

**MINUTES  
OF  
CITY OF WHARTON  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 10, 2008**

Mayor David W. Samuelson declared a Special Meeting duly open for the transaction of business at 6:04 P.M.

Councilmembers present were: Mayor David W. Samuelson, Councilmembers V. L. Wiley, Jr., Lewis Fortenberry, Jr., Ken Freese, Don Mueller and Jeff Gubbels.

Councilmember absent was: Councilmember Domingo Montalvo, Jr.

Staff members present were: City Manager Andres Garza, Jr., Finance Director Joyce Vasut, and City Secretary Lisa Olmeda.

Visitors present were: Wharton Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture Executive Director Ron Sanders, and Barry Halvorson with Wharton Journal Spectator.

The second item on the agenda was roll call and excused absences. Councilmember Don Mueller made a motion to excuse the absence of Councilmember Domingo Montalvo, Jr. from the Special City Council Meeting held July 10, 2008. Councilmember V. L. Wiley, Jr. seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The third item on the agenda was Budget Workshop: City of Wharton 2008-2009 Fiscal Year Budget:

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

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. stated that preliminary values were received from Wharton Central Appraisal District and the certified values should be received July 25, 2008.

Finance Director Joyce Vasut stated that the preliminary General Fund Revenues were Ad Valorem Taxes \$1,391,114, Sales Tax \$1,184,283, Franchise Taxes \$1,016,504, License & Permits \$78,700, Fines & Forfeitures \$160,400, Industrial District Payment \$265,000, Charges for Services \$20,000, Interest & Miscellaneous \$53,950, Intergovernmental \$58,500, and Transfers In \$418,486. She stated that the major expenditures increase was from fuel, electricity,

cost of living increase, and health insurance. She stated that DARE Fund will no longer be used, since Wharton Independent School District informed the City that they would no longer participate in the DARE program; however, a proposal would be submitted for school resource officers on the campuses. She then stated that water sales were \$130,000 below budget and sewer charges were \$30,000 below budget. She stated that \$183,000 was needed for the Water/Sewer Fund to balance the funds.

The fourth item on the agenda was the City of Wharton Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Service Proposals. Finance Director Joyce Vasut stated that three bids were received from Waste Corporation of America, Waste Management, and Allied Waste. She stated that the proposal from Allied Waste was a proposed alternative with poly carts for residential customers. She stated that Waste Corporation of America (WCA) submitted a bid that reflected: Residential \$17.25, Residential without brush \$13.50, and Commercial \$22.50. She stated that Waste Management, Inc. submitted a bid that reflected: Residential \$23.42, Residential without brush \$14.42, and Commercial \$35.00. She stated that both companies submitted exceptions to the proposal; however, the transfer station permit was held by Waste Management and needed to be transferred to the City. Therefore, if the City Council authorized a contract with WCA, then the transfer permit would need to be transferred to the City. After some discussion, no action was taken.

The fifth item on the agenda was adjournment. After some discussion, Councilmember Don Mueller made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Jeff Gubbels seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

**CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**DAVID W. SAMUELSON**  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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**LISA OLMEDA**  
City Secretary