

Minutes  
Special Meeting/Budget Workshop  
September 3, 2024

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2024, at 6:02 p.m., the City Council of the City of Devine convened in a Special Meeting, the same being open 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 Ray Gonzales  
Alderman Josh Ritchey  
Alderman Jeff Miller

Absent being Alderman Hernandez, thus, constituting a quorum.

Personnel Present: David L. Jordan, City Administrator; Dora V. Rodriguez, City Secretary; Denise Duffy, City Accountant; and Pete Sanchez, Director of Public Works.

Others Present: Anton Reicher, Devine News; Maria & Hermilo Guzman and Tara Lewis, Devine, Texas.

Mayor Butch Cook, presiding, declared the meeting open.

The first order of business was to consider and act upon Ground Storage Tank.

City Administrator Jordan informed the Mayor and Council that Roxana was unable to attend the meeting. He held a discussion on a 2-year payment plan broken down for two Fiscal Years.

Motion by Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderman Gonzales to approve a payment plan/maintenance plan under the TIPS for the Ground Storage Tank.

Ayes	--	Three
Nays	--	One Alderwoman Randall
Absent	--	One Alderman Hernandez

Motion carried.

The second order of business was to consider and act upon the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting on August 26, 2024.

A. Approval of the Fay-D Subdivision Plat, which bears the following legal description:

A0069 J. Brothag Survey 15; 5.0 Acres -Sandra Kaye Lawler  
A0069 J. Brothag Survey 15: 2.0 Acres – Murdock's Mini Storage LLC

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Motion by Alderwoman Randall, seconded by Alderman Miller to approve the Fay-D Subdivision Plat.

Ayes	--	Four
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	One Alderman Hernandez

Motion carried.

- B. Request made by Tara Lewis for an RV Variance for 600 N. Windy Knoll to reside in until her house repairs are completed.

The Mayor and Council held a discussion with Mrs. Lewis on the timeframe for the RV.

Motion by Alderman Ritchey, seconded by Alderwoman Randall to grant a variance for 6 months.

Ayes	--	Four
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	One Alderman Hernandez

Motion carried.

The third order of business was to consider and act upon the following for St. Joseph's Catholic Church Annual Octoberfest:

Mr. Guzman addressed the Mayor and Council on the Noise Variance and the Street Closures needed. He advised about making College a one way from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for food pickup.

Motion by Alderman Ritchey, seconded by Alderwoman Randall to approve Noise Variance and Street Closures for the St. Joseph's Catholic Church Annual Octoberfest.

Ayes	--	Four
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	One Alderman Hernandez

Motion carried.

The fourth order of business was a Budget Workshop.

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Items discussed under the Budget Workshop:

- Tax Rate .5900
- Sales Tax Decrease
- Municipal Court Revenue
- Garbage – Republic an increase of 3.27 CPI
- Election Cost
- Mechanic Labor Salary
- Animal Control – percentage of putting animal down
- Parks Department – maybe cutting 1 Canopy out
- Salary Survey Cost
- Golf Course -Building Maintenance and Course Maintenance
- Library – training
- Airport – Airport Manager – leaving vacant
- Code Compliance – Software Iworq
- Emergency Management – TextMyGov Cost \$4,000
- Water & Sewer Rate Study

At 7:42 p.m. Alderman Ritchey left the room.

At 7:45 p.m. Alderman Ritchey returned to the room.

- Water & Sewer - Rate Study Cost \$30,000
- Lodging Tax – Go Medina Fee and putting \$5,000 for the Chamber
- TCOLE
- TIFFF – Current Balance
- HOME Program

The fifth order of business was Information Items.

- Alderman Ritchey advised about being told that City Staff at City Hall rude tone talking to customers.
- City Administrator Jordan advised the Mayor and Council that Public Works received a good job for addressing issues right a way.
- City Administrator Jordan informed the Mayor and Council about the GPS Grant \$19,000 Grant and \$1,000 City.
- City Administrator Jordan informed the Mayor and Council that the Street Bids will be on Regular Meeting

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- Alderman Ritchey asked about Website Upgrade. City Administrator Jordan advised we are working on it.

There being no further business to come before the Council, Alderman Miller made a motion, seconded by Alderman Gonzales, to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes	--	Four
Nays	--	None
Absent	--	One Alderman Hernandez

Motion carried.

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Mayor

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City Secretary