

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2015**

Mayor Domingo Montalvo, Jr. declared a Special Meeting duly open for the transaction of business at 6:00 P.M.

Councilmembers present were: Mayor Domingo Montalvo, Jr., and Councilmembers Tim Barker, Al Bryant, Vincent Huerta and Steven Schneider.

Councilmembers absent were: Councilmembers Don Mueller and Russell Machann.

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

Visitors present were: Kathy Reynolds with Wharton County S.P.O.T., Ron Sanders Executive Director of the Wharton Chamber of Commerce, Eugene Davis with the Crisis Center, Mickey Reynolds, Becky Burrell, I.O. Coleman, Jr. and Abby King, President of the Wharton Chamber of Commerce.

The second item on the agenda was roll call. Councilmember Al Bryant moved to excuse Councilmember Russell Machann and Councilmember Don Mueller. Councilmember Steven Schneider seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The third item on the agenda was the City of Wharton 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budget:

- A. Five Year Capital Improvement Program.
 - 1. Transportation Systems.
 - A. Streets.
 - B. Major Thoroughfares.
 - 2. Drainage System.
 - 3. Water and Sewer Utility System.
 - A. Infrastructure.
 - B. Future Water Supply and Water Customers.
 - C. Beneficial/Reuse of Effluent.
 - 4. Park System.
 - 5. Sidewalk.
 - 6. Flood Reduction Project-Levee.
- B. General Fund.

Mr. Eugene Davis with the Crisis Center made a presentation regarding the services that are provided in the City and requested \$5,000 from the City of Wharton for the Crisis Center. After

some discussion, Councilmember Tim Barker moved to approve \$5,000 to the Crisis Center. Councilmember Al Bryant seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Mrs. Kathy Reynolds of Wharton S.P.O.T. made a presentation regarding the services provided by S.P.O.T. to the citizens. She then requested \$3,000 from the City of Wharton for the program. After some discussion, Councilmember Al Bryant moved to approve the request by Wharton S.P.O.T. for \$3,000 from the City of Wharton. Councilmember Tim Barker seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

- C. Dispatching Services.
- D. Fire Department Funding.
- E. PEG Fund.
- F. Hotel Motel Fund.

Mr. Ron Sanders, Executive Director of the Wharton Chamber of Commerce, made a presentation regarding the services being provided by the Chamber of Commerce to the City. He then requested \$58,000 from the City of Wharton's Hotel Motel Fund, which he stated was a \$6,000 increase from the previous year. After some discussion, Councilmember Tim Barker moved to approve the requested \$58,000 by the Wharton Chamber of Commerce from the City of Wharton's Hotel Motel Fund. Councilmember Vincent Huerta seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

- G. Narcotics Seizure Fund.
- H. Debt Fund.
- I. Capital Improvement Fund.
- J. Water & Sewer Fund.

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. stated the 2015-2016 fiscal year budget included a 10% increase in water and sewer rates.

- K. Solid Waste Fund.
- L. Emergency Medical Services Fund.

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. stated that the Wharton Emergency Medical Services department would request \$1,002,875 from the Wharton County Emergency Services District No. 3.

- M. Civic Center Fund.

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. stated that the Civic Center would be undergoing organizational changes and placed under the Finance Department after the retirement of Ms. Jo Beth Knezek.

- N. Airport Fund.

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. and Finance Director Joan Andel presented the City of Wharton 2015-2016 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 rates. City Manager Garza said the budget also included

City of Wharton
Special City Council Meeting
August 11, 2015

\$3,000 to S.P.O.T. and \$5,000 to the Wharton Crisis Center. Mrs. Andel stated that the proposed budget included a 3% pay increase for all City Employees.

After discussing the proposed budget, no action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS

By: _____
DOMINGO MONTALVO, JR.
Mayor

ATTEST:

PAULA FAVORS
City Secretary