

**Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
November 17, 2020**

On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., the City Council of the City of Devine convened at the Dr. George S. Woods Community Center, 202 E. Hondo Avenue, 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  
Alderwoman Debbie Randall  
Alderman Rufino Vega  
Alderman Chuck Guzman

Thus, constituting a quorum.

Alderwoman-elect Present: Kathy Lawler.

Personnel present: Dora V. Rodriguez, Interim City Administrator/City Secretary; Tom Cate, City Attorney; Ismael Carrillo, Director of Public Works; Rob Flores, Superintendent of Public Works; Ruben Chapa, Code Compliance Officer; and Alma Rios-Flores, Municipal Court Clerk.

Others present: Marly Davis and K.K. Calame, Devine News; Raul Garcia, City Engineer; Edward Garza, GRG Architecture; Lance Elliott, TIRZ Consultant; Tom Nance, De la Garza Contractors; Lydia Benavidez; Eloy & Leonor Alvarado; Gilbert Fraga; Glenda Allen; Linda Kreinhop; Matt & Sarah Martinez; Jim & Kathy Lawler; Melissa Stevens; Scott & Shirl Grego; Laura Sinclair; Eva Thompson; David Grego; Kiel Boehme; Jerry Lee Stevens; David Espinosa, Jr. and Angela Pichardo of Devine, Texas.

Mayor Thompson, presiding, declared the meeting open.

Mayor Thompson delivered the Invocation and Alderman Guzman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

No one signed up to speak.

The second order of business was Public Recognition.

Mr. Gilbert Fraga was presented with a plaque for his 20 years of service as Election Judge for the City of Devine elections.

The third order of business was a Presentation by Election Workers on the General Election.

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Lydia Benavidez, an Election Clerk for this year's 2020 City Election, read a letter "from the heart" to City Council expressing her experience in working this year's election as a clerk during Early Voting and on Election Day. She told Council she observed an unbiased election process of checks and balances to ensure all residents' ballots were accounted promptly and accurately. She thanked the staff, Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez, City Accountant Denise Duffy and Utility Billing Clerk Celina Rodriguez for their help and guidance to ensure they were on track with the Early Voting. She told Council that the staff went above and beyond of not only supporting the election but also with their daily duties as well. Ms. Benavidez commended Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez for wearing many hats. She told Council that no election can run smoothly without the leadership, experience and accountability as shown by these ladies. She also stated that she learned about several of the employees who had more than 10 years of service with the City. She prayed that Council is able to appreciate the tenure-experienced employees and acknowledge their dedication, loyalty and amazing work ethics. Ms. Benavidez congratulated Council on their elected positions.

Letter attached as Exhibit A.

Mayor Thompson also thanked the public for coming out to vote and for having such a great turnout at two different locations.

The fourth order of business was Employee Recognition.

- Water Leak – November 10<sup>th</sup> – Four Public Works employees worked on that leak.
- Pot Hole at Divine Savior Lutheran Church – Three Public Works employees took care of that one.
- Water Leak on Windy Knoll – involved nine employees from Public Works and five from the Police Department, who went out there twice to take care of this leak.

Mayor Thompson informed Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez to honor these employees with a Breakfast.

The fifth order of business was to Canvass Election Returns for the November 3, 2020 General Election for Mayor, District 3, District 4 and District 5. (*Escritinar los resultados de la Elección General del día 3 de Noviembre del 2020 para Alcalde, Distrito 3, Distrito 4 y Distrito 5.*)

City Council reviewed the election results. (*El Concejo Municipal verificó los resultados de la elección.*)

Motion by Alderman Espinosa, seconded by Alderman Guzman to acknowledge that Council did canvass the Election Returns for the November 3, 2020 General Election for Mayor, District 3, District 4 and District 5. (*Mocionado por Concejal Espinosa y apoyada por Concejal Guzman a reconocer que el Concejo Municipal si examinaron los resultados de la Elección General el día 3 de Noviembre del 2020 para Alcalde, Distrito 3, Distrito 4 y Distrito 5.*)

