

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 12, 2015**

Mayor Tim Barker declared a Special Meeting duly open for the transaction of business at 6:00 P.M.

Councilmembers present were: Mayor Tim Barker and Councilmembers Al Bryant, Vincent Huerta, Don Mueller, Russell Machann and Steven Schneider.

Councilmember absent was: None.

Staff members present were: City Manager Andres Garza, Jr., Finance Director Joan Anandel, Assistant to City Manager Brandi Jimenez, EMS Director John Kowalik, Public Works Director Wade Wendt and City Secretary Paula Favors.

Visitors present were: Kathy Reynolds with Wharton County S.P.O.T., Ron Sanders Executive Director of the Wharton Chamber of Commerce, Mimi Morales and Vince Morales.

The second item on the agenda was roll call. All members were present.

The third item on the agenda was Public Comments. No comments were received.

The fourth item on the agenda was to review and consider requests for City Funding:

1. Wharton Chamber of Commerce

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 the same as the previous year.

2. Women's Crisis Center

Finance Director Joan Anandel stated that Mr. Eugene Davis with the Crisis Center was unable to make the presentation regarding the services that are provided in the City but was requesting \$5,000 from the City of Wharton for the Crisis Center.

3. S.P.O.T.

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 afore mentioned requests. Councilmember Russell Machann seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The fifth item on the agenda was the Budget Workshop for: City of Wharton 2016-2017 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
 - 4. Park System
 - 5. Sidewalk
 - 6. Flood Reduction Project-Levee
- B. General Fund.
- C. PEG Fund.
- D. Hotel Motel Fund.
- E. Narcotics Seizure Fund.
- F. Debt Fund.
- G. Capital Improvement Fund.
- H. Water & Sewer Fund.
- I. Solid Waste Fund.
- J. Emergency Medical Services Fund.
- K. Civic Center Fund.
- L. Airport Fund.

EMS Director John Kowalik and Public Works Director Wade Wendt presented their requests for their proposed budget to the City Council. After their presentation City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. stated that Finance Director Joan Andel and he would review the Department Head's requests and develop the City of Wharton 2016-2017 proposed fiscal year budget. City Manager Garza stated that the budget numbers being presented were Department requests. He said it would give the City Councilmembers a view of what departments were requesting. He said the City Staff would review and by the next budget workshop present a draft budget that would be balanced. He said that a salary increase for City employees was also being looked at in the proposed budget.

After discussing the proposed budget, no action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS

By: Don Mueller
DON MUELLER
Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Paula Favors
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City Secretary

