

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 5, 2024**

Mayor, Tim Barker, declared a Special Meeting duly open for the transaction of business at 6:00 P.M. Councilmember, Russell Machann, led the opening devotion, and Mayor, Tim Barker, led the pledge of allegiance.

Councilmembers present were: Mayor, Tim Barker and Councilmembers, Terry Freese; Russell Machann; Larry Pittman; Steve Schneider, and David Voulgaris.

Councilmembers absent were: Burnell Neal.

Staff members present were: Finance Director, Joan Andel; Assistant City Manager/City Secretary, Paula Favors; Assistant to the City Manager, Brandi Jimenez; Director of Planning and Development, Gwyn Teves, Finance Accountant, London Davis, Police Chief, Terry David Lynch, Building Official, Claudia Velasquez, and EMS Director, Christy Gonzales.

Visitors present were: Gary Bonewald.

Roll Call and Excused Absences.

After some discussion, Councilmember, Russell Machann, moved to excuse Councilmember, Burnell Neal. Councilmember, David Voulgaris, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Public Comments.

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

Wharton Moment.

The first item on the agenda was Budget Workshop: the City of Wharton 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget:

A. Funding Request:

1. Women's Crisis Center.
2. Wharton Chamber of Commerce.
3. SPOT.
4. Friends of Wharton Animal Control.
5. Just Do It Now.

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.

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

Finance Director, Joan Anandel, stated the 2024-2025 fiscal year budget would include a 10% increase in water and sewer rates and no increase in solid waste rates. Mrs. Anandel stated the current year's budget was very tight and there was a deficit in the General Fund of the proposed budget of \$634,934 that would have to be rectified before the next time that it would be presented to the City Council.


Finance Director, Joan Anandel, and Finance Accountant, London Davis, presented the City of Wharton 2024-2025 fiscal year budget. Mrs. Anandel stated the budget would be presented at a future meeting for possible City Council approval. After some discussion, no action was taken.

Adjournment.

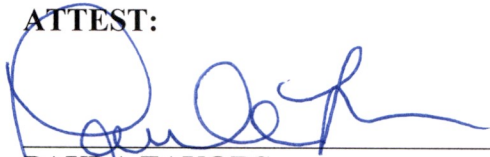
There being no further discussion, Councilmember, David Voulgaris, moved to adjourn. Councilmember, Russell Machann, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS

By: 
TIM BARKER
Mayor

ATTEST:


PAULA FAVORS
City Secretary

