

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 15, 2024**

Mayor Tim Barker declared a Special Meeting duly open for the transaction of business at 6:00 P.M. Councilmember, Burnell Neal, led the opening devotion.

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

Councilmember absent was: David Voulgaris.

Staff members present were: City Manager, Joseph R. Pace; Finance Director, Joan Anel; Assistant City Manager, Paula Favors, TRMC, CPM, MMC, IPMA-CP; Assistant to the City Manager, Brandi Jimenez; Director of Planning and Development, Gwyn Teves; Finance Accountant, London Davis; Building Official, Claudia Velasquez; EMS Director, Christy Gonzales, and Fire Maintenance Supervisor, Paul Fonseca.

Visitors present were: Kristi Kocian; Linda King; Kathy Alexander; Christine Stransky; Barry Hodges; Sherry Smith; Teri Mathis; Debbie Folks; James Perez; Executive Director of the Wharton Chamber of Commerce, Karen Smith, and Samantha Counts with the Crisis Center.

Roll Call and Excused Absences. After some discussion, Councilmember, Russell Machann, moved to excuse Councilmember, David Voulgaris. Councilmember, Terry Freese, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Public Comments. No comments were given.

Wharton Moment.

Mayor, Tim Barker, called for the Wharton Moment. Councilmember, Russell Machann, thanked the City Staff for their hard work during and after Hurricane Beryl. Mrs. Linda King thanked the City never losing water or sewer services during the hurricane and the week after when most did not have electricity.

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

A. Funding Request:

1. Women's Crisis Center.

Samantha Counts with the 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 Crisis Center. After some discussion, no action was taken.

2. Wharton Chamber of Commerce.

Kristi Kocian, Wharton Chamber of Commerce Board Chair, 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 being provided by SPOT and made the request for \$3,000. 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 being provided by Friends of Wharton Animal Control and made the request for \$15,000. 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 provided by Just Do It Now and made a request for \$25,000. 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 Anandel, stated each Department Head had presented their five-year Capital Needs requests for the City of Wharton.

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 Account, London Davis, presented information regarding the proposed 2024-2025 fiscal year budget. Finance Director, Joan Anandel, presented the needs of the departments. She said the City Staff would review the requests and by the next budget workshop present a draft budget that would be balanced. After some discussion, no action was taken.

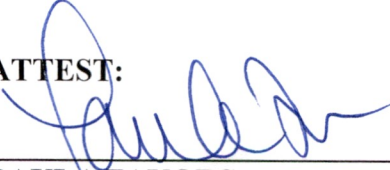
Adjournment.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS

By: 
TIM BARKER
Mayor

ATTEST:

PAULA FAVORS
City Secretary