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Ayes (*Voto a favor*)      --                      All (*Todos*)  
Nays (*Voto en contra*)    --                      None (*Ninguno*)

Motion carried. (*Moción aprobada.*)

The sixth order of business was to Administer Oaths of Office to newly Elected/Appointed Officers. (*El sexto orden de negocio fue administrar los juramentos del cargo a los oficiales recién elejidos/nombrados.*)

City Attorney Tom Cate administered the Oaths of Office to Cory Thompson, David Espinosa, Kathy Lawler and Debbie Randall. (*El Abogado de la Ciudad, Tom Cate, administró los juramentos del cargo para Cory Thompson, David Espinosa, Kathy Lawler y Debbie Randall.*)

The seventh order of business was to discuss and consider Adopting a Resolution for the FEMA approved Medina County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan and Appointing the Mayor as Chief Executive Officer and authorized representative to act in all matters in connection with their portion of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Emergency Management Coordinator Rob Flores explained that the Medina County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan (which is a book) covers all natural hazards for any disasters that happen in the county. He said it is countywide and all cities have adopted it. Should anything happen, we can all be on the same page; so, at this point, we just need a resolution to adopt it.

Council reviewed the resolution.

Motion by Alderman Espinosa, seconded by Alderwoman Randall to Adopt Resolution 11-20 for the FEMA approved Medina County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan and appointing the Mayor as Chief Executive Officer and authorized representative to act in all matters in connection with their portion of the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Resolution attached as Exhibit B.

Ayes                      --                      All  
Nays                      --                      None

Motion carried.

The eighth order of business was to discuss and consider 1401 Libold – Fence encroaching on the City’s right-of-way.

City Engineer Raul Garcia explained to Council that in laying the water line on Colonial Parkway, they found a fence encroachment into the city’s right-of-way. He provided drawings of plats for Council to review. The privacy fence, according to Mr. Garcia, is 112 feet long. Mr. Garcia held lengthy discussion with Council on the findings of the iron pins on the property.

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Mr. Garcia told Council that according to Public Works Director Ismael Carrillo, if we ever have a water leak and would need to repair a line, it would be under the fence and that would be a problem that could happen in the future.

Council held discussion on different surveys. City Attorney Tom Cate suggested the option of possibly hiring a third surveyor to let him come out to arbitrate it and having the City pay for half of the surveyor's cost.

Council also held discussion with property owner Eloy Alvarado who told Council that he's disputing the fact that the original plat says that the property line is 10 feet from the street but the way Mr. Garcia has it marked, it's actually 17 feet from the street, so he would be giving up 7 feet. He explained that if you go by the pins, from pin to pin, it's actually 15 feet. He argued, "Who says the pins are right?" Mr. Alvarado told Council that there are too many questions and he doesn't see why he has to pay for half of the survey just to justify that his property is his property. He would like for Council to bring in the surveyor who did the original survey for his home, and have him discuss this with Mr. Garcia. He held lengthy discussion with Council, and said that he is willing to work with us as easily as possible in resolving this issue, but he cannot afford to move his fence.

Council held lengthy discussion. City Attorney Tom Cate advised that if the two surveyors can get together to talk about this, they might be able to resolve this, and this might be the easiest solution.

Motion by Alderwoman Randall, seconded by Alderman Vega to table this item until we can get more information and the surveyors can meet.

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

The ninth order of business was to discuss and consider request by Sarah Martinez for a Speed Bump at 716 Jack Nicklaus.

Sarah and Matthew Martinez addressed Council on the need for a speed bump for safety reasons, due to too many children in the area and cars speeding down the street.

Council held discussion on the traffic study done by the Devine Police Department.

Council held discussion on speed humps versus speed bumps. Superintendent of Public Works Rob Flores informed Council that the cost for a speed hump is \$1,000.00 for the full width of the street. Council held discussion on trying a speed hump at this location. Mayor Thompson asked Mr. and Mrs. Martinez if they would be willing to come back to give Council an update, after the humps are installed, on how well the humps are working, to which they will be happy to do.

