

**Minutes
Emergency Meeting
August 25, 2023**

On this 25th day of August, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., the City Council of the City of Devine convened in an Emergency 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, 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; Pete Sanchez, Director of Public Works; Simon Davila, Superintendent of Public Works; and Alma Rios-Flores, Municipal Court Clerk.

Others present: None.

Mayor Cook, presiding, declared the meeting open.

The sole order of business was to discuss and consider options for Edwards Well No. 1 to obtain a new pump motor or motors, because the existing pump motor stopped working.

Council looked at one bid.

Director of Public Works Pete Sanchez addressed Council. He informed Council that he had problems on Thursday with the well pump for the Edwards Well #1. They had to switch out the pump that we had as a backup pump. It was a re-built pump, and they're saying there could've been a problem when they rebuilt it.

Superintendent of Public Works Simon Davila contacted Medina Electric and they looked at the power lines. There are some old transformers that they might want to switch out. Director of Public Works Pete Sanchez stated that when Justin Navarro was out there, he said that everything on the voltage and amps was okay, so it had nothing to do with that.

Alderman Ritchey inquired if there was a warranty with the re-built pump. According to Director of Public Works Pete Sanchez, there is no warranty because we've had it since 2021, it was re-built during the Winter Snow Storm, and that was the backup.

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Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez added that Public Works doesn't want to do that anymore. Director of Public Works Pete Sanchez verified that they prefer to buy a new one. Mayor Cook and Council agreed.

Alderwoman Randall wanted clarification that this is not the well that had gone down. Director of Public Works Pete Sanchez clarified that we're talking about Edwards Well #1, and it was the Edwards Well #2 that had gone down.

Alderman Ritchey inquired what we're going to do with the old well pumps. Director of Public Works Pete Sanchez stated that he's not sure yet. He said that we could re-built them but he really doesn't want to do that; it cost \$17,000 to have them re-built. Alderman Ritchey suggested donating them to the golf course but according to Public Works Director Pete Sanchez, they're a lot bigger than the one at the golf course. Alderwoman Randall inquired if there's a way we could turn them in and get money for parts. Director of Public Works Pete Sanchez said he can ask; it's something he can look into.

Discussion was held on buying a new pump, and on how soon this can be done. Director of Public Works Pete Sanchez was not sure as to how soon; he will need to find out. He just needs to give the company the go-ahead, and he will call.

Director of Public Works Pete Sanchez told Council he's going to get a hold of Medina Electric to replace the transformers.

Interim City Administrator/City Secretary Dora V. Rodriguez informed Council that she and City Accountant Denise Duffy have been looking at the accounts, and they found that we still have \$157,000 sitting in the Certificate of Obligations for the water meters. She explained that was originally for \$1 Million and we are done with that project. She has verified with our auditors and with our City Attorney Tom Cate, and because everything is paid out, we can use that money for the well pumps. She explained to Council that if they are okay with this, they will still need to amend the budget, but they will be able to order a new pump and order a second one for a backup, to where we're not going to have to use the current budget or the new budget because the money is already sitting there in that account.

Motion made by Alderman Ritchey, seconded by Alderwoman Randall to accept the bid for \$42,110.34 for a new well pump and additionally purchase a second one as a backup, and to amend the budget accordingly.

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

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

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Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

Mayor

City Secretary