

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 9, 2018**

Mayor Tim Barker declared a Regular Meeting duly open for the transaction of business at 7:00 P.M at City Hall 120 E. Caney Street Wharton, TX. Councilman Don Mueller led the opening devotion and Mayor Tim Barker led the pledge of allegiance.

Councilmember's present were: Mayor Tim Barker and Councilmembers Al Bryant, Terry Freese, Don Mueller, Russell Machann and Steven Schneider.

Councilmember absent was: None.

Staff members present were: City Manager Andres Garza, Jr, Finance Director Joan Anel, City Secretary Paula Favors, City Attorney Paul Webb, Public Works Director Wade Wendt, Assistant to City Manager Brandi Jimenez, and Patrol SGT Philip Burch.

Visitors present were: Wharton Economic Development Corporation (WEDCo) Executive Director, Chad Odom, Albert Villegas with the Wharton Journal Spectator, Jay Howard with Texas Disposal Systems.

The second item on the agenda was Roll Call and Excuses Absences. All members were present.

The third item on the agenda was Public Comments. Mr. Jay Howard with Texas Disposal Systems requested the City Council consider allowing his company an opportunity to discuss providing solid waste services to the City.

The fourth item on the agenda was the Wharton Moment. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. congratulated the Wharton High School Soccer Team on a great season. Mayor Tim Barker thanked the Wharton Economic Development Corporation for their hard work on a recently completed City of Wharton entrance sign located at Highway 59 and FM 102. Councilmember Russell Machann stated the new City park bathrooms looked great.

The fifth item on the agenda was to review and consider the reading of the minutes from the regular meetings held March 12, 2018 and March 26, 2018. After some discussion, Councilmember Russell Machann moved to approve the reading of the minutes from the regular meeting held on March 12, 2018 and March 26, 2018. Councilmember Al Bryant seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The sixth item on the agenda was Public Hearing #1: Proposed annexation of a certain 8.19 acre tract in the Randall James ½ League, Abstract 36, Wharton, Wharton County Texas, owned by Mr. Brett Rowley by the City of Wharton, Texas.

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Mayor Tim Barker opened the Public Hearing at 7:06 p.m.

No Comments were given.

Mayor Tim Barker closed the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m.

The seventh item on the agenda was Public Hearing #2: Proposed annexation of a certain 8.19 acre tract in the Randall James ½ League, Abstract 36, Wharton, Wharton County Texas, owned by Mr. Brett Rowley by the City of Wharton, Texas.

Mayor Tim Barker opened the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m.

No Comments were given.

Mayor Tim Barker closed the Public Hearing at 7:08 p.m.

The eighth item on the agenda was to review and consider the Wharton Swimming Pool:

- A. Approval of the 2018 Pool Schedule.
- B. Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council approving the 2018 Wharton Swim Team Agreement for the use of the Wharton Municipal Swimming Pool and authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement.

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr presented a copy of the memorandum dated April 5, 2018 from Civic Center Manager Jessica Dunn providing the 2018 Wharton Municipal Swimming Pool Applications, Fees and Schedule and a resolution approving the Swim Team's Agreement for use of the swimming pool. After some discussion, Councilmember Steven Schneider moved to approve City of Wharton Resolution No. 2018-24, which read as follows:

**CITY OF WHARTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-24**

A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE 2018 WHARTON SWIM TEAM AGREEMENT FOR USE OF THE WHARTON MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WHARTON TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, The Wharton Swim Team wishes to utilize the Wharton Municipal Pool for practices; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Wharton and the Wharton Swim Team wishes to enter into an agreement for use of the Wharton Municipal Pool; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Wharton and Wharton Swim Team wishes to be bound by the conditions set forth in said agreement; and,

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WHEREAS, The Wharton City Council wishes to authorize the City Manager of the City of Wharton to execute the agreement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS THAT:

Section I. The City Council hereby approves an agreement between the City of Wharton and the Wharton Swim Team for use of the Wharton Municipal Pool.

Section II. The City of Wharton and the Wharton Swim Team are hereby bound by the conditions set forth in the agreement.

Section III. The City of Wharton hereby authorizes the City Manager of the City of Wharton to execute the agreement.

Section IV. This resolution will become effective immediately upon its passage.

Passed, Approved and Adopted this 9th day of April 2018.

CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS

By: _____
TIM BARKER
Mayor

Attest:

PAULA FAVORS
City Secretary

Councilmember Al Bryant seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The ninth item on the agenda was to review and consider the City of Wharton Budget Calendar for fiscal year 2018-2019. City of Wharton Finance Director Joan Andel presented the proposed City of Wharton Budget Calendar for fiscal year 2018 – 2019. After some discussion, Councilmember Al Bryant moved to approve the City of Wharton Budget Calendar for fiscal year 2018-2019. Councilmember Steven Schneider seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The tenth item on the agenda was to review and consider a resolution of the Wharton City Council approving the selection of members to the proposed City of Wharton Housing Finance Corporation. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. stated that at the City Council's March 26, 2018 regular meeting the Council voted to pursue action to create a Finance Housing Corporation in the City of Wharton due to the need of housing in the City. City Manager

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Garza said at the meeting he recommended the establishment of the City of Wharton Housing Finance Corporation composed of local citizens to look into what action could be taken to accomplish this goal. He presented a draft resolution selecting the City of Wharton Finance Housing Corporation members as recommended by the City Council. City Manager Garza stated that once the members of the Finance Corporation had been selected the City Staff would bring the necessary documents for City Council approval and formulation of the Housing Corporation. After some discussion, Councilmember Russell Machann moved to approve City of Wharton Resolution No. 2018-25, which read as follows:

**CITY OF WHARTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-25**

A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE SELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE PROPOSED CITY OF WHARTON HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION.

WHEREAS, The Wharton City Council sees a need for a City of Wharton Housing Finance Corporation in the City of Wharton; and,

WHEREAS, The Wharton City Council feels that the creation of a Housing Finance Corporation would be the best avenue to address homing needs in the City; and,

WHEREAS, The Wharton City Council wishes to select the City of Wharton Housing Finance Corporation members to explore what action is needed to bring housing to the City of Wharton; and,

WHEREAS, The Wharton City Council wishes for the Housing Finance Corporation to represent the wishes of the Citizens of the City of Wharton.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS as follows:

Section I. That the Wharton City Council hereby selects the City of Wharton Housing Finance Corporation members to explore actions that can be taken to bring housing to the City of Wharton.

Section II. The Wharton City Council hereby appoints the following individuals as follows:

1. Position 1 District 1-Curtis Edwards
2. Position 2 District 2-Worthy Carpenter
3. Position 3 District 3-Chris Voulgaris
4. Position 4 District 4-David Voulgaris
5. Position 5 District 5-At Large-Gary Nunez
6. Position 6 District 6-At Large-Tonya Machann
7. Position 7 Mayor-At Large-Morrow Lou Sims

Section III. Once selected said individuals will be listed in the creation of said City of Wharton Housing Finance Corporation.

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Section IV. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

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By: _____
TIM BARKER
Mayor

Attest: _____
PAULA FAVORS
City Secretary

Councilmember Terry Freese seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The eleventh item on the agenda was to review and consider a resolution of the Wharton City Council approving the City of Wharton 2018 City Street Improvements Project and authorizing the City Staff to fully implement said project. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented the proposed Street Improvement Project for 2018. Public Works Director Wade Wendt stated the Public Works Committee had reviewed the proposed Street Improvement Project for 2018 and were recommending the City Council consider approving it. After some discussion, Councilmember Don Mueller moved to approve City of Wharton Resolution No. 2018-26, which read as follows:

**CITY OF WHARTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-26**

A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE CITY OF WHARTON 2018 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY STAFF TO FULLY IMPLEMENT SAID PROJECT.

WHEREAS, The Wharton City Council wishes to approve the 2018 Street Improvement Project as presented by staff; and,

WHEREAS, The Wharton City Council wishes to authorize the City Staff of the City of Wharton to fully implement said project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS as follows:

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Section I. The Wharton City Council hereby authorizes the City Staff of the City of Wharton, Texas, to fully implement said project for the City of Wharton 2018 Street Improvement Project.

Section II. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

Passed, Approved, and Adopted this 9th day of April 2018.

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By: _____
TIM BARKER
Mayor

ATTEST:

PAULA FAVORS
City Secretary

Councilmember Terry Freese seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The twelfth item on the agenda was to review and consider the Wharton Economic Development Corporation:

A. Resolution No. 2018-01.

Wharton Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Chad Odom presented Resolution No. 2018-01 to the City Council and stated it was the first of two readings for the WEDCo Budget. After some discussion, Councilmember Terry Freese moved to approve the Wharton Economic Development Corporation Resolution No. 2018-01. Councilmember Al Bryant seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The thirteenth item on the agenda was to review and consider appointments to the City of Wharton Boards, Commissions and Committees:

- A. Beautification Commission.
- B. Building Standards Commission.
- C. Plumbing and Mechanical Board.
- D. City Council Committees.

Assistant to the City Manager Brandi Jimenez presented a letter of resignation from Ms. Loreen Gibson from the Beautification Commission. After some discussion, Councilmember Russell Machann moved to approve the resignation of Ms. Loreen Gibson from the Beautification Commission. Councilmember Terry Freese seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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The fourteenth item on the agenda was adjournment. There being no further discussion, Councilmember Don Mueller moved to adjourn. Councilmember Al Bryant seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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By: _____
Tim Barker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Paula Favors
City Secretary