

**MINUTES  
OF  
CITY OF WHARTON  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 20, 2018**

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, Terry Freese, Russell Machann, Don Mueller and Alice Heard-Roberts.

Councilmember absent were: Steven Schneider.

Staff members present were: City Manager Andres Garza, Jr., Finance Director Joan Anandel, City Secretary Paula Favors, Assistant to the City Manager Brandi Jimenez, Community Development Coordinator Gwyn Teves and Finance Accountant London Davis.

Visitors present were: Mary Barnes.

The second item on the agenda was roll call. After some discussion, Councilmember Russell Machann moved to excuse Councilmember Steven Schneider. Councilmember Al Bryant seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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

The fourth item on the agenda was Budget Workshop: the City of Wharton 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget:

- A. Five year Vehicle & Equipment Capital Needs:
  - 1. Code Enforcement Department.
  - 2. Parks & Facilities Department.
  - 3. Airport Department.
  - 4. Fire Department.
  - 5. Emergency Medical Services Department.
  - 6. Emergency Management Department.
  - 7. Police, Animal Control Communications Departments.
  - 8. Municipal Court.
  - 9. Civic Center.
  - 10. Central Services.
- B. Five Year Capital Infrastructure Improvement Program:
  - 1. Transportation Systems.

- A. Streets.
- B. Major Thoroughfares.
- C. Sidewalks.
- 2. Drainage System.
- 3. Flood Reduction Project-Levee.
- 4. Water and Sewer Utility System.

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. and Finance Director Joan Andel presented the City Council the Capital Improvements Projects: Levee Project and Water Well Project. After some discussion, no action was taken.

- C. General Fund.
- D. PEG Fund.
- E. Hotel Motel Fund.
- F. Narcotics Seizure Fund.
- G. Debt Fund.
- H. Capital Improvement Fund.
- I. Water & Sewer Fund.

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. stated the 2018-2019 fiscal year budget included an 8% increase in water and sewer rates.

- J. Solid Waste Fund.
- K. Emergency Medical Services Fund.

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. stated that the Wharton Emergency Medical Services department would request of \$1,457,751 from the Wharton County Emergency Services District No. 3.

- L. Civic Center Fund.
- M. Airport Fund.

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. and Finance Director Joan Andel presented the City of Wharton 2018-2019 fiscal year budget. City Manager Garza stated that it was a balanced budget in the general fund with no tax increase but an increase in utilities rates. Mrs. Andel stated that the proposed budget included a 3% overall pay increase for all City Employees.

After discussing the proposed budget, Councilmember Russell Machann made a motion to use the effective tax rate for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 City of Wharton Budget. Councilmember Don Mueller seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**TIM BARKER**  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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**PAULA FAVORS**  
City Secretary