

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 16, 2012**

Mayor Pro-Tem Don Mueller declared a Special Meeting duly open for the transaction of business at 6:00 P.M.

Councilmembers present were: Mayor Pro-Tem Don Mueller, and Councilmembers Jeff Gubbels, Terry David Lynch, Karen Schulz and Russell Machann.

Councilmember absent was: Mayor Domingo Montalvo, Jr., and Councilmember Al Bryant.

Staff members present were: City Manager Andres Garza, Jr., Finance Director Joan Anandel, Fire Chief Anthony Abbott and City Secretary Paula Favors.

Visitors present were: Wharton Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Ron Sanders and City of Wharton Intern Travis Pecht.

The third item on the agenda was Strategic Planning. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. discussed the 2012 Strategic Planning Workshop – Top Ten Priorities and Proposed Action Items. He stated that the proposed action items were received from the Councilmembers and City Staff. He said that the City Council would be able to identify and approve the action item it felt needed to be pursued by the City Staff at a later date. No action taken.

The fourth item on the agenda was Budget Workshop: City of Wharton 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Budget:

- A. General Fund.
- B. Hotel Motel Fund.
- C. Narcotics Seizure Fund.
- D. Debt Fund.
- E. Capital Improvement Fund.
- F. Water & Sewer Fund.
- G. Solid Waste Fund.
- H. Emergency Medical Services Fund.
- I. Civic Center Fund.
- J. Airport Fund.

Finance Director Joan Anandel, City of Wharton Fire Chief Anthony Abbott and City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented information regarding the proposed 2012-2013 fiscal year budget as follows:

1. Finance Director Joan Andel presented information on a proposed 16% increase in health insurance rates and a proposed salary increase for all employees ranging from 2% to 5% depending on the employee's salary range.
2. Fire Chief Anthony Abbott presented to the Council instituting a certification pay for Volunteer Firefighters who received basic, intermediate, or advanced certifications as a way to help retain volunteers. Fire Chief Abbott also presented a request to increase the monthly pension contribution which is paid by the City of Wharton towards the Volunteer Firefighters pension.
3. Finance Director Joan Andel presented to the City Council the proposed addition of making the part-time City of Wharton Municipal Court Clerk position into a full-time position. Also, the addition of a part-time worker in the Code Enforcement Department for fire inspections.
4. Finance Director Joan Andel presented to the City Council the proposed flex schedule for Municipal Court, Public Works, and City Hall. Mrs. Andel stated this schedule would promote customer service with longer working hours.
5. Finance Director Joan Andel presented to the City Council the proposed addition of two part-time Emergency Medical Services personnel.

After discussing the budget, no action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS

By: _____
DON MUELLER
Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

PAULA FAVORS
City Secretary