

**Minutes**  
**Regular meeting**  
**June 20, 2023**

On this 20th day of June, 2023 at 6:02 p.m., the City Council of the City of Devine convened in a Regular Meeting, the same being opened to the public, at the Dr. George S. Woods Community Center, 200 E. Hondo Avenue, Devine, Texas 78016. 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 Butch Cook  
Alderwoman Debbie Randall  
Alderman Rufino Vega  
Alderman Josh Ritchey  
Alderman Michael Hernandez  
Alderwoman Stacy Pyron

Thus, constituting a quorum.

Personnel present: Dora V. Rodriguez, Interim City Administrator/City Secretary; Denise Duffy, City Accountant; Tom Cate, City Attorney; Vickie Pumphrey, Airport Manager; Pete Sanchez, Director of Public Works; and Simon Davila, Public Works.

Others Present: Anton Riecher and K.K. Calame, Devine News; Johnette Dixon, Medina County Chief Appraiser; Rodney Hitzfelder, SAGO Internet; Mary Agnes Ramirez, Hap Squires, Jerry Beck, Aileen Montgomery, Phil Montgomery, Joe Munoz, Jerry Stevens, Melissa Stevens of Devine, Texas.

Mayor Cook, presiding, declared the meeting open.

Alderman Ritchey delivered the invocation. Mayor Cook led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

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

- Mary A. Ramirez: Wanted to clarify with Council that during the 1<sup>st</sup> Planning & Zoning Commission meeting regarding the rezoning of the three (3) properties in District 2, that Sandy Lawler stated that Debbie Killian was going to sell her property. She played a recording that was difficult to hear. However, she just wanted Council to know this fact to set the record straight.
- Jerry Beck: Wanted to let council know that the next time there was a vacancy on the Medina County Appraisal District Board, he wants to be considered for that board. Mr. Beck also wanted to advise he still wants sidewalks from State Farm to Walmart. He also asked to please change the name of Hondo Avenue.

The second order of business was Public Recognition.

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- Josh Ritchey wanted to thank the Police Department for being so vigilant on speeders in the city limits.

The third order of business was Employee Recognition.

There was no Employee Recognition.

The fourth order of business was to consider approval of Council Minutes: Regular Council Meeting Minutes, May 16, 2023.

Council reviewed the minutes and found no discrepancies.

Motion made by Alderwoman Randall, seconded by Alderman Ritchey to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes for May 16, 2023.

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion Carried.

The fifth order of business was to consider and act upon request from Joe Munoz for Renewal of Mowing Contract for Devine Municipal Airport 2023.

Mayor Cook advised that Mr. Munoz has had the contract for mowing the airport for several years. This past contract was in the amount of \$18,000 for the year. The new proposal is for \$19,200, as additional mowing is required around Hangar 10 now that the City owns that area. Mr. Munoz uses his own equipment and supplies all chemicals & fertilizer that are required. Total airport area is 65 acres.

Alderman Ritchey wanted to know why Mr. Munoz waited to bring the proposal to Council at time of the contract expiring. Mr. Munoz answered that he gave the information to City Hall in May, and Dora V. Rodriguez, Interim City Administrator/City Secretary, advised that we have always handled this contract in the month of June. Alderman Ritchey wanted to know if we could amend the contract to read compensation paid each time it is mowed instead of monthly, with documentation that it is completed. Mr. Munoz stated his employee does full-time weed whacking, weeding and then mowing every day, and this year the mowing has been done 4-5 times each month, due to all the rain we have had. The contract never went out for bids.

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Alderwoman Randall advised that we initially went with this contract in 2018, as our Public Works employees could not make it out to the airport every week to mow & weed-eat the entire property. And, this contract costs the City less money than having a full-time employee doing it.

Alderman Ritchey also stated he would like it to go out to bid to make sure we are getting the best competitive rate. He also wanted the contract to have performance metrics. Alderwoman Randall asked Dora V. Rodriguez, Interim City Administrator/City Secretary, if there were any complaints that the work hasn't been completed. She responded that no complaints have been received.

