

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2010**

Mayor Domingo Montalvo, Jr. declared a Special Meeting duly open for the transaction of business at 6:05 P.M.

Councilmembers present were: Mayor Domingo Montalvo, Jr., Councilmembers V. L. Wiley, Jr., Lewis Fortenberry, Jr., Terry David Lynch, Don Mueller, Bryce D. Kocian, and Jeff Gubbels.

Councilmember absent was: None.

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

Visitors present were: Barry Halvorson with Wharton Journal Spectator.

The third item on the agenda was Budget Workshop: City of Wharton 2010-2011 Fiscal Year Budget:

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

Finance Director Joyce Vasut stated that general fund revenues for fiscal year 2010 were proposed at \$4,872,463. She stated that the general fund expenditures had the following decrease changes:

Three police vehicles	\$ 63,000
Boys & Girls Club	\$ 15,000
Just Do It Now	\$ 15,000
Public Works Position	\$ 40,000
Fire Department Incentives	\$ 6,000
Insurance (Change Plan)	\$ 43,000
Discontinue \$500 Flex	\$ 30,000
Uniform Allowance	\$ 16,000
Total	\$228,000

She stated that to clarify the uniform allowances that totaled \$16,000 for all City departments, then due to the decrease in expenditures approved by the City Council for the proposed budget a \$24,000 surplus was available. She stated that the City Council could reinstate some of the proposed cuts. After some discussion, Councilmember Bryce D. Kocian made a motion to remove uniform allowance for Police Department Chief, Captain and Detectives, Fire Department Inspector, EMS Director, Assistant and Paramedics effective October 1, 2010 and maintain uniforms for Public Works, Animal Control, and Facilities Maintenance. Councilmember Jeff Gubbels seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Finance Director Vasut also mentioned other means to increase revenues such as Municipal Court fines and charging dispatching fees to fire departments in the county.

She then presented to the City Council the Hotel/Motel Fund, Seizure Fund, Debt Service Fund, and Capital Improvement Fund. She stated that the Water/Sewer Fund would include a 5% increase as previously discussed. She presented a utility cost comparison with other cities in the area of similar size.

She stated that the Solid Waste Fund would not include a transfer to the Capital Improvement Fund for street improvements. She stated that the proposed EMS budget included the acquisition of an ambulance, EKG monitors, and a vehicle through a three-year lease purchase program. She said that the EMS District No. 3 Board was aware of the proposed budget which included the capital equipment. She stated that the Civic Center Fund would have to utilize cash reserves for the 2010-2011 fiscal year. She said that the Airport Fund would have to also utilize cash reserves for the upcoming fiscal year. 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 Bryce D. Kocian seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS

By:


DOMINGO MONTALVO, JR.

Mayor

ATTEST:



LISA OLMEDA

City Secretary

