

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 8, 2013**

Mayor Pro-Tem Don Mueller declared a Regular Meeting duly open for the transaction of business at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Pro-Tem Don Mueller led the opening devotion and the pledge of allegiance.

Councilmember's present were: Mayor Pro-Tem Don Mueller, Councilmembers Al Bryant, Terry David Lynch, Jeff Gubbels, Russell Machann, and Karen Schulz.

Councilmembers absent was: Mayor Domingo Montalvo.

Staff members present were: City Manager Andres Garza, Jr., Finance Director Joan Andel, City Secretary Paula Favors, Administrative Assistant Emily Bergstrom, City Attorney Paul Webb, EMS Director John Kowalik, and Public Works Director Carter Miska, P.E.

Visitors present were: Carlos Cotton, P.E. of Jones & Carter, Inc., David Schroeder, Executive Director, Wharton Economic Development Corporation, and Ben Sharp with Wharton Journal Spectator.

The second item on the agenda was Roll Call and Excuses Absences. After some discussion, Councilmember Terry David Lynch moved to excuse Mayor Domingo Montalvo, Jr. Councilmember Al Bryant seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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

The fourth item on the agenda was the Wharton Moment. Councilmember Russell Machann congratulated the Wharton High School tennis team for advancing to the regional tennis tournament.

The fifth item on the agenda was to review and consider reading of the minutes from the regular meeting held March 11, 2013 and the regular meeting held March 25, 2013. After some discussion, Councilmember Karen Schulz moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held March 11, 2013 and the regular meeting held March 25, 2013. Councilmember Al Bryant seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The sixth item discussed on the agenda was to review and consider City of Wharton Budget Calendar for fiscal year 2013 – 2014. City of Wharton Finance Director Joan Andel presented the proposed City of Wharton Budget Calendar for fiscal year 2013- 2014. After some discussion, no action was taken.

The seventh item on the agenda was to review and consider City of Wharton EMS Department:

- A. City Council acceptance of a grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the M.G. and Lillie A. Johnson Foundation, Inc. for the purchase of an ambulance for the City of Wharton Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Department.
- B. **Resolution:** A resolution of the Wharton City Council approving an agreement between the City of Wharton and Frazier Co./Dallas Dodge Chrysler Jeep for the purchase of an ambulance through the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Program and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute any and all documents related to said purchase.

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented a copy of the letter dated March 25, 2013 from Mr. Robert Halepeska, Executive Vice President of the M.G. and Lillie A. Johnson Foundation, Inc. awarding the City of Wharton EMS Department a grant in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the purchase of an ambulance. City Manager Garza stated that City Council acceptance of the grant was required. City Manager Garza presented a memorandum from EMS Director John Kowalik regarding the need to replace Unit 1121 and a copy of a draft resolution approving an agreement with Frazier Co./Dallas Dodge Chrysler Jeep for the purchase of an ambulance through the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Program. City Manager Garza further presented a copy of the quote provided by Frazier Co./Dallas Dodge Chrysler Jeep. EMS Director John Kowalik stated that Unit 1121 was experiencing mechanic issues. After some discussion, Councilmember Russell Machann moved to accept the grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the M.G. and Lillie A. Johnson Foundation, Inc. and approve City of Wharton Resolution No. 2013-23, which read as follows:

**CITY OF WHARTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2013-23**

A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WHARTON AND FRAZER CO./DALLAS DODGE CHRYSLER JEEP FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN AMBULANCE THROUGH THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WHARTON TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO SAID PURCHASE.

WHEREAS, the City of Wharton received a quote from Frazer Co./Dallas Dodge Chrysler Jeep for purchase of an ambulance in the amount of \$133,575.00; and

WHEREAS, Frazer Co./Dallas Dodge Chrysler Jeep is a member of the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, the Wharton City Council wishes to approve an agreement with Frazer Co./Dallas Dodge Chrysler Jeep for the purchase of an ambulance through the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Program; and

WHEREAS, the Wharton City Council wishes to authorize the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute any and all documents related to said purchase.

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

- Section I. That the City Council hereby approves an agreement with Frazer Co./Dallas Dodge Chrysler Jeep for the purchase of an ambulance in the amount of \$133,575.00 through the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Program.
- Section II. That the Mayor of the City of Wharton is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents related to said purchase.
- Section III. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

Passed, Approved, and Adopted this 8th day of April 2013.

CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS

By: _____
DONALD MUELLER
Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

PAULA FAVORS
City Secretary

Councilmember Terry David Lynch seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The eighth item on the agenda was to review and consider a Proclamation declaring April 2013 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Wharton, Texas. Mayor Pro-Tem Don Mueller presented a proclamation declaring April 2013 as Fair Housing Month in the City, the proclamation read as follows:

WHEREAS, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination in housing and declares it is a national policy to provide, within constitutional limits, for fair housing in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, The principal of Fair Housing is not only national law and national policy, but a fundamental human concept and entitlement for all Americans; and,

WHEREAS, The forth-fifth anniversary of this National Fair Housing Law, during the month of April, provides an opportunity for all Americans to recognize that complete success in the goal of equal housing opportunity ~~can only be accomplished with the help and cooperation of all Americans.~~

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Donald Mueller, by the authority vested in me as Mayor Pro-Tem of the City of Wharton, Texas, do hereby proclaim April as Fair Housing Month in the City of

City of Wharton
Regular City Council Meeting
April 8, 2013

Wharton and do hereby urge all the citizens of this locality to become aware of and support the Fair Housing Law.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Wharton to be affixed this 8th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand thirteen A.D.

Donald Mueller
Mayor Pro-Tem
City of Wharton

No action was taken.

The ninth item on the agenda was to review and consider City Manager's request for Travel Reimbursement. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented a copy of his request for travel reimbursement for the period of January 1, 2013 through March 31, 2013 in the amount of \$907.32. After some discussion, Councilmember Terry David Lynch moved to approve City Manager Andres Garza, Jr.'s request for travel reimbursement for the period of January 1, 2013 through March 31, 2013 in the amount of \$907.32. Councilmember Karen Schulz seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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

- A. Appointments:
 - 1. Holiday Light Decoration Chairman.
 - 2. Mayor's Committee on People with Disabilities.
 - 3. Wharton Regional Airport Board.
- B. Resignation:
 - 1. Gary Williams – Wharton Regional Airport Board

After some discussion, Councilmember Terry David Lynch moved to accept the resignation of Gary Williams from the Wharton Regional Airport Board. Councilmember Russell Machann seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The eleventh item on the agenda was to review and consider appointments to the City of Wharton Boards and Commission's Reports:

- A. Wharton Regional Airport Board meeting held April 2, 2013.

After some discussion, no action was taken.

City of Wharton
Regular City Council Meeting
April 8, 2013

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS

By: _____
Domingo Montalvo, Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:

Paula Favors
City Secretary