Motion made by Alderwoman Randall, seconded by Alderman Vega to award the contract to Mr. Munoz for \$19,200 for the next year to maintain the mowing etc. at the airport.

Ayes	--	Four – Aldermen Vega, Hernandez Alderwomen Pyron, Randall
Nays	--	One – Alderman Ritchey

Motion Carried.

The sixth order of business was to consider and act upon Airport Status.

Mayor Cook reminded everyone that the City finalized the purchase of these three (3) hangars on March 9, 2023. The cost of Hangars 8 & 8A was \$165,000 and Hangar 10 was \$680,000. There is a proposal to lease Hangar 10 which was tabled at the last meeting, so the Airport Advisory Board could weigh in on the issue. However, this is why he made the decision to put this on the agenda today as a status only. On the appraisal that was completed when the City purchased the hangars it was stated that Hangar 10 could be leased at \$.40 per square foot; based on 17,500 square feet, it could potentially bring in \$7,000. Last Monday, Mayor Cook attended the Airport Advisory Board meeting and obtained some background on the airport.

Hap Squire came to the podium to answer any questions for Council. He feels we should get TxDOT Aviation to be involved and assist us in ideas of what to do with newly purchased hangars. A meeting is scheduled with TxDOT on July 12, 2023 to discuss the entire airport and what could be possibly done. It is possible that they may suggest splitting Hangar 10 into four (4) bays. After that meeting, Council will be updated on the recommendations.

Vickie Pumphrey, Airport Manager, advised that the meeting scheduled for July 12<sup>th</sup> is at 2:00 pm, and Council could attend to get a little Airport 101 information and give suggestions.

Mayor Cook advised that Hondo Airport has a large hangar and charges \$.225 per square foot. Rockport Airport has a large hangar and charges \$.17 per square foot. Electricity is not included at either airport. Most small airports in Texas do not own all their own hangars and only 10 are self-sustaining.

No action was taken on this item.

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The seventh order of business was to consider and act upon Proposed Budget for 2024 for the Medina County Appraisal District approved by the Board of Directors.

Johnette Dixon, Chief Appraiser, presented the Medina County Appraisal District Budget for 2024 and went over some details about the yearly budget. The preliminary taxable value for the City of Devine is \$309,359 which is \$159,083 more than this current year. The preliminary budget for the appraisal district is \$1,585,200 which is an increase of \$26,000. Devine's Pro-Rata Share will be \$22,810.05, which is an increase of \$936.59. At this time, the District has 4,500 protests appealing appraisals.

Alderman Ritchey addressed Ms. Dixon that he feels the appraisal district needs more transparency. He feels that values are not equal across the board, and there seems to be no objective standards applied now. He would like more detailed instructions on the process for appealing the appraisals to be posted on their website because at this time, it is not clear.

Alderman Hernandez is concerned that the elderly are not as computer literate and some do not have computer access. Maybe they could use the library? How do we educate our citizens on this appeal process? Mayor Cook agreed it was a great idea; however, he reminded Council that our agenda item was the Budget for the Appraisal District for 2024.

Motion made by Alderman Ritchey, seconded by Alderwoman Pyron to accept the budget for 2024 for Medina County Appraisal District.

Ayes	--	Three - Aldermen Ritchey, Hernandez Alderwoman Pyron
Nays	--	Two - Alderman Vega Alderwoman Randall

Motion carried.

The eighth order of business was to consider and act upon Council Appointments.

Council reviewed the List of Council Appointments. It was decided to go through the list from the top and work our way down.

1. CITY ATTORNEY: Current attorney is Tom Cate.

Motion made by Alderwoman Randall, seconded by Alderman Vega to re-appoint Tom Cate as the City Attorney for the next two (2) years.

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

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2. JUDGE: Ann Whorten is the current judge.

Motion made by Alderman Ritchey, seconded by Alderman Vega to re-appoint Ann Whorten as Judge for the next two (2) years.

