

Minutes
Regular Council Meeting
September 16, 2025

On this 16th day of September 2025, at 7:00 p.m., the City Council of the City of Devine convened in a Regular 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
Alderman Josh Ritchey
Alderman Jeff Miller
Alderman Michael Hernandez
Alderman Harold Lance
Alderman Ray Gonzales- absent

Thus, constituting a quorum.

Personnel Present: David L. Jordan, City Administrator; Michelle Martin, City Secretary; Pete Sanchez, Director of Public Works; Christine Green; Interim Finance Director, Sophia Benavides, Finance Director; Chris Andrews, Police Lt., Joe Brown, Police Chief

Others Present: Anton Riecher, Devine News.

Mayor Cook called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

The second order of business was invocation. Alderman Ritchey delivered the Invocation. Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

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

No one signed up to speak.

The fourth order of business was Public Recognition.

There was no public recognition.

The fifth order of business was Employee Recognition.

Alderman Ritchey thanked the Devine PD for an increase in their presence throughout the city. Specifically he noted a broken-down vehicle on Colonial Pkwy that he saw them assist with. Mayor Cook added he too had noticed them out and about more and seen them assist with a stalled vehicle at the four corners.

The sixth order of business is to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting, July 15, 2025.

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Motion by Alderman Hernandez, seconded by Alderman Miller, to approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting, July 15, 2025.

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| Ayes | -- | Four |
| Nays | -- | None |
| Absent | -- | One (Alderman Gonzales) |

Motion carried 4-0.

The fifth order of business was the Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget FY 2025-2026.

Mayor Cook opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m.

No one from the public was present for this item.

Mayor Cook closed the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m.

The sixth order of business was to Consider and act upon approving the Budget for FY 2025-2026.

Mayor Cook stated Budget could not be approved at this time and that it would be presented again on September 29, 2025. He read over a statement issued by City Administrator Jordan regarding incorrect wording regarding the tax rate that was original published in the Devine News on September 3, 2025. He claimed that due to this error, an additional Public Hearing would have to be held to maintain transparency and added that notice for the next Public Hearing for the Tax Rate and Budget would be published in the September 17th edition of the Devine News and would be held on September 29th.

Motion made by Alderman Ritchey, seconded by Alderman Hernandez to table this item until the meeting on September 29, 2025.

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| Ayes | -- | Four |
| Nays | -- | None |
| Absent | -- | One (Alderman Gonzales) |

Motion carried 4-0.

The seventh order of business was to Consider and act upon awarding the mowing contract for the Devine Airport to Joey Munoz.

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City Administrator Jordan stated the advertisement was published in the Devine News and posted on social media platforms to allow people the opportunity to apply for the contract. Prior applicants were also emailed, however, Mr. Munoz was the only one who responded. He added that Mr. Munoz has been consistently doing a good job at the airport.

Discussion held regarding contract wording. In some areas it stated \$17,000 and \$20,000 in others. City Administrator Jordan clarified contract is for \$20,000 for the year and will be paid in equal monthly installments with no advance provided as they had done in the previous year's contract.

Motion made by Alderman Miller, to award the contract for mowing services at the Airport to Joey Munoz in the amount of \$20,000 to be paid in equal installments and to remove the advanced payment wording from the contract.

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| Ayes | -- | Four |
| Nays | -- | None |
| Absent | -- | One (Alderman Gonzales) |

Motion carried 4-0.

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

- §551.074 Personnel Matters – Employment Agreement with the City Administrator

City Administrator Jordan asked that Council table this item since the City Attorney was not present due to an illness.

Motion made by Alderman Hernandez, seconded by Alderman Miller to table the item.

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| Ayes | -- | Four |
| Nays | -- | None |
| Absent | -- | One (Alderman Gonzales) |

Motion carried 4-0.

The ninth order of business was Informational Items.

- City Administrator's Report – New staff on boarding, team building training for key staff, new website nearing completion
- Storage Tank Update – Public Works Director, Pete Sanchez – Storage tank has been painted, waiting on pump room to be painted

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- Battery Electronic Storage – Developer is still interested in the project, more meetings need to be held
- AEP – They will be doing site visits and survey work behind Triple C in order to perform line work
- Code Enforcement – waiting on final decision from ESD if they will be continuing contract for Code Services
- Nueces River Authority Desalination – Check and contract can be ready by Oct 1st

The tenth order of business was to Adjourn.

Motion from Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderman Ritchey to adjourn the meeting.

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| Ayes | -- | Four |
| Nays | -- | None |
| Absent | -- | One (Alderman Gonzales) |

Motion carried 4-0.



City Secretary



Mayor