Course.

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

Motion carried.

B. Spreadsheet from Architect Lindsay Thorn, Thorn & Graves Architects, PLL.

Mayor Herring then announced that a spreadsheet from Architect Lindsay Thorn, was passed out. Mayor Herring then asked if there were any questions. Interim City Administrator/City Secretary, Dora V. Rodriguez, stated that Architect Lindsay Thorn, apologized for not being present. She further explained that Thorn didn't realize he had made a prior engagement when he told Council he would be able to make this meeting.

Mayor Herring announced that Council approved the \$330,902 at the last meeting. He then explained that the spreadsheet covers all the furniture inside the Club House including tables, kitchen equipment, vented hood, etc. He asked for any questions or comments.

Alderman Thompson stated that we are currently looking at a total of \$443, 202 for the renovation. He then asked if there was an estimate of what the parking lot would cost. City Accountant, Denise Duffy, stated that it will be roughly \$85,000. Mayor Herring asked what we are covering it with. Interim City Administrator/ City Secretary, Dora V. Rodriguez, stated that it will be full pavement. Alderman Thompson stated they are probably going to have to fully strip it as well. He then mentioned he heard that gophers could be a part of the problem. He explained that gophers will create pockets in the asphalt, which leads to potholes in the pavement. He then stated that he is unsure if it's true or not. Alderman Thompson then clarified we could have been given bad asphalt. Alderwoman Schott asked if the City still gets to decide on the furniture. Interim City Administrator/City Secretary, Dora V. Rodriguez, responded yes; however, we still need the Councils approval of doing so.

Motion by Alderman Thompson, seconded by Alderman Espinosa acknowledging that the Council did receive the spreadsheet from Architect Lindsay Thorn, Thorn & Graves Architects, PLL.

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

Motion carried.

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The eighth order of business was to discuss and consider starting a pre-emergent program on both City parks.

Mayor Herring asked Golf Course Superintendent Ruben Chapa for the plan. Ruben Chapa, stated that when he drove around both City parks, they noticed a large amount of grass burs. He clarified that weed control needs to be done at both parks. Golf Course Superintendent Ruben Chapa then stated that the main issue is outside of the molted area. He further explained children cannot play due to there being so many stickers. Ruben Chapa stated that it will take 1½ to 2 years to gain full control of the situation.

Interim City Administrator/City Secretary, Dora V. Rodriguez, explained that Golf Course Superintendent Ruben Chapa already has the proper equipment and the chemicals. Ruben Chapa stated that the job will only take him 20 minutes with the sprayer. Mayor Herring inquired as to how long the park will have to be closed. Golf Course Superintendent Ruben Chapa explained that usually with this chemical they recommend 24hrs; however, due to children being involved, he believes we should extend it to at least 72 hrs. Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez asked when we would do this. Ruben Chapa stated that it would be in June and October. He explained that with the pre-emergent there's two applications; one in the spring and one in the fall.

Alderman Thompson asked how the City is going to secure the park so no one gets in. Superintendent of Public Works Rob Flores stated they will use barricades, police presence, and posting it in the newspaper, etc.

Alderman Thompson then asked how much extra this project is going to cost. Golf Course Superintendent Ruben Chapa explained they already have the equipment, and some chemicals on hand; however if they need more chemicals, the area isn't that large so it would cost no more than \$1,500 to do both parks.

Motion by Alderwoman Schott, seconded by Alderman Lopez to start a pre-emergent program on both City Parks.

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

Motion carried.

The ninth order of business was to discuss and consider Devine ISD:

A. Revising the School Resource Officer Contract

Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez announced the current Devine ISD School Resource Officer is Zeke Perez. She then explained that the contract handed out to Council states that the school pays \$25,000 worth of his full package; while, the City is paying \$55,761.44. Mayor Herring then asked if we were splitting this amount half-way with Devine ISD. Interim City

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Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez stated we are not. She explained School Resource Officer Zeke Perez is with the school year-round except for Christmas break, spring break, and one week in June. City Accountant, Denise Duffy, stated that approximately 75% of his time is spent with the school district. She then explained that we are bringing it before Council to ask if they would want to change the allotment, because the school has him 75% of the year and they are only paying \$25,000. She then pointed out that \$25,000 isn't even half; Devine ISD should have to pay 75% of his full package if they have him 75% of the time. Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez stated that we are not allowed to invoice the school more than \$25,000 due to this agreement, even though, he goes way over that amount.

Alderman Espinosa asked if that total is including equipment cost. City Accountant Denise Duffy responded that the amounts paid are just for his service. Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez stated that Devine ISD will pay up to \$2,000 for his training. Mayor Herring asked if the school helped pay for his vehicle. City Accountant Denise Duffy stated the school paid for approximately half of it. Mayor Herring then asked if the school helps pay for the vehicle's maintenance. Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez stated that they do not.

Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez announced Devine ISD is working on their budget and their new budget starts July 1<sup>st</sup>. She further explained that she, along with City Accountant Denise Duffy are bringing this before Council for a decision on what should be asked of the school. Alderman Thompson stated that if the school has him 75% of the time, they should have to pay 75% of his full package; totaling to \$45,000 a year. Council agreed.

Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez told Council that the school wants to make sure that when School Resource Officer Zeke Perez is supposed to be on campus, that he doesn't get pulled away. She stated she has already talked to Kandy Benavides, Chief of Police, about the problem. Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez explained that if we move forward, the City of Devine Police Department will need to make sure that School Resource Officer Zeke Perez does not leave campus unless it is a major emergency.

Motion by Alderman Espinosa, seconded by Alderwoman Schott to approve asking Devine ISD to revise the School Resource Officer contract to the sum of \$45,000.

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

Motion carried.

The tenth order of business was to discuss and consider moving the date for the June Regular Meeting due to the Special Election.

Mayor Herring announced that they did re-count the votes this morning. He stated that Louis Stroud represented the City, Stella Aguero represented Krista Aguero, and Jaime Pompa represented Alderman Steve A. Lopez. Mayor Herring explained that they re-counted the votes multiple times and it still ended up in a 25 to 25 tie.

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Interim City Administrator/ City Secretary, Dora V. Rodriguez, informed Council she sent a time frame to the Secretary of State and it was approved. She explained that early voting has been set for June 6<sup>th</sup>- June 14<sup>th</sup>; with hours from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm; and the actual election will take place on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, which will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Motion by Alderman Lopez, seconded by Alderman Espinosa to move the date for the June Regular Council Meeting to June 25, 2019.

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

Motion carried.

The eleventh order of business was informational items.

- Alderwoman Schott discussed the immigrant situation.
- Alderman Espinosa thanked the staff who got the Certificates of Recognition completed for the multiple recipients. Mayor Herring then clarified that it was Ofilia Pedroza and Abigail Whitaker.
- Alderman Espinosa asked what the current status on the pool is. Mayor Herring stated that Mr. Morales called and said he is no longer going to pay the taxes on it. He also mentioned that Mr. Morales is letting the County sell it back for back-tax purposes, and if the City is interested, to go to the courthouse and bid on it. Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez commented that she hopes the Council will try to get it for real estate purposes.
- Alderman Thompson asked if we had a break ground date for the water prices yet. Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez stated she had spoken to Judy Langford today because City Engineer Raul Garcia has been talking to the Texas Water Development Board because they are having to do an Environmental. She then stated they are trying to see if they will split it up, at least for us to start in town to do the transmissions, because we still have to do all the easements. Mayor Herring explained that we have people who own the land, but they live in Virginia. He clarified that the City cannot get a full mailing address for them. Mayor Herring stated that there used to be a big area that John Rotramel owned, but he sold it to Hunter Schuehle, who is now subdividing it. He then explained that due to this, the City has to cooperate with more than one person. Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez announced that City Engineer Raul Garcia is ready to move forward. She explained he is ready to do the bid proposals to start working in town, but it's just a matter of getting their approval. Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez stated she recently spoke to Judy Langford, who is going to call a head member of the Texas Water Development Board and find out if they are willing to split it with us. Alderman Thompson then mentioned it's going to be after June before they meet about this again. Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez stated that as soon as she hears back from Judy, she will keep the Council posted.

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- Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez brought up the water meter project. She stated that Director of Public Works Ismael Carrillo talked to Daniel. Director of Public Works Ismael Carrillo explained that Daniel stated they are currently waiting on a license from the FCC to get approved before they can place an order for the meters; they must have the license first. Mayor Herring asked how many water meters are being replaced. Director of Public Works Ismael Carrillo stated he believes it's a total of 1,900.
- Mayor Herring gave credit to TxDOT for finishing two projects in Devine. He explained the one project was the drains outside of Walmart, and SH-173. Mayor Herring stated that TxDOT promised they would start SH-132 in early 2020. Alderman Espinosa asked about the problem with the water pooling. Mayor Herring explained that TxDOT stated they would look at it once they begin SH-132. Mayor Herring mentioned that he is really proud of our Public Works, Police Department, and the County for helping prove to TxDOT it wasn't the City's leak. Alderman Thompson asked when TxDOT will begin the other side of SH-173. Mayor Herring explained that he is unsure, but next time they have a meeting with TxDOT, they will try and find out.
- Interim City Administrator/ City Secretary, Dora V. Rodriguez, announced to Council to be prepared to start receiving calls about ordinance violations. She explained that 198 letters were sent out. Alderwoman Schott inquired about the house on Coker Avenue that she had previously complained about. She asked if the bulk pickup will not retrieve the junk from their backyard. Mayor Herring explained they will not pick up anything from the backyard, it must in the front yard where it is accessible.

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

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

Motion carried.

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Mayor

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City Secretary