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

3. ALTERNATE JUDGES: Currently are Joseph Appelt and Bill Tschirhart.

Motion made by Alderwoman Randall, seconded by Alderwoman Pyron to re-appoint Joseph Appelt and Bill Tschirhart as Alternate Judges for the next two (2) years.

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

4. PROSECUTOR: Current prosecutor is Bobby Jack Rushing.

Motion made by Alderwoman Randall, seconded by Alderman Ritchey to re-appoint Bobby Jack Rushing as Prosecutor for the next two (2) years.

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

5. LIBRARY BOARD: Current members up for re-appointment are Kelli Maxwell, Lee Davis & Marly Davis.

Motion made by Alderwoman Pyron, seconded by Alderman Vega to re-appoint Kelli Maxwell, Lee Davis and Marly Davis to the Library Board for the next two (2) years.

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

6. PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION: Current members up for re-appointment are Doug Wilkins, Onis Wiemers, and Chuck Guzman.

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Motion made by Alderwoman Randall, seconded by Alderman Vega to re-appoint Doug Wilkins, Onis Wiemers and Chuck Guzman to the Planning and Zoning Commission for the next two (2) years.

Ayes	--	Four – Aldermen Vega, Hernandez Alderwomen Pyron, Randall
Nays	--	One – Alderman Ritchey

Motion carried.

Discussion was held after the motion that Kiel Boehme has stepped down from the Commission. Mayor Cook nominated Fred Morales as the replacement for Kiel Boehme.

Motion made by Alderman Ritchey, seconded by Alderman Vega to appoint Fred Morales to the Planning and Zoning Commission for the next two (2) years.

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

**7. CONSULTANTS & ADVISORS:**

Motion made by Alderwoman Randall, seconded by Alderman Vega to appoint Langford Community Management Services, SAMCO Capital Markets and Garcia & Wright Engineers as Consultants and Advisors for the next two (2) years.

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

**8. AIRPORT ADVISORY:** Mayor Cook advised that Tony Crosby has stepped down from this board. Mayor Cook nominated Brian Crosby to replace Tony Crosby.

Motion made by Alderman Ritchey, seconded by Alderman Randall to appoint Brian Crosby to the Planning and Zoning Commission for the next two (2) years.

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

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Motion made by Alderwoman Pyron, seconded by Alderman Ritchey to re-appoint the rest of the Airport Advisory Board including Vickie Pumphrey, Airport Manager; Hap Squire, Bill Bain, Greg Coyne, and Chris Yanta for the next two (2) years.

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

9. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR: Lieutenant Chris Andrews, Devine Police Department, has graciously volunteered for this position and has the certifications.

Motion made by Alderman Ritchey, seconded by Alderwoman Randall to appoint Lieutenant Chris Andrews for the next two (2) years.

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

10. PARKS & RECREATION BOARD: No members of this board required re-appointment.

Alderwoman Pyron inquired about these boards as to why not all the boards are staggered for re-appointment. She asked if there is a reason for that, and if we needed to change something? Tom Cate, City Attorney, advised that the staggered terms are decided by ordinances.

The ninth order of business was to consider and act upon selecting a Mayor Pro-Tem.

Alderman Hernandez nominated Alderman Vega for Mayor Pro-tem. Alderman Ritchey nominated Alderwoman Randall for Mayor Pro-tem. Mayor Cook asked if there were any other nominations. Alderman Vega nominated Alderwoman Pyron for Mayor Pro-tem, which she declined immediately. Alderwoman Randall advised that in the past, Mayor Pro-Tem was done by seniority on Council.

Mayor Cook asked for a second on the motion for the nomination for Alderman Vega. There was no second. Motion died.

Motion made by Alderman Ritchey, seconded by Alderman Vega to appoint Alderwoman Randall as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Ayes	--	Four – Aldermen Vega, Ritchey, Hernandez Alderwoman Pyron
Nays	--	None
Abstain	--	One – Alderwoman Randall

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Motion carried .