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Motion by Alderwoman Randall, seconded by Alderman Espinosa to approve request by Sarah Martinez to install a speed hump at 716 Jack Nicklaus, and to amend the Budget for the cost of the hump, and to adopt an ordinance.

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

The tenth order of business was to discuss and consider the 100% Completion Documents for the Renovations of the Golf Course Club House.

Mr. Edward Garza with GRG Architecture addressed City Council. Council reviewed the documents. Mr. Garza told Council this was the Coordination Set for them to review and make comments. He told Council that they discovered some things which their team will need to double check on and correct, but what's there (on the documents) for the most part, is covering the scope of what's intended for the project. Mr. Garza told Council that there's quite a bit of mechanical, electrical and plumbing work to be done on this project which underscores where the majority of the work and cost is on this project; he said that it's very little work on the architectural side and it's very heavy on the utilities that are required.

Mr. Garza held lengthy discussion with Council on staying within budget, and also discussed the AC units at length. According to Mr. Garza, in addition to the plan drawings, there will be some specifications for the City to review, in relation to the bidding.

Alderman Espinosa was concerned about having enough plumbing in the building in case of a big event. Discussion was held.

Council held lengthy discussion on the bidding process and the frustration of waiting before turning over the project to the contractors. Mr. Garza told Council they are trying to do everything right, and they still need to coordinate between the City and scheduling; he said they would be available for a special meeting, if needed.

Motion by Alderwoman Randall, seconded by Alderman Vega to accept the 100% Coordination Set for the Renovations of the Golf Course Club House.

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

The eleventh order of business was to discuss and consider updates on the 28 Acres – Lance Elliott.

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Mr. Lance Elliott, TIRZ Consultant, gave Council a map of the property to review. He explained that the lines coming through the property (on the map) are of a proposed street for the development of the city property. He explained that the city property cannot truly be developed until we have a road that comes back to State Highway 173 because the access road ends before the property. So, City Engineer Raul Garcia has designed a road through that property we have under contract and the city property. He explained that it will require for the City to purchase several additional pieces of property in order to get to State Highway 173.

Mr. Elliott told Council he will be starting work this week on a grant from the Economic Development through the Federal Government, and will have that submitted to the Federal Government by the middle of December. He said we are under feasibility on the property until February.

Mr. Elliott discussed using the TIRZ funds as collateral, in detail, with Council, and explained what we plan to do. He informed Council on some statistics with QT which is under construction. He told Council that developers like to go where they see development. So with QT under construction and Walmart across the street, and new businesses along State Highway 173, he feels confident that we can start attracting users to both the city property and to the property that we are acquiring. Mr. Elliot told Council that he will be back in December to give them an update on how we are doing with the EDA Grant.

According to Mr. Lance, part of doing the EDA Grant requires needing letters of support from various public officials because the letters will be part of the application. He said he can draft all of these letters. Lengthy discussion was held on this.

This was just an update by Mr. Lance Elliott to keep Council posted on what we're doing because the feasibility on the land runs through February.

The twelfth order of business was to discuss and consider for Council to nominate someone to replace Medina County Appraisal District Board of Directors Darin "Case" McDole due to his resignation.

Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez informed Council that in reaching out to Johnette Dixon, she found out that no one has turned in any nominations yet. Council held discussion on tabling this item.

Motion by Alderman Espinosa, seconded by Alderman Vega to table this item until we have nominations.

Discussion was held after the motion. Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez explained to Council that entities can either nominate someone if they have someone in mind or they can choose to opt out if they want.

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Marly Davis informed Council that Natalia ISD nominated Cindy Cantu Segovia. Ms. Davis briefed Council on some of her credentials. She said that her resume information is on Natalia ISD's School Board page. Discussion was held to continue with the motion on the floor and needing to have another meeting.

Motion by Alderman Espinosa, seconded by Alderman Vega to table this item until next week and until we have more nominations, or go with Ms. Segovia.

