

**Minutes
Special Meeting
October 27, 2020**

On this 27th day of October, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., the City Council of the City of Devine convened at the Medina County Annex, 317 N. Highway 132, 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 Cory Thompson
Alderman Steve A. Lopez
Alderman David Espinosa
Alderman Debbie Randall
Alderman Rufino Vega (Arrived at 6:04 p.m.)
Alderman Chuck Guzman

Thus, constituting a quorum.

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

Others present: Marly Davis, Devine News; Edward Garza, GRG Architects; Henry Arredondo; Scott Albert; Angela O. Pichardo; and Shirl Grego of Devine, Texas.

Mayor Thompson, presiding, called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was to discuss and consider the Golf Course Club House.

Alderman Vega arrived at 6:04 p.m.

Council reviewed plans and held discussion with Edward Garza with GRG Architecture. Alderman Espinosa questioned about an outside door having access to the bathrooms. Mr. Garza said he can include this in the plans; he said it was an oversight on their part. Council held discussion on the bar area with Mr. Garza.

Shirl Grego informed Council that she was good with everything, and the only issue she has is with the doorstep facing the greens that everyone seems to trip on. Mayor Thompson stated that the step and wheelchair ramp would need to be extended.

Mr. Garza informed Council that the electricity engineer has been on site and there will need to be an upgraded system. He told Council that they've been given a directive to meet a budget and they are doing their best to do that. He reminded Council that theirs is a cost projection and they cannot guarantee that when bids come in, it will be that way. He said another thing that will impact the cost is how the project will be phased, or if it's going to all be done at one time and be shut down; or be operational while the contractors are working. He spoke of the different challenges. According to Mr. Garza, if we do the phasing and keep it operational, it could drag out the construction another two to three months. He also brought to Council's attention about the demolition of the concrete to deal with water lines. He said they could run into issues.

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According to Mr. Garza, it may not be reasonable to remove the tile flooring; he said that would be done as an alternate. He held lengthy discussion on the tile flooring. He told Council that all alternates will be defined before the bidding.

Motion by Alderwoman Randall, seconded by Alderman Guzman to accept the drawings with the exception of the outside door that needs to be added to the plans.

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

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

- §551.074 Personnel Matters – Interviewing for a City Administrator

At 6:20 p.m., Mayor Thompson announced to the public that the Council would go into a Closed Session with Mr. Scott Albert.

At 7:39 p.m., Closed Session was open to the public.

No action was taken.

At 7:39 p.m., Mayor Thompson called for a break.

At 7:46 p.m., Council returned from break.

At 7:46 p.m., Mayor Thompson announced to the public that the Council would go into a Closed Session with Mr. Henry Arredondo.

At 8:46 p.m., Closed Session was open to the public.

No action was taken

The third order of business was to RECONVENE into Regular Session and consider action, if any, on items discussed in Executive Session.

No action was taken.

The third order of business was Informational Items.

There were no items to discuss.

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

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Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

Mayor

City Secretary