

Minutes of Special Meeting held October 29, 2012

Special meeting with the following present: Mayor Mark Bowen; Aldermen Jerry Stone, Sam Cortez, Ward Sanders, Kevin Keith; City Secretary Josie Campa; Director of Public Works James McGrath.

Visitor: Andrew Tolan.

Mayor Bowen opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and announced the need for this meeting.

City Secretary Josie Campa told Council that after the last meeting when they had agreed to lease thirty (30) acre feet of water from Devine, water customers had started using more water. She told Council that if people continue to use water the way they have the past two weeks, then the city would pump over the amended water allotment by over six (6) acre feet. She said if we got rain maybe people would stop using so much water and then the city would be okay, but she didn't feel the city should take a chance on this for fear of being fined by the Edwards Aquifer Authority. She gave estimates for the rest of the year if people continue to use water as in the past two weeks, and said she felt ten (10) acre feet would see us through, but wouldn't give us any room for main breaks.

The City Secretary also told Council that the Devine City Council had set the price at \$170.00 an acre foot for the water rights previously leased and if Council decides to lease more then they need to set a maximum price the city will pay. After discussion, Alderman Keith made the motion that Council approve leasing another twenty (20) acre feet from the City of Devine for \$170.00 to \$200.00 per acre foot and also approve the price increase of \$20.00 per acre foot on the thirty (30) acre feet leased a couple of weeks ago. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.