



Minutes
Emergency Management Services & Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
May 5, 2026

On this 5th day of May 2026, at 6:00 p.m., the Emergency Management Services & Parks & Recreation Advisory Board of the City of Devine convened in a Regular Meeting, the same being open to the public, at City Hall, 303 S. Teel Dr, 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:

Sarah Espinosa
Sandy Herrera
JB Pompa
Joe Jones
Margaret Greehey

Thus, constituting a quorum.

Personnel Present: David L. Jordan, City Administrator; Michelle Martin, City Secretary; Lt. Chris Andrews; Police Department.

Others Present: Chief David Powers, Fire Department; Michael Hernandez, Alderman District 2; Pablo and Pauline Carmona, Devine Soccer League.

Sandy Herrera called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

The second order of business was the introduction of new board members. Mr. Joe Jones and JB Pompa are the newest Emergency Management Services & Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Members. They introduced themselves and provided some background information on their work experience and service in the community. Mr. Pompa previously served on this board for 4 years. City Secretary Michelle Martin administered the oath of office to the newly appointed board members.

The third order of business was to discuss and review Emergency Management Services.

Lt. Chris Andrews presented an overview of the City's Emergency Management Services, including:

- The scope and responsibilities of emergency management.

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- Coordination with public works and city departments.
- Recent participation in county emergency meetings to improve consistency among agencies.
- Collaboration efforts with the Fire Chief of the Devine Fire Department.
- Recent city staff training in advanced emergency management.
- Review of the city's chain of command during emergencies.
- Appreciation to the advisory board members for their service.

Chief Powers provided the following information on Emergency Management Services:

- His education and emergency management training.
- Available emergency response resources.
- Fire Station FM 5710 located on Dickson Drive.
- The station's ability to serve as a shelter if needed.
- Continued support from the Fire Department during emergency situations.

Mr. JB Pompa and Sandy Herrera brought up questions on whether the city is prepared for a hurricane or similar weather disaster.

Discussion was shared on shelter locations and the City of Devine's Emergency Response Plan. There have been previous events such as the 2021 Snow Event that required coordination with outside agencies. Electricity was identified as the primary concern during emergencies. City Administrator Jordan is exploring the purchase of another generator for the Community Center, so it can be used in the event of an emergency.

Alderman Hernandez asked if the City has portable generators. City Administrator Jordan said that the City doesn't own any portable generators, but could potentially acquire some. The police department does have one available. Some local businesses have indicated that they could provide assistance in this area if needed. Alderman Hernandez suggested that the City consider investing in portable generators for future emergencies.

- Mr. Joe Jones shared some concerns about the railroad that comes through Devine. If there was to be an accident, what will we do. Discussion about the crash that occurred in 1994. Do we have plans in place to address this type of issue? Lt. Andrews stated that we do have a plan in place, but definitely could work on refining this emergency plan. City Administrator Jordan also stated that updates have been made to the railroad system in regards to the crossings too.

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Sarah Espinosa led a discussion regarding emergency coordination with the school district.

Topics included:

- Schools serving as an emergency resource center.
- Developing an agreement with the school district for emergency operations.
- Coordinating buses for evacuations if necessary.
- Maintaining a strong working relationship between the city and the school district.

No formal action was taken by the board at this time.

The fourth order of business was to discuss and consider approval of Park Master Plan.

The board members reviewed the Park Master Plan which included maps of the two parks and amenities for future development. This approval would allow for the City of Devine to submit for a grant with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. City Admin Jordan asked the board members for their input on what all do they want to see at the two parks.

Discussion items:

- Lighting needed at both parks. Solar lights would be optimal at these two locations.
- Renting out the pavilion as a way to generate income for park improvements.
- Wider driveway at Curcio Park.
- Backstop for soccer fields at Curcio Park. If this was added soccer games could be played there.

Park Master Plan will be submitted to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for grant consideration.

Motion made by Sandy Herrera to approve the Park Master Plan. Motion seconded by Sarah Espinosa. Motion carried 5-0.

Informational items:

Sarah proposed that the board meet at least quarterly to:

- Keep members informed on emergency management initiatives.

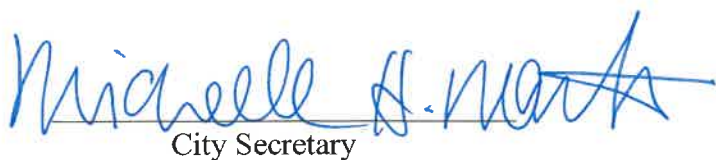
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- Receive updates on preparedness efforts and discuss issues relevant to the advisory board.
- Pablo Carmona coordinator of the Devine Soccer League provided an update on the program. It is entering in the second year of the program. They are working to provide a pathway for players to play all the way through high school. The soccer fields at Curcio Park are currently being used for practices only. He is also doing the work on the future concession building in regards to the plumbing. This is all being done on a volunteer basis by his company.
- Devine High School will be adding soccer teams as well in the upcoming school year.
- Upcoming Flag Day Event.
- TXDOT Construction on 173.
- Funds for Park Improvements and prioritizing projects.

The sixth order of business was to adjourn. Sandy Herrera made a motion to adjourn. Joe Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting ended at 7:15pm.

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Chairman

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City Secretary