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

The thirteenth order of business was to discuss and consider and Act upon Declaration of Public Health Emergency Issued by Mayor on March 25, 2020 Including Possible Changes and Extensions.

Emergency Management Coordinator Rob Flores told Council that nothing has changed. He said that from the Governor's Office, there's nothing more restrictive than what it is right now. Minor discussion was held.

Mayor Thompson requested that we extend this through January 6, 2021. If needed, we can have a special meeting.

Motion by Alderwoman Randall, seconded by Alderman Espinosa to extend the Declaration of Public Health Emergency through January 6, 2021.

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

The fourteenth order of business was an Update on Water Line Easements for the Water Line Replacement Project.

Mayor Thompson inquired on the status of all the easements being granted.

City Attorney Tom Cate told Council that all but four easements have been granted. He explained that not everyone has agreed to the easements, and upon City Engineer Raul Garcia's advice, he decided that we need to write them one more letter asking them if they will grant us an easement. If not, City Engineer Raul Garcia is recommending that we advise them that the City will start eminent domain proceedings against them. Council held discussion with Public Works Director Ismael Carrillo on the number of easements that have been granted versus the ones that have not. Discussion was held.

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City Attorney Tom Cate also told Council that we've run into some opposition at the school. Devine ISD does not want to grant the City permission for an easement from the Warhorse Water Tower to the road. They want us to move to the adjoining property owner. City Attorney Tom Cate explained that so far, we've not been able to find a written easement for our water line, so we'll be looking at that a little bit harder. If we do find a written easement from the school, we will have to look at it to make sure we have enough area in there to put in another line. He said we're still working on them and will continue to work on them.

Council held discussion on the imminent domain process. City Attorney Tom Cate explained that the biggest thing on that is that if they don't grant us an easement, we will need to go back and do appraisals on the properties, and then make a good faith offer to the property owners. If they reject that offer, we can then file a lawsuit. City Attorney Tom Cate held discussion with Council.

City Engineer Raul Garcia explained that first, we need the easements before he can survey and after he's done the surveys, he can do the plans and specs. He said it should take 90 days for him to prepare the plans and specs. Then he'll submit the plans and specs to TCEQ and the Texas Water Development Board. He explained that it normally takes two months for them to review and approve that, and then we go out for bids. He told Council that we're still around six months away before we can start.

City Attorney Tom Cate went over the construction dateline, to put things into perspective with Council. He went over the three phases.

Lengthy discussion was held with City Attorney Tom Cate and City Engineer Raul Garcia.

Mayor Thompson inquired about the estimated cost for the 15 properties that have not agreed to the easements. Lengthy discussion was held City Attorney Tom Cate and City Engineer Raul Garcia on the cost of an easement. Mr. Garcia told Council that he had no idea, and he went over Phase 1, Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the project, and discussed whatever monies would be left over. Mayor Thompson advised that we will need to put this on the next agenda to go out with the final letter.

The fifteenth order of business was to discuss and consider update from City Engineer Raul Garcia of the work to be done on the Porch located at the Golf Course Club House.

City Engineer Raul Garcia told Council that based on engineering criteria, it's really not up to design. He went into detail on the design criteria and told Council that the current 8" channel beams will need to be replaced with 10" beams in order to be able to handle the design criteria. He said the cost will run around \$30,000. He told Council that the porch has been there as long as he can remember and he commented, "Why fix what's not broken?" So, his recommendation is to leave it as it is.

Motion by Alderwoman Randall, seconded by Alderman Espinosa to go with City Engineer's recommendation to leave the Porch the way it is at the Club House.

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Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

The sixteenth order of business was to discuss and consider to allow Public Works to advertise and hire Contract Laborers for the Water Line Replacement (Asbestos) Project.

