

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 17, 2023**

Mayor, Tim Barker, declared a Special Meeting duly open for the transaction of business at 6:07 P.M. Councilmember, Russell Machann, led the opening devotion.

Councilmembers present were: Mayor, Tim Barker, and Councilmembers, Terry Freese; Burnell Neal; Don Mueller, and Russell Machann.

Councilmember absent was: Larry Pittman and Steve Schneider.

Staff members present were: City Manager, Joseph R. Pace; Finance Director, Joan Anandel; City Secretary, Paula Favors; Finance Accountant, London Davis; Planning and Development Director, Gwyn Teves; Assistant to the City Manager, Brandi Jimenez; Civic Center Manager, Makyla Monroe, and Building Official, Claudia Velasquez.

Visitors present were: Executive Director of the Wharton Chamber of Commerce, Ron Sanders; Kristi Kocian; James Perez; Linda King; Christine Stransky; Sherry Smith; Barry Hodges, Debbie Folks; Miguel Cantu, and Samantha Counts, with the Women's Crisis Center.

Roll Call and Excused Absences.

After some discussion, Councilmember, Russell Machann, moved to excuse Councilmember, Larry Pittman and Councilmember, Steve Schneider. Councilmember, Don Mueller, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Public Comments. No comments were given.

Wharton Moment. Councilmember, Burnell Neal, thanked the Public Works Department for a job well done on cleaning Milam Street and Outlar Street.

The first item on the agenda City of Wharton 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget:

A. Funding Request:

1. Women's Crisis Center.

Samantha Counts with the Women's Crisis Center made a presentation regarding the services that are provided in the City and requested \$7,000 from the City of Wharton for the Women's Crisis Center. After some discussion, no action was taken.

2. 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 and made the request for \$58,000 from the City of Wharton's Hotel Motel Fund. After some discussion, no action was taken.

3. SPOT.

Christine Stransky with SPOT made a presentation regarding the services the organization provided in the City and requested \$3,000 from the City of Wharton for SPOT. After some discussion, no action was taken.

4. Friends of Wharton Animal Control.

Debbie Folks with Friends of Wharton Animal Control made a presentation regarding the services the organization provided in the City and requested \$12,500 from the City of Wharton for the Friends of Wharton Animal Control. After some discussion, no action was taken.

5. Just Do It Now.

James Perez with Just Do It Now made a presentation regarding the services the organization provided in the City and requested \$25,000 from the City of Wharton for Just Do it Now. After some discussion, no action was taken.

B. Five-year Vehicle & Equipment Capital Needs:

1. Code Enforcement Department.
2. Airport Department.
3. Fire Department.
4. Emergency Medical Services Department.
5. Emergency Management Department.
6. Police, Animal Control & Communications Departments.
7. Municipal Court.
8. City Secretary.
9. Civic Center.
10. Community Development.

Finance Director, Joan Andel, stated each Department Head had presented their five-year Capital needs requests for the City of Wharton. Finance Accountant, London Davis, made the presentations.

C. Five-Year Capital Infrastructure Improvement Program:

1. Transportation Systems.
 - A. Streets.
 - B. Major Thoroughfares.

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C. Sidewalks.

2. Drainage System.
3. Flood Reduction Project-Levee.
4. Water and Sewer Utility System.
5. Garage.
6. Parks & Facilities Department.

- D. General Fund.
- E. PEG Fund.
- F. Hotel Motel Fund.
- G. Narcotics Seizure Fund.
- H. Debt Fund.
- I. Capital Improvement Fund.
- J. Water & Sewer Fund.
- K. Solid Waste Fund.
- L. Emergency Medical Services Fund.
- M. Civic Center Fund.
- N. Airport Fund.

Finance Director Joan Andel presented information regarding the proposed 2023-2024 fiscal year budget. Finance Director Joan Andel presented the needs of the departments. Mrs. Andel said the City Staff would review the requests and by the next budget workshop present a possible draft budget that would be presented. After some discussion, no action was taken.

Adjournment.

There being no further discussion, Councilmember, Don Mueller, moved to adjourn. Councilmember, Russell Machann, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS

By: 
TIM BARKER
Mayor

ATTEST:


PAULA FAVORS
City Secretary

