

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2013**

Mayor Domingo Montalvo, Jr. declared a Special Meeting duly open for the transaction of business at 6:10 P.M.

Councilmembers present were: Mayor Domingo Montalvo, Jr., and Councilmembers Al Bryant, Terry David Lynch, Jeff Gubbels, and Russell Machann.

Councilmember absent was: Councilmember Karen Schulz and Councilmember Don Mueller.

Staff members present were: City Manager Andres Garza, Jr., Finance Director Joan Andel, and City Secretary Paula Favors.

Visitors present were: Ron Sanders, Executive Director of the Wharton Chamber of Commerce, Sarah Hudgins with Wharton S.P.O.T., and Eugene Davis, Executive Director of The Crisis Center.

The second item on the agenda was roll call. Councilmember Terry David Lynch moved to excuse Councilmember Karen Schulz and Councilmember Don Mueller. Councilmember Jeff Gubbels seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The third item on the agenda was Requests for Funding:

A. Crisis Center

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented a letter from Mr. Eugene Davis, Executive Director of The Crisis Center, requesting assistance from the City of Wharton in the amount of \$5,000. Mr. Davis stated the additional assistance from the City of Wharton would assist in covering costs that were not covered by grants or other funding sources.

B. SPOT

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented a request from Wharton S.P.O.T. for assistance with the programs spay and neuter program. Ms. Sarah Hudgins with Wharton S.P.O.T. presented to the City Council a request of \$2,500 in funding for the Spay and Neuter Program (S.N.A.P.). Ms. Hudgins stated that Wharton SPOT would match the funding to provide the mobile SNAP unit to assist residents who qualify with free spay and neutering services for their animals.

The fourth item on the agenda was the Budget Workshop for: City of Wharton 2013-2014 Fiscal Year Budget:

A. Hotel Motel Fund.

- B. General Fund.
- C. PEG Fund.
- D. Narcotics Seizure Fund.
- E. Debt Fund.
- F. Capital Improvement Fund.
- G. Water & Sewer Fund.
- H. Solid Waste Fund.
- I. Emergency Medical Services Fund.
- J. Civic Center Fund.
- K. Airport Fund.
- L. 2013 Proposed Infrastructure Bond Fund.

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented to the City Council a request made by the Wharton Chamber of Commerce for additional funds. Mr. Ron Sanders, Executive Director of the Wharton Chamber, stated additional funds were needed to help assistance the Chamber with projects and updates.

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. and Finance Director Joan Andel presented the City of Wharton 2013-2014 fiscal year budget. City Manager Garza stated that it was a balanced budget in the general fund with no tax increase but an increase in utilities to make the yearly bond payment. Mrs. Andel stated that the proposed budget included a 2.5% pay increase for all City Employees and the removal of the longevity cap which was at twenty years of service. Mr. Garza indicated that he would incorporate some funding for the entities requesting funds.

After discussing the proposed budget, no action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS

By: _____
DOMINGO MONTALVO, JR.
Mayor

ATTEST:

PAULA FAVORS
City Secretary