Director of Public Works Ismael Carrillo explained we have four guys in the Water Department who oversee the contractors Monday through Friday. He explained that he has been scheduling all their other routine work for Fridays but sometimes it gets overwhelming and our work is getting pushed behind, especially when there's a holiday or a rainy week, and the contractors need to work on Fridays. He told Council that not everything can get done in one day. He told Council that they are asking for some help to hire someone to help keep an eye on the contractors and make sure they are doing everything correctly according to the blueprints. Discussion was held on the pay and how we would be advertising.

Director of Public Works Ismael Carrillo told Council he just wanted to hire them for the Water Department and then cross-train them. Mayor Thompson inquired if these were just going to be actual contract labor employees and not full city-benefit employees. This was correct according to Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez. Director of Public Works Ismael Carrillo told Council he's hoping to get four but looking for five employees. Alderman Espinosa said that he was very supportive of this since we've been experiencing a lot of water leaks lately.

Superintendent of Public Works Rob Flores also addressed Council about our employee Ruben Chapa who was initially with the Golf Course, then moved to Code Compliance, and now they are wanting to move Ruben Chapa into the Water Department. Mr. Flores explained that Ruben is trained in that; he knows Water, and we are using him already in the Water Department. So they are wanting to shift him over to the Water Department, and then we can find someone for Code Compliance.

Mayor Thompson stated that this was news to him and said that the problem is that Mr. Chapa has a very likable personality which makes him very good in Code Compliance because people don't necessarily get upset with him. Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez commented, "Not yet because he doesn't have to sign letters; just wait 'til he starts signing letters." Director of Public Works Ismael Carrillo added that Mr. Chapa also has the knowledge in irrigation which helps us with the contractors. Mayor Thompson commented that at the moment, he is personable, and likable and has a good people personality, and we would be taking him from an office where he has to deal with people all the time.

Council held discussion on needing four more employees in addition to Ruben Chapa and possibly having to hire someone in the Code Compliance Department.

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Director of Public Works Ismael Carrillo also informed Council that the contractors are hydro-vacuating the lines and he spoke of problems they are having where there are lines out there that no one knows about and they are not marked. He said that they hit a gas line yesterday. According to Mr. Carrillo, this is where the knowledge comes in; where they can tell that there is something there. They've also been having trouble with the pressure testing. So, if we're not there with them, we don't want them taking shortcuts.

Mayor Thompson pointed out that we are already short one employee at City Hall and now we're going to be short two. Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez told Council that as long as we hire a City Administrator, she can help with the front office.

City Attorney Tom Cate commented that something else Council needs to be aware of is that the contractors are getting behind because they've been running into these other utilities. He told Council that when they hit the gas line yesterday, they pulled off the job, so they were down for four hours. They are getting behind, and they're thinking of working Fridays now, so that's going to put even more pressure on our Public Works guys because they're not going to have that extra day to do the jobs that Director of Public Works Ismael Carrillo was talking about. According to Mr. Carrillo, they are even thinking of bringing in another crew.

Discussion was held by Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez on the staff being able to help out and fill in for Ruben Chapa in Code Compliance. She also said that Eddie Diaz can also help out.

Motion by Alderman Espinosa, seconded by Alderman Lopez to go ahead and allow Public Works to advertise and hire at least four Contract Laborers for the Water Line Replacement (Asbestos) Project, and to amend the budget.

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

The seventeenth order of business was to discuss and consider to pay the BMA 2021 Flat Rate Assessment.

Motion by Alderman Espinosa, seconded by Alderman Vega to table paying the BMA 2021 Flat Rate Assessment until the next meeting.

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

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The eighteenth order of business was to discuss and consider request made by the Devine Chamber of Commerce for Advertisement.

Motion by Alderman Espinosa, seconded by Alderman Vega to table the request made by the Devine Chamber of Commerce for Advertisement until the next meeting.

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

The nineteenth order of business was an Update on Water Leak on Windy Knoll and steps to take to keep the citizens informed during water outages and other situations.

