

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 15, 2014**

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, Tim Barker, Don Mueller and Russell Machann.

Councilmember absent was: Councilmember Jeff Gubbels and Steven Schneider.

Staff members present were: City Manager Andres Garza, Jr., Finance Director Joan Andel, Assistant to City Manager