

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2022**

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, Terry Freese; Clifford Jackson; Don Mueller; Larry Pittman and Steve Schneider.

Councilmember absent were: Russell Machann.

Staff members present were: City Manager Joseph R. Pace; Finance Director, Joan Anzel, City Secretary, Paula Favors, Assistant to the City Manager, Brandi Jimenez, Director of Planning and Development, Gwyn Teves and Finance Accountant, London Davis.

Visitors present were: Wharton Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Ron Sanders and Joe Southern with the Wharton Journal Spectator.

Roll Call and Excused Absences.

After some discussion, Councilmember, Don Mueller, moved to excuse Councilmember, Russell Machann. Councilmember, Clifford Jackson, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Public Comments.

Mayor, Tim Barker, called for Public Comments. No comments were made.

Wharton Moment.

Director of Planning and Development, Gwyn Teves, stated the La Delle housing addition had a ribbon cutting and the homes were ready for buyers!

The first item on the agenda was Budget Workshop: the City of Wharton 2022-2023 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. City Secretary

10. Civic Center.
11. Community Development.
12. 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.

Finance Director, Joan Anandel and Finance Accountant, London Davis, presented the City Council the Capital Improvements Projects. After some discussion, no action was taken.

- C. General Fund.
- D. PEG Fund.
- E. Hotel Motel Fund.

Finance Director, Joan Anandel, stated allocated from the Hotel Motel Fund, would be \$52,000 to the Wharton Chamber of Commerce.

- F. Narcotics Seizure Fund.
- G. Debt Fund.
- H. Capital Improvement Fund.
- I. Water & Sewer Fund.

Finance Director, Joan Anandel, stated the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget would include a 10% increase in water and sewer rates and a 5% increase in solid waste rates.

- J. Solid Waste Fund.
- K. Emergency Medical Services Fund.
- L. Civic Center Fund.
- M. Airport Fund.

Finance Director, Joan Anandel, and Finance Accountant, London Davis, presented the City of Wharton 2022-2023 fiscal year budget. Finance Director Anandel stated that the tax rate used was the voter approval rate. Mrs. Anandel stated that the proposed budget included a pay increase for City Employees and benefits would remain the same as the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget. After some discussion, Councilmember, Clifford Jackson, moved to approve using the voter approval tax rate of \$0.41761 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year budget. Councilmember, Larry Pittman, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Adjournment.

There being no further discussion, Councilmember, Clifford Jackson, moved to adjourn. Councilmember, Larry Pittman, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS

By: *Tim Barker*
TIM BARKER
Mayor

ATTEST:

Paula Favors
PAULA FAVORS
City Secretary

