

Minutes
Special Meeting
November 7, 2024

On this 7th day of November 2024, at 6:00 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
Aldерwoman Debbie Randall
Alderman Ray Gonzales
Alderman Josh Ritchey
Alderman Jeff Miller
Alderman Michael 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.

The first order of business was to consider and act upon the Water & Sewer Rate Study.

City Administrator Jordan went over the rates increase options with the Mayor and Council. He informed them that we currently bill by the meter size and per everything thousand gallon everyone is billed the same. He advised that what we are presenting is to bill for inside residential, outside residential, inside commercial, outside commercial and contractors and increasing the base rate of of the meter sizes cost and increasing the per thousand-gallon cost. This will be a 50% increase of the required rate for January 2025 and another increase in October 2025. He explained that half of the water users are billed between 1,000 to 5,000 gallons per month.

The Mayor and Council held a lengthy discussion under this item.

The proposed option is as follows:

Water Residential & Commercial Inside City Limits

Base Rate	Current	January 2025
¾ & 5/8" Meter	\$38.14	\$47.33
1" Meter	\$48.01	\$59.58
2" Meter	\$102.30	\$126.96
3" Meter	\$270.09	\$335.18
4" Meter	\$319.44	\$396.43
6" Meter	\$640.21	\$794.50
8" Meter	\$911.64	\$1131.35

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Tiers Usage per 1,000 gallons

1,000 – 5,000	\$5.06	\$5.50
6,000 – 10,000	\$5.06	\$6.00
11,000 – 20,000	\$5.06	\$6.50
21,000 – 30,000	\$5.06	\$7.00
31,000 – 55,000	\$5.06	\$7.50
56,000 – 80,000	\$5.06	\$8.00
81,000 – 130,000	\$5.06	\$8.50
Over 130,000	\$5.06	\$9.00

Water Residential Outside City Limits

Base Rate	Current	January 2025
$\frac{3}{4}$ & $\frac{5}{8}$ " Meter	\$38.14	\$82.82

Tiers Usage per 1,000 gallons

1,000 – 5,000	\$5.06	\$7.75
6,000 – 10,000	\$5.06	\$8.25
11,000 – 20,000	\$5.06	\$8.75
21,000 – 30,000	\$5.06	\$9.25
31,000 – 55,000	\$5.06	\$9.75
56,000 – 80,000	\$5.06	\$10.25
81,000 – 130,000	\$5.06	\$10.75
Over 130,000	\$5.06	\$11.25

Water Commercial Outside City Limits

Base Rate	Current	January 2025
$\frac{3}{4}$ & $\frac{5}{8}$ " Meter	\$38.14	\$82.82
2" Meter	\$102.30	\$190.44

Water Contractor

Base Rate	Current	January 2025
2" Meter	\$102.30	\$190.44

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Tiers Usage per 1,000 gallons		
1,000 – 5,000	\$5.06	\$10.12
6,000 – 10,000	\$5.06	\$10.62
11,000 – 20,000	\$5.06	\$11.12
21,000 – 30,000	\$5.06	\$11.87
31,000 – 55,000	\$5.06	\$12.62
56,000 – 80,000	\$5.06	\$13.62
81,000 – 130,000	\$5.06	\$14.62
Over 130,000	\$5.06	\$16.12

Sewer Inside City Limits

Base Rate	Current	January 2025
Included 1 st 1,000	\$23.57	\$34.34

Tiers Usage per 1,000 gallons		
Each 1,000	\$3.25	\$4.04

Motion by Alderwoman Randall, seconded by Alderman Hernandez to approve the proposed inside/outside city limit residential/commercial/contractor water rates beginning January 2025.

Ayes	--	Four
Nays	--	One – Alderman Ritchey

Motion carried.

Motin by Alderwoman Randall, seconded by Alderman Miller to approve the proposed inside/outside city limits residential/commercial sewer rates beginning January 2025.

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

The second order of business was to consider and act upon the Purchase of a Modular Building.

City Administrator Jordan informed the Mayor and Council that the Devine ISD is going sell a 95' x 24' modular building. He advised that the school has offered to sell it to the City.

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The Mayor and Council held discussion with the City Administrator Jordan on the Modular Building.

No action taken.

The third order Executive Session: Pursuant to Section 551.072 Texas Government Code to deliberate the Purchase, Exchange, Lease, or Value of Real Property.

Council determined not to go forward with purchasing the modular building from the DISD, this agenda item was not necessary and was skipped.

The fourth order of business was Informational Items.

- Mayor Cook brought up the Stage 5 Water Restriction that had been mentioned in another council meeting that we will be staying in Stage 4 Restriction at this time.
- Alderman Ritchey inquired if it was possible for a more visual notification could be made for the water restrictions. He advised about using graphs, charts and/or pictures.
- Code Compliance complaints can be made through the City Website (Cityofdevine.org). There is now a tab on the Home page for Code Compliance. Anyone can submit a violation and check on status.

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

Ayes	--	All
Nays	--	None

Motion carried.

Mayor

City Secretary