

Minutes
Special Council Meeting
August 5, 2025

On this 5th day of August 2025, 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
Alderman Josh Ritchey
Alderman Ray Gonzales
Alderman Jeff Miller
Alderman Michael Hernandez
Alderman Harold Lance

Personnel Present: David L. Jordan, City Administrator; Michelle H. Martin, City Secretary; Pete Sanchez, Director of Public Works; Tom Cate; City Attorney

Others Present: Joe Brown III; Police Chief Candidate

The first order of business was calling the meeting to order.

Mayor Cook welcomed everyone to the special meeting at 6pm.

The second order of business was executive session- pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code-personnel matters, to deliberate the appointment and employment of the Police Chief Position.

Mayor Cook announced that we will be moving onto agenda item number 2 to deliberate the appointment and employment of the police chief position.

Mayor Cook asked the police chief candidate Joe Brown if he wishes to be present for the closed session. Joe Brown responded with yes, that he would like to be present.

Mayor Cook said that at this time council will go into closed session and will call Mr. Brown if needed.

At 6:01 p.m., the Mayor and Council went into an Executive Session.

The third order of business was RECONVENE into Regular Session and Consider Action, if any, on items discussed in Executive Session.

At 6:28 p.m., the Mayor and Council came out of executive session.

At 6:29 p.m., the Mayor and Council Reconvened to return to the Open Session.

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Mayor Cook said no action was taken during closed session.

Mayor Cook told candidate Joe Brown if he was okay with them being in closed session without him. Joe Brown responded and said he was fine with it.

Mayor Cook then said he would entertain any motions that the council has.

Alderman Ritchey motioned that council hire the candidate at the negotiated salary. Alderman Michael Hernandez seconded the motion. Mayor asked if there was anything further. Nothing further.

Ayes	--	Five
Nays	--	None

Motion carried 5-0

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

Ayes	--	Five
Nays	--	None

Motion carried 5-0

Michelle H. Marks
City Secretary

Burt Cook
Mayor