

**Minutes
Emergency Meeting
March 26, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Devine, Texas, conducted an Emergency Meeting on March 26, 2021, at 6:15 p.m., at 303 S. Teel Drive, Devine, Texas 78016, and the following members being present:

Mayor Cory Thompson
Alderman David Espinosa
Alderwoman Debbie Randall
Alderman Rufino Vega
Alderwoman Kathy Lawler

Absent being Alderman Steve A. Lopez; thus, constituting a quorum.

Personnel present: Dora V. Rodriguez, Interim City Administrator/City Secretary; Denise Duffy, City Accountant; Tom Cate, City Attorney; Rob Flores, Interim Director of Public Works/ Emergency Management Coordinator; and Alma Rios-Flores, Municipal Court Clerk.

Others present: None.

Mayor Thompson, presiding, declared the meeting open.

The first order of business was to discuss, consider and take action on the contract with Trium for water distribution system improvements, up to and including termination.

At 6:17 p.m., Mayor Thompson announced to the public that the Council would go into a Closed Session – Executive Session: Pursuant to Provision of the Open Meeting Law Texas Government Code.

- §551.071 – City Attorney – Conflict of Interest

At 7:04 p.m., Closed Session was open to the public.

No action was taken.

The second 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 to terminate the contract with Trium for the convenience of the City as per Section 16.03, Page 140, and to send notice to suspend work immediately as stated in Section 16.01, Page 139.

Ayes	--	Four – Alderwomen Randall, Lawler Aldermen Espinosa, Vega
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	One – Alderman Lopez

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Motion carried.

The third order of business was to discuss, consider and take action on instructing the City Engineer to take appropriate action in preparing plans and specifications for work and bids to continue work on the water distribution system improvement project.

Council held discussion on planning and assessing where we're at and creating an updated map. According to Mayor Thompson, this could take a couple of months. He told Council that we're already behind, so let's start fresh.

Alderman Espinosa inquired if Triun is still responsible for the work they've done. City Attorney Tom Cate said, yes, because the warranty still stands.

Motion by Alderwoman Randall, seconded by Alderman Vega to instruct the City Engineer to take appropriate action in preparing plans and specifications for work and bids to continue work on the water distribution system improvement project.

Ayes	--	Four – Alderwomen Randall, Lawler Aldermen Espinosa, Vega
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	One – Alderman Lopez

Motion carried.

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

Ayes	--	Four – Alderwomen Randall, Lawler Aldermen Espinosa, Vega
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	One – Alderman Lopez

Motion carried.

Mayor

City Secretary