

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 7, 2010**

Mayor Domingo Montalvo, Jr. declared a Special Meeting duly open for the transaction of business at 5:31 p.m. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. led the opening devotion and then Mayor Montalvo led the pledge of allegiance.

Councilmember's present were: Mayor Domingo Montalvo, Jr., Councilmembers, Lewis Fortenberry, Jr., Terry David Lynch, Don Mueller, Bryce D. Kocian, and Jeff Gubbels.

Councilmember absent was: V. L. Wiley, Jr.

Staff members present were: City Manager Andres Garza, Jr., Finance Director Joyce Vasut, City Secretary Lisa Olmeda, Building Official Ronnie Bollom, and Police Chief Tim Guin.

Visitors present were: None.

The second item on the agenda was Roll Call and Excused Absences. Councilmember Terry David Lynch made a motion to excuse the absence of Councilmember V. L. Wiley, Jr. from the special City Council meeting held on June 7, 2010. Councilmember Don Mueller seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The third item on the agenda was Public Comments. No comments were given. No action was taken.

The fourth item on the agenda was to review and consider emergency repairs to air conditioning system at Wharton Police Department/Municipal Court located at 1407 N. Richmond Road, Wharton. Police Chief Tim Guin stated that on Monday, May 31, 2010, the compressor in the outside water chiller in the old part of the Wharton Police Department went out. He said that the existing unit was in excess of 25 years old. He said that after evaluating the situation, it was determined that it would not be economically feasible to repair the unit. He said in the meantime, a rental chiller unit was delivered and setup. He said that Eldridge Air Conditioning had located two units (Trane and Carrier) that could be used to replace the existing unit. He said that the preliminary cost estimate was \$30,000 to \$40,000.

He said that the energy efficiency consultant was contacted who advised the City Staff that the two units were very similar; however, the Trane was marginally more efficient. He said that the consultant also advised that the control board needed to have some interface capabilities to a Direct Digital Control (DDC) so that eventually the chiller could be controlled by a DDC system. He said that he spoke to a repair technician who stated that he had encountered many more problems with Carrier units and that the Trane units were better built.

He said that the energy efficiency consultant recommended that the City purchase a new water chiller, preferably the Trane unit with interface capabilities. He said that the air handler inside the building could still be used and would be addressed during the energy efficiency audit.

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented the two proposals received, which included the cost of the chiller and installation costs:

Carrier Chiller – Model #30RAP035 \$29,500

Trane Chiller – Model #CGAM035F2 \$34,725

He stated that the City Staff was seeking authorization to purchase the chiller unit as an emergency purchase. He said that since this would be considered a capital expenditure, the City Staff was looking into including the cost of the chiller in the Tax Anticipation Notes that were currently being considered for the Fire Station expansion. Councilmember Don Mueller asked about the warranty on the unit. Chief Guin stated that the warranty was a five-year sliding warranty. Councilmember Bryce D. Kocian asked about freight charges. Chief Guin stated that he was unsure of the freight charges.

After some discussion, Councilmember Don Mueller made a motion to approve the emergency repairs to air conditioning system at Wharton Police Department/Municipal Court located at 1407 N. Richmond Road, Wharton and to purchase the Trane chiller unit in the amount of \$34,725. Councilmember Lewis Fortenberry, Jr. seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Councilmember Lewis Fortenberry, Jr. made a motion to approve the purchase through tax anticipation notes. Councilmember Jeff Gubbels seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The fifth item on the agenda was adjournment. After some discussion, Councilmember Don Mueller made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Lewis Fortenberry, Jr. seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS

By: 
DOMINGO MONTALVO, JR.
Mayor

ATTEST:


LISA OLMEDA
City Secretary