The tenth order of business was to Administer Oaths of Office.

As none of the people appointed at the meeting were present, no oaths were administered. The oaths will be handled at a later date.

The eleventh order of business was to consider and act upon request submitted by Rodney Hitzfelder/SAGO Internet for permission to place their internet antenna on the Devine Ingram Water Tower near the Golf Course.

Rodney Hitzfelder, SAGO Internet was present for any questions and updates on this item. He did advise Council that after the council meeting when this topic was discussed, it was determined that the internet antenna would not interfere with the Police Department, Emergency Services or water equipment located at the water tower.

Alderman Ritchey inquired if the contract could read that the City receive a percentage of the revenue instead of a flat rate per month. According to Mr. Hitzfelder, it would be an accounting nightmare. Mr. Hitzfelder also advised that installation would take approximately 2-3 days by a bonded/background-checked installation team. No other access would be required unless there was an emergency; for example, getting hit by lightning. SAGO is looking for a 10-year lease. Sago is proposing a flat rate that will increase each year to be paid to the City with an additional \$30 to compensate for the small amount of electricity necessary. Pete Sanchez, Director of Public Works, confirmed there is only one (1) meter at the location.

Motion made by Alderman Ritchey, seconded by Alderman Vega to approve a 4-year agreement with SAGO Internet, and the electric cost to be based upon the percentage of current power the month after installation and operation, unless otherwise advised by City Staff or City Attorney.

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

Mr. Hitzfelder will forward a contract to Tom Cate, City Attorney, to review and for Council to approve.

The twelfth order of business was to consider and act upon the ordinance for the mobile food units.

City Hall had an incident recently with an owner of a mobile food unit. This is why the ordinance has come back to Council to review.

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Alderman Ritchey feels that Council has put the City Staff in a tight spot with this ordinance. He wonders why the City can't have the State/County be responsible. Alderwoman Randall advised that we only ask to see and make copies of the certificates from the state/county and insurance. We do not ask for anything additional. Alderman Ritchey stated that if the owners refuse to obtain the permit, we have a problem. Alderwoman Randall's response was that this is when the Police Department has to go to the mobile food unit and advise them that a permit is required, and shut them down until it is obtained. This is all for the health & safety of our residents. Alderwoman Pyron asked Alderman Ritchey as to what he is objecting to regarding this ordinance. Alderman Ritchey's response was that he didn't like our city staff to be in the middle of stuff that they are not trained for, and our police are stretched thin enough to handle this type of issue. He feels the State should handle these issues. Alderwoman Pyron asked what the turn-a-round time is from the State to respond. It was discussed that at this time, that is really not known. Dora V. Rodriguez, Interim City Administrator/City Secretary, informed Council the City has nine (9) permits for mobile food units at this time.

Jerry Stevens, resident & business owner, addressed Council that he feels that owners should have accountability to run a business. He would be concerned if standards were met if they didn't have a permit. Our ordinance is no different than any other city; it is the cost of doing business. Mr. Stevens wanted Council to know that as a resident and taxpayer, he supports our city ordinance.

Mayor Cook also brought up that we would not know if sales tax is being received from the trucks. Alderman Randall did advise that this year, when the report comes out, we will be able to verify this fact.

Motion made by Alderman Ritchey to rescind the current ordinance and submit the current case to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). There was no second. The motion died due to lack of a second.

No action was taken on this item.

The thirteenth order of business was to consider and act upon appointing Lauren Perez to the Devine Housing Authority Board.

The City of Devine was notified by the Devine Housing Authority Board that a current board member, Keli Morin, will be stepping down from the position. The Devine Housing Authority Board is requesting that City Council appoint Lauren Perez as a replacement.

Motion made by Alderman Ritchey, seconded by Alderwoman Pyron to appoint Lauren Perez to the Devine Hosing Authority Board.

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

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Motion carried.

The fourteenth order of business was to consider for Council to End the Paid Quarantine Leave COVID Policy for the City of Devine employees.

