

Minutes
Special Meeting/Workshop
March 30, 2021

On this 30th day of March, 2021, at 12:00 Noon, 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
Alderwoman Kathy Lawler

Absent being Alderman Rufino Vega; thus, constituting a quorum.

Personnel present: Dora V. Rodriguez, Interim City Administrator/City Secretary; Denise Duffy, City Accountant; and Ismael Carrillo, Public Works Consultant.

Others present: Marly Davis, Devine News; Jerry Beck, County Commissioner Pct. #4 and Ciro Garcia.

Mayor Thompson, presiding, declared the meeting open.

The first order of business was a Workshop to discuss Street Project.

Mayor Thompson went over the street project and Council reviewed the list of streets submitted by each council district.

Commissioner Jerry Beck stated that the roads will be prioritized by the usage of the road. For example, streets that have heavy traffic (like Transportation); streets with too many cars parked in the street (like DuBose); and streets that do not need trees trimmed.

Mayor Thompson inquired about how high the trees need to be to require trimming. Commissioner Beck stated that there needs to be a 16 foot clearance from the road surface to the tree clearance. He said the County has a place for the brush, and he may be able to bring the chipper down.

Mayor Thompson talked about having the roads relatively close so that the machinery is not being moved so much. Commissioner Beck agreed; he wants to do an area at a time and not be moving all over the place.

Alderman Lopez inquired if the tree trimming would be done by the City or be contracted out. According to Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez, we can see which ones the City can do and which ones will need to be done by contractors.

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Mayor Thompson commented that the pricing will be similar to the cost when we did Warhorse Drive.

Commissioner Beck stated that any water lines needing to be replaced will need to be done before we pave the streets.

Alderwoman Randall inquired if we are going to do Shaver in this project. She said it is part of this project.

Alderman Espinosa inquired as to what time frame we are looking at. According to Commissioner Beck, we are looking at the end of May/June, when it gets a little warmer and we are out of the rain. He said to let him know when we get to the tree trimming.

Mayor Thompson wanted to know what we are going to do if the base (of the street) is in bad shape. Commissioner Beck said they will mill the street and use what is there.

Public Works Consultant Ismael Carrillo asked how many trucks and loads we would be needing. Commissioner Beck stated that they can haul the material to the county yard and then we can haul it to the location. He said, for example, Transportation is 2,350 linear feet which equals to 26 loads.

Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez informed Commissioner Beck that once Council approves and lets us know exactly which streets need to be done, he and Public Works Consultant Ismael Carrillo can get together. Commissioner Beck stated that they will be able to figure an estimated cost for this project.

Mayor Thompson explained that we gave each district a mile to work with.

Commissioner Beck gave Council a rough estimate for Transportation. He said that 4,000 gallons of oil for Transportation will cost roughly \$32,000, not paying labor and machinery. He told Council that he's not sure how's he's going to start; he'll probably start with the most traveled ones first and also do the hard ones first.

Council held discussion on some of the streets.

Mayor Thompson advised Council that they need to look at their streets and make sure that the linear footage is correct.

Public Works Consultant Ismael Carrillo stated that some of these streets will be affected by the water line project, so we need to check the asbestos map.

Mayor Thompson told Council that we need a completed list by the April 6, 2021 meeting.

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Commissioner Jerry Beck said he needs good numbers/trees/manholes, and said that he and Public Works Consultant Ismael Carrillo will meet once a week at the county yard. He said to just let him know so he can get the chipper and so he can place brush at the county yard.

No action was taken. Meeting was for informational purposes only.

There being no further business to come before the governing body, meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

City Secretary