Director of Public Works Ismael Carrillo told Council that the leak is already fixed, and he briefed Council on the small water leak on Windy Knoll that turned into a nightmare which affected the 400 block of Windy Knoll and 600 block of Coker. He told Council that the leak sprung in between two flanges and explained in detail what they had to do. According to Director of Public Works Ismael Carrillo, the contractors let them use a hydro-vac machine to help locate the lines before they started digging. He reported to Council that his crew worked on this from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 a.m.

Mayor Thompson thanked the Public Works crew for their hard work, and also thanked the contractors for the use of their equipment.

Superintendent of Public Works Rob Flores, talked about the I-INFO system and informed Council that he spoke to Keith Lutz, County Management Coordinator. For the future, he said he can report it to Mr. Lutz and he'll put out the information, for the time being. People would be informed by receiving texts alerting them of these types of situations, but they would need to register with the I-Info system first. According to Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez, we can help people register with I-Info by putting information in the newspaper, our newsletter and on our city website. Discussion was held on the I-Info system.

The twentieth order of business was to discuss and consider amending Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinance Animals with the corrections made by our City Attorney.

City Attorney Tom Cate informed Council that at one of our last meetings, he had presented an ordinance registering dogs and cats by microchip only, but this time he is giving the option of tags or microchip, so people can comply either way.

Discussion was held.

Mayor Thompson suggested for Council to read through the ordinance and bring it back before Council on Tuesday for discussion.

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Motion by Alderwoman Randall, seconded by Alderman Vega to table amending Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinance Animals with the corrections made by our City Attorney, until next week.

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

The twenty-first order of business was to discuss and consider presentation from IT Tech James Evans on Creation of Departments for the Social Media Policy.

Mayor Thompson announced that we did not have anything ready for this item, and IT Tech James Evans was not present. It will be put back on the agenda when he is ready.

No action was taken.

The twenty-second order of business was to discuss and consider updates on the Property at 305 W. Colonial Parkway.

City Attorney Tom Cate briefed Council on the many problems with the Estate of George Valle. He presented Council with a list of events, hearings and orders of the court. He explained that the reason we are looking at this property is because it's a piece of the puzzle for a drainage project which, according to City Engineer Raul Garcia, will cost anywhere from 1 to 1.5 Million Dollars.

Discussion was held on the drainage situation.

City Attorney Tom Cate advised Council that if we want the property, we are going to have to make them an offer. He said it's on the tax roll for \$115,000.00, and he said we would need to make contact with the administrators of the estate.

Motion by Alderwoman Randall, seconded by Alderman Espinosa to get an appraisal on the property at 305 W. Colonial Parkway so that we can move forward with it, and to amend the budget.

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

The twenty-third order of business was to discuss and consider steps to be taken for 502 Crouch – Unsafe Building.

Mayor Thompson informed Council that he received an email from Audrey Munoz, the owner, but she could not be here tonight.

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Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez informed Council that City Engineer Raul Garcia did an administrative search on this property, and found it to be unsafe. She explained that when a building is deemed unsafe, it has to go to court and the court would have a public hearing. In this case, the mother (who is deceased) owns the mobile home and the daughter, Audrey Munoz, owns the property. She told Council that Code Compliance Officer Ruben Chapa has been talking to a gentleman who is interested in buying it. He is wanting to demolish it and put a mobile home. According to City Attorney Tom Cate, as long as there is a mobile home in Zone A, they are allowed one mobile home replacement, and he explained that as long as they have a buyer, they just need to sell the property; the unsafe building will be gone.

City Attorney Tom Cate held discussion on having to look into the mother's estate to see who all is involved. He explained that they could also let the buyer buy it and let the home sit there for 45 days; then he can take over the home as abandoned and he can demolish it. Council held discussion on Audrey Munoz not being aware of all of this.

According to Mayor Thompson, Ms. Munoz is upset because someone complained about her property and she feels that she was targeted because she claims there are other properties worse than hers in the area.

Interim City Administrator explained that Code Compliance goes based by the complaints that come in. They go out and verify everything, and this is what started everything. She added that Ruben Chapa is working on other complaints that have come in. Alderman Espinosa stated that regardless of when a complaint is filed, it needs to be investigated.

Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez will have Ruben Chapa contact her and the buyer to notify them of their options.

Motion by Alderman Espinosa, seconded by Alderman Lopez to follow up by giving Audrey Munoz the information needed for her to proceed with the sale of her home and property.

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

The twenty-fourth order of business was to discuss and consider the Devine News and for Council to allow for the Mayor to have a column in the Devine Newspaper.

Mayor Thompson asked for Council to table this item until next week.

Motion by Alderman Espinosa, seconded by Alderwoman Randall to table considering the Devine News and for Council to allow for the Mayor to have a column in the Devine Newspaper.

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Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

The twenty-fifth order of business was an Executive Session: Pursuant to Section 551.072 Texas Government Code to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real properties.

- §551.072 – Property for Parks

At 9:22 p.m., Mayor Thompson called for a short break.

At 9:34 p.m., Mayor Thompson announced to the public that the Council would go into a Closed Session.

At 9:52 p.m., Closed Session was open to the public.

No action was taken in Closed Session.

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

Motion by Alderwoman Randall, seconded by Alderman Espinosa for the Parks Board to make recommendation to Council to acquire and secure the property discussed in executive session, and to amend budget accordingly.

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

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

- §551.074 – Personnel Matters – Hiring a City Administrator

At 9:53 p.m., Mayor Thompson announced to the public that the Council would go into a Closed Session.

At 10:30 p.m., Closed Session was open to the public.

No action was taken in Closed Session.

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

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Motion by Alderwoman Randall, seconded by Alderman Espinosa to take up this item again next week at the November 24, 2020 Council Meeting.

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

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

- §551.071 – City Attorney – Conflict of Interest

Mayor Thompson requested to move this item to next week’s Council Meeting, Tuesday, November 24, 2020, due to it being so late in the evening.

No action was taken.

The thirtieth order of business was Informational Items.

- Library receiving \$18,000 under the Care’s Act – Interim City Administrator/City Secretary announced that this will help with the reimbursement of the tempered glass that was installed and with supplies.
- Library will be over-seeing the Community Calendar for the City – Mayor Thompson stated that hopefully with the Library doing this, we won’t see an overlap of events. According to Marly Davis, it ran last week and this week in the newspaper already.
- Status on petition for the TXDOT’s Tuff Curb Delineator for Jamison and State Highway 173 – No one from TXDOT was present at the meeting. Alderman Espinosa said he’s made some progress on the petitions but he’s not ready. He wants to do a presentation by the next regular scheduled council meeting.
- Status on Appointment for the Recreation and Park Advisory Board for District 1 – Alderman Vega reported that he had two names, but realized they were not in his district. Albert Garza and Alderman Espinosa will try to help out in trying to find someone for the Parks Board from District 1.
- Appointment for District 4 – Parks & Recreation Advisory Board to allow new Councilperson to select a new person to represent them – Mayor Thompson briefed new Alderwoman Kathy Lawler on how the representation is done according to each district. He explained that someone was appointed by Alderman Guzman in District 4, and told Alderwoman Lawler that she may want to reach out to this person to find out if she’s in line as to what she wants to see, as a councilperson. Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez will forward this person’s information to Alderwoman Lawler. She also advised Alderwoman Lawler that the Parks Board is having a meeting on November 19, 2020, so she’ll be able to meet the new representative for District 4.

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- Little League Dug-Outs – Alderman Espinosa inquired if there were any updates on the Little League dug-outs. According to Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez, they will be on the agenda for the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting on November 19, 2020.
- Alderman Vega inquired about a phone number for a person who bought property next to Tractor Supply. Discussion was held on this and on status of the RV Park.
- Trees on Allman Road by Cemetery – Alderwoman Randall reported that she’s received calls from people complaining about road not being wide enough and cars being scratched by trees when two vehicles are on the road. Mayor Thompson inquired if we could do a work order to have the trees trimmed. According to Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez, we can do this.

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

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

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Mayor

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City Secretary