

**MINUTES  
OF  
CITY OF WHARTON  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 18, 2022**

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.

Councilmembers present were: Mayor, Tim Barker, and Councilmembers, Clifford Jackson; Larry Pittman; Russell Machann and Steve Schneider.

Councilmember absent was: Don Mueller and Terry Freese.

Staff members present were: City Manager, Joseph R. Pace; Finance Director, Joan Anel; City Secretary, Paula Favors; Finance Accountant, London Davis and Crime Victim's Officer, Courtney Bobbitt.

Visitors present were: Chat Faucett; Brittany Matthews; Executive Director of the Wharton Chamber of Commerce, Ron Sanders; Samantha Counts; Christine Stransky; Sherry Smith; Barry Hodges and Brittney Nelson with the Children's Advocacy Center.

**Roll Call and Excused Absences.**

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

**Public Comments.** No comments were given.

**Wharton Moment.** No comments were given.

The first item on the agenda City of Wharton 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget:

A. Funding Request:

1. Women's Crisis Center.

Samantha Counts and Brittney Matthews 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. Friends of Wharton Animal Control.

Barry Hodges with Friends of Wharton Animal Control made a presentation regarding the services the organization provided in the City and requested \$10,000 from the City of

Wharton for the Friends of Wharton Animal Control. 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. 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 \$52,000 from the City of Wharton's Hotel Motel Fund. After some discussion, no action was taken.

B. 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.

Finance Director, Joan Anzel, 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.
    - C. Sidewalks.
  2. Drainage System.
  3. Flood Reduction Project-Levee.
  4. Water and Sewer Utility System.
- D. General Fund.  
E. PEG Fund.  
F. Hotel Motel Fund.

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- G. 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 2022-2023 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 draft budget that would be balanced. After some discussion, no action taken.

**Adjournment.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

**CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS**

By:   
**TIM BARKER**  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
**PAULA FAVORS**  
City Secretary

