

**MINUTES  
OF  
CITY OF WHARTON  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 14, 2012**

Mayor Domingo Montalvo, Jr. declared a Special Meeting duly open for the transaction of business at 6:00 P.M.

Councilmembers present were: Mayor Domingo Montalvo, Jr., and Councilmembers Al Bryant, Jeff Gubbels, Don Mueller, Karen Schulz and Russell Machann.

Councilmember absent was: Councilmember Terry David Lynch.

Staff members present were: City Manager Andres Garza, Jr., Finance Director Joan Andel, and City Secretary Paula Favors.

Visitors present were: Wharton Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Ron Sanders.

The second item on the agenda was roll call and excused absences. After some discussion, Councilmember Don Mueller moved to excuse Councilmember Terry David Lynch. Councilmember Jeff Gubbels seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The third item on the agenda was Budget Workshop: City of Wharton 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Budget:

- A. General Fund.
- B. Hotel Motel Fund.
- C. Narcotics Seizure Fund.
- D. Debt Fund.
- E. Capital Improvement Fund.
- F. Water & Sewer Fund.
- G. Solid Waste Fund.
- H. Emergency Medical Services Fund.
- I. Civic Center Fund.
- J. Airport Fund.

Finance Director Joan Andel and City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented the City Council Finance information for the proposed 2012-2013 fiscal year budget. City Manager Garza stated the amounts in the revenue and expenditures had been adjusted up or down because of additional information the City had received since the final certified property tax roll, which included the adjustments to the industrial district payment. He said that the effective tax rate would be set at approximately \$0.45 per hundred. He told the City Council that the adjustments to the expenditures and revenues in the general fund had resulted in a balanced budget. He also stated that due to the needed capital improvements to Waste Water Treatment Plant No. 1, the City Staff was recommending a 5% increase in rates beginning

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October 1, 2012 and a 5 % increase during the next budget year to pay for the necessary long term debt that may be issued next year.

Finance Director Joan Andel then presented the individual fund balances. She detailed the reduction in expenditures from the last budget workshop. She then presented the water and sewer rate increase analysis that compared the City of Wharton rates to some surrounding cities. She stated that the water and sewer rates would need to be adopted at the August 27, 2012 City Council meeting in order for the rates to be effective October 1, 2012.

After discussing the budget, no action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

**CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**DOMINGO MONTALVO, JR.**  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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**PAULA FAVORS**  
City Secretary