Per City Attorney, Tom Cate, this policy is for all city employees EXCEPT the Devine Police Department, as there is still current State Law making this policy effective for Police Departments.

Motion made by Alderman Ritchey, seconded by Alderwoman Pyron to end the Paid Quarantine Leave COVID Policy for City employees, except for the Police Department.

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

The fifteenth order of business was to consider and act upon Software ClearGov for the City of Devine.

Alderman Ritchey had requested this agenda item to possibly create more transparency regarding the city budget. He feels it would be clearer to understand for the general public. Dora V. Rodriguez, Interim City Administrator/City Secretary and Denise Duffy, City Accountant, advised Council they had gone through the ClearGov demonstration. The one drawback is that the City would still be required to use Incode, making the staff enter three (3) different applications if ClearGov is utilized. The cost of ClearGov would be an additional \$10,000 yearly maintenance fee. ClearGov would be able to give Alderman Ritchey the graphs and such he is looking for. However, the staff currently can do graphs if he wishes. Alderman Ritchey also wanted to know if “on the spot” changes during budget time meetings could be done. Dora V. Rodriguez, Interim City Administrator/City Secretary, advised she has her laptop to be able to do that during budget meetings. Alderman Ritchey wants the City to utilize ClearGov software because our residents can go to the City website and obtain information easily. (For example, a certain payment and check number.) Alderwoman Randall mentioned that if they wish to have that information, they only have to submit a Public Information Request Form to obtain it. She added that she felt this could be putting the City in a vulnerable position for hacking, etc. to have that available for anyone to pull up.

Dora V. Rodriguez, Interim City Administrator/City Secretary, offered to the Council that the monthly Revenue/Expense Report that the Council received for this meeting could be posted on the City website each month. She did suggest; however; that we wait until a City Administrator is hired and see if he or she would like to utilize this ClearGov application.

Motion made by Alderman Ritchey, seconded by Alderwoman Pyron to table this item until the future City Administrator can review and request if necessary.

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Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

The sixteenth order of business was to consider and act upon recommending for the City Attorney to draft options to ease challenges to contractors building, renovating, or otherwise conducting official business in the City of Devine.

Alderman Ritchey began the discussion by saying that two contractors have told him it is extremely difficult to work with the City and they refuse to build/renovate in the City limits due to this fact. He was told the City requires additional documentation and inspections than other places. Dora V. Rodriguez, Interim City Administrator/City Secretary, stated that Council adopted the International Code from 2009 which follows what Bureau Veritas requires. She added that the only thing the City additionally requires is a form to complete with the schematics and documents. This is to confirm everyone has the appropriate licenses. Alderman Ritchey stated that we need to make it a smoother process for the contractors. Alderwoman Randall asked if there were examples that we could hear to get a better understanding of the problem. Alderman Ritchey stated that he had no examples. Mayor Cook asked if the City makes money on the inspections from Bureau Veritas. Dora V. Rodriguez, Interim City Administrator/City Secretary, advised the City does not make money on the inspections; however, the City does receive a percentage (30%) on permits. Mayor Cook stated that recently he was approached and told by someone that Devine is so hard to work with.; he doesn't know why.

Alderwoman Randall wondered if this is true because the City hasn't had a full-time Code Compliance employee for almost two years. The City has had a person filling in a couple hours a day and having to get back with anyone requiring a permit or having questions. And, now that the City has a full-time Code Compliance person, that maybe it will be easier for the contractors. Alderman Ritchey did state that he was only trying to start a conversation tonight to ease the owners' costs and contractors' frustrations. Alderwoman Pyron stated that this is a good start of the conversation and maybe we could look into changing from International to housing codes to see if they would make a difference. She also suggested it would be easier for Council to know detailed examples of the issues (not requiring names or such) to be able to adjust our ways of doing business. Mayor Cook thought this was a great discussion.

Motion made by Alderman Ritchey, seconded by Alderman Vega to table this item.

