

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 18, 2002**

Mayor Garland S. Novosad declared a Special Meeting duly open for the transaction of business at 6:00 p.m.

Councilmembers present were: Mayor Garland S. Novosad, Councilmembers V. L. Wiley, Jr., Darryl Darnell, Ken Freese, Don Mueller, Domingo Montalvo, Jr, and Bryce D. Kocian.

Councilmember absent was: None.

Staff members present were: City Manager, Andres Garza, Jr.

Visitors present were: Mr. Isaiah O. Coleman, Jr., Mr. Tim Drapela, Mr. George Galloway, Ms. Mary Garcia, Mr. William Hanlon, Mr. Michael Kueker, Mr. Karl McLeod, Mr. Charles Michulka, Mr. Kenneth Pearce, Mr. Louis Preisler, Mr. Frank Stains, Ms. Vivian Wyatt.

The third item on the agenda was Public Comments. There were no public comments. No action was taken.

The fourth item discussed on the agenda was to review and consider the request by City Staff to solicit bids for repairs to the City of Wharton Water Well No. 4. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. told the City Councilmembers that Public Works Director Phil Bush begun a comprehensive analysis of testing the City's water wells to ensure that they were operating adequately. He said that during the last test, the City Staff found that the pumping capacity on Pump No .4 located on Valhalla Street had decreased to the point that an evaluation of the well should be conducted. City Manager Garza said that the City Staff was requesting City Council authorization to solicit bids to have the pump pulled, evaluated, and repaired. Mr. Garza also stated that Mr. Carlos Cotton, P.E. of Jones & Carter, Inc .was assisting the City Staff on evaluating the analysis of the wells.

After some discussion, Councilmember Bryce D. Kocian made a motion to authorize the City Staff solicit bids for repairs to the City of Wharton Water Well No. 4. Councilmember Don Mueller seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The fifth item discussed on the agenda was Executive Session: City Council may adjourn into an Executive Session in accordance with Section 551-074 of the Government Code, Revised Civic Statutes of Texas. Final action, decision or vote, if any with regard to any matter considered in Executive Session shall be made in Open Meeting.

A. **Discussion:** Appointment of City of Wharton Municipal Court Judge.

Mayor Garland S. Novosad adjourned the City Council Meeting into Executive Session at 6:05 p.m.

Mayor Garland S. Novosad called the meeting back into open session from the Executive Session at 9:50 p.m.

The sixth item discussed on the agenda was Return to Open Meeting: Action on items discussed in Executive Session:

A. Review and Consider: Appointment of Municipal Court Judge.

Mayor Garland S. Novosad expressed his gratitude to all of the individuals who applied for the position of Municipal Court Judge. Councilmembers Ken Freese, Don Mueller, and Domingo Montalvo, Jr. also thanked the applicants for their interest in the City of Wharton.

After some discussion, Councilmember Domingo Montalvo, Jr. made a motion to appoint Ms. Mary Garcia as the City of Wharton Municipal Court Judge effective January 1, 2003. Councilmember Bryce D. Kocion seconded the motion. City Councilmembers Don Mueller, Bryce D. Kocian, Ken Freese, and Don Mueller voted for the motion. Councilmember V. L. Wiley, Jr. voted against the motion. The motion carried.

The seventh item on the agenda was adjournment. Councilmember Don Mueller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Ken Freese seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS

By:

GARLAND S. NOVOSAD
Mayor

ATTEST:

JOYCE VASUT
City Secretary