

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 9, 2013**

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, Terry David Lynch, Don Mueller, Karen Schulz and Russell Machann.

Councilmember absent was: Councilmember Jeff Gubbels.

Staff members present were: City Manager Andres Garza, Jr., Finance Director Joan Andel, Fire Chief Anthony Abbott, EMS Director John Kowalik, Police Chief Tim Guin, Public Works Director Carter Miska, P.E., Administrative Assistant Emily Bergstrom, and City Secretary Paula Favors.

Visitors present were: None.

The third item discussed on the agenda was Employee Benefits:

- A. Employee Health Insurance
- B. Compensation

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. stated that the City Staff had been working with the Texas Municipal League – Intergovernmental Employee Benefits Pool (TML-IEBP) for the rates for next fiscal year. Finance Director Joan Andel stated the implementation of the Affordable Protection Plan Act (APPA – ObamaCare) had been scheduled for the 2014 calendar year, however the City was informed that the Employer Provisions implementation might be delayed until 2015. Mrs. Andel stated the City loss ratio had increased drastically in the past and current year. She then presented the insurance options that were as follows:

New Plan Options

Option 1	Option 2	Option3
0.33% Increase	5.07% Increase	9.26% Increase
P75-300-25-MAC A	P85-250-30-MAC A	P85-200-25-MAC A
70/50 Full PPO	80/50 Full PPO	80/50 Full PPO
\$3,000 In Ded	\$2,500 In Ded	\$2,000 In Ded
\$3,250 Out Ded	\$2,750 Out Ded	\$2,250 Out Ded
\$2,500 In OOP	\$3,000 In OOP	\$2,500 In OOP
EE \$667.92	\$699.42	\$727.34

Spouse \$931.38	\$975.30	\$1,014.26
Child \$503.60	\$527.34	\$548.40
Family \$1,568.42	\$1,642.42	\$1,708.00

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. stated that the City Staff was recommending option #3 with an increase to the employee flex plan of an additional \$250 a year. He said that the current plan would increase contribution by \$120,000 a year, however, option #3 would increase the deductible by \$500 and the out of pocket by \$500. He said that option #3 plan would increase contribution by \$65,832 and with a \$250 increase to the employee flex plan the total increase would be \$88,082. After some discussion, Councilmember Al Bryant moved to approve option #3 with the Texas Municipal League – Intergovernmental Employee benefits Pool (TML-IEBP) and increase the flex contribution to the employee from \$500 to \$750. Councilmember Don Mueller seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The forth item on the agenda Budget Workshop: City of Wharton 2013-2014 Fiscal Year Budget:

- A. PEG 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, City of Wharton, Fire Chief Anthony Abbott, EMS Director John Kowalik, Police Chief Tim Guin, and City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented information regarding the proposed 2013-2014 fiscal year budget as follows:

1. Police Chief Tim Guin presented the proposed position of Corporal. Chief Guin stated that the proposed position would not increase personnel but promote current officers. He also requested instituting on-call pay for detectives.
2. EMS Director John Kowalik presented the proposed addition of fourth shift to the department. Mr. Kowalik stated the increase would be three paramedics and 3 EMT's.
3. Fire Chief Anthony Abbott presented to the Council a request to purchase a ladder truck. Chief Abbott requested \$25,817 from the City of Wharton for the next six years for the purchase.

The fifth item discussed on the agenda was the 2013 Proposed Infrastructure Bond Issue. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. discussed the 2013 Proposed Infrastructure Bond Issue. Public Works Director Carter Miska, P.E. presented information on the 2013 proposed Infrastructure Bond Issue. Mr. Miska presented a cost estimates for needed improvements to the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 1 (Clarifier) and other improvements. After some discussion, no action taken.

After discussing the budget, no action was taken.

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The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS

By: _____
DOMINGO MONTALVO, JR.
Mayor

ATTEST:

PAULA FAVORS
City Secretary