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

The seventeenth order of business was to consider and act upon Property Tax Freeze for all city residents 65 and above, in alignment with the County Policy.

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Alderman Ritchey stated he was looking at freezing the dollar amount of the City tax at age 65 & above.

Johnette Dixon, Medina County Chief Appraiser, was present to assist Council's understanding of how the County handles this topic. She explained that if the resident turned 65 in 2022, the dollar amount of property tax paid that year, is the highest it will ever be as long as the resident owns the property. If, by chance, taxes are reduced in the future, the tax dollar amount would also go down; however, it will never go up. Ms. Dixon brought a spreadsheet to show the Council an approximate possible loss of revenue by freezing the taxes for residents 65 and older. Using the County numbers submitted, the revenue loss would be approximately \$26,554 to the City. If the City did freeze taxes for this group of residents, it would start with the tax year of 2022, if we could get this completed by July 20, 2023. This only applies to homestead and 65 & older.

Council held lengthy discussion with Johnette Dixon.

- Jerry Beck came forward to state that any type of tax break to give to residents 65 & older is really necessary due to their fixed income.
- Phil Montgomery wanted to let the Council know that how he understands this with the County is that the value of his property will go up; however, the dollar amount of tax will not. When the owner of the property dies and the property is sold, the taxes will go up to current rates. This tax freeze would be a very good thing.

Tom Cate, City Attorney, asked Johnette Dixon if there was a deadline this ordinance would need to be approved. She stated it would need to be done by July 20, 2023. Tom suggested to Council to approve the ordinance tonight to do this and it would come back to Council at the next meeting, and it would be with tonight's date.

Motion made by Alderman Ritchey, seconded by Alderman Hernandez to freeze property taxes for any permanently disabled, non-working citizen or citizen 65 and older living in Devine prior to their 65<sup>th</sup> birthday, living in their home as full-time citizens of Devine, never paying more city property taxes than the dollar amount of their city property taxes the year of their 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. It would take effect on the tax year they turn 65, using effective 2022 tax year.

Ayes	--	Four – Aldermen Ritchey, Hernandez, Vega Alderwoman Pyron
Nays	--	None
Abstain	--	One – Alderwoman Randall

Motion carried.

At 8:10 p.m., Mayor Cook announced Council would take a short break.

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At 8:16 p.m., Council reconvened.

The eighteenth order of business was to enter into Executive Session: Pursuant to Provision of the Open Meeting Law Texas Government Code.

- §551.074 – Personnel Matters – Interviewing for City Administrator.

At 8:16 p.m., Mayor Cook announced to the public that the Council would go into a Closed Session.

At 9:14 p.m., Closed Session was opened to the public.

No action was taken.

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

Motion was made by Alderman Ritchey, seconded by Alderman Vega to have the City Secretary vet City Administrator applicants and schedule interview appointments with the City Council.

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

The twentieth order of business was the Administration Report.

There was no Administration Report to review. However, Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez said she would be glad to answer any questions.

Alderman Vega inquired about the repair of the manhole on Oakhill Drive (next to Walmart). According to Pete Sanchez, Director of Public Works, the contractor should start repairs this coming Thursday. Other repairs will be needed to the street also and proposals will be coming for review.

No action taken on this item.

The twenty-first order of business was Informational Items.

- Mayor Cook informed Council that he met with County Commissioner Danny Lawler and Judge Keith Lutz regarding the inter-local agreement to have assistance with clearing the creek. Mayor Cook advised an agreement will be necessary for each project. Labor from the County will no longer be at no charge to the City.

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- Mayor Cook advised he spoke with Dr. Grandjean, DISD Superintendent, today regarding the land (1 acre) which the City needs to set the new water storage tank on. Mayor Cook stated that DISD does not want to sell the land. He does think they are willing to lease the land. He doesn't want to ruin a relationship with DISD by making them sell the land to the City. Dora V. Rodriguez, Interim City Administrator/City Secretary, also wanted to remind Council that this will also be the site for the new water well we have submitted for a grant recently. Mayor Cook suggested a special meeting to discuss and decide what we want to do. Council decided on Thursday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. for a special meeting to discuss and made a decision on this topic.
- Alderwoman Randall wanted to confirm with Dora V. Rodriguez, Interim City Administrator/City Secretary, that Animal Control has an employee on call during weekends. She confirmed that the two (2) employees split the monthly weekends to be on call.
- Alderwoman Randall inquired about the status of the newly purchased slide for Briscoe Park. Pete Sanchez, Director of Public Works, advised delivery should be on or about July 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Alderwoman Randall asked how we are doing on getting a proposal for a new sound system for meetings/live streaming. Mayor Cook advised he has a friend who will give us information on what we need.
- Alderwoman Randall inquired how the repair to Edwards Well #2 by Alsay is progressing. Pete Sanchez, Director of Public Works, advised the well is ready to test water now; just have a couple small details to finish. Very soon this well will be up and running for the City.
- Alderwoman Randall acknowledged that we are in a Stage II water restrictions at this time; however, we have been on restriction for a very lengthy time and wondered if City Hall could work with the Fire Chief to maybe start testing the hydrants again in the fall, when our heat lessens.
- Alderwoman Randall asked if the electrical project for Hangars 8, 8A & 10 has been started. Pete Sanchez, Director of Public Works, advised that it has not started, as it was put on hold. Mayor Cook stated that we needed to revisit that because the electrical may change depending on what is decided by the Airport Advisory Board, TxDOT Aviation & Council. Alderwoman Randall asked if Council was going to be advised of this, since that wasn't what was decided at the May 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mayor Cook had not thought about advising Council until it was just brought up. He stated that Dora V. Rodriguez, Interim City Administrator/City Secretary, spoke with the contractor, and he was okay with waiting; Mayor Cook said it was only delayed. Alderwoman Randall stated the point on this issue is that the motion was made to amend the budget and start the work. And, Council was not advised of the delay. She felt this was something the Council should be deciding on. Mayor Cook stated it was an operational decision.

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- Alderman Vega asked for an update on the water valve on Devine Drive. Pete Sanchez, Director of Public Works, stated that they have decided to wait until the water lines all around that area were tied in and then they could figure out if the valve would work for what they need.
- Dora V. Rodriguez, Interim City Administrator/City Secretary, advised that the Texas Water Board is finally up-to-date with payments for the contractor doing the water line replacement project and the City was able to pay back the line of credit.
- Alderman Ritchey was wondering about code compliance and the empty lots or abandoned buildings. Are we going to take it a little easy at this time due to the heat and not wanting anyone having to work in the extreme heat.
- Alderman Vega inquired about the property on Transportation and where it was at with Code Compliance. Dora V. Rodriguez, Interim City Administrator/City Secretary and Tom Cate, City Attorney, informed Council that letters going were out. Tom Cate did notify Council that this property is in litigation for something else. However, the City can still take the owner to court on the code compliance issue; he would possibly be able to speak with their lawyer if it came to that point.
- Alderman Ritchey asked what about the property behind the Masonic Lodge. Seems some shady business has been going on. Dora V. Rodriguez, Interim City Administrator/City Secretary, will follow up.
- Mayor Cook asked about the non-operational airplanes. Dora V. Rodriguez, Interim City Administrator/City Secretary, advised she is awaiting a response. Alderman Ritchey stated he learned at the Airport Advisory Board meeting that long ago the City Council had given permission for Joe Munoz to build his own hangar and at this time there is only a foundation. Dora V. Rodriguez, Interim City Administrator/City Secretary, said she would check as there is only a certain amount of time the original approval would be valid. She will follow up on that also.
- Dora V. Rodriguez, Interim City Administrator/City Secretary, handed the Budget Calendar to the entire Council. She wanted Council to review and place on their calendars all the meetings required by law regarding the budget.

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

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

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Mayor

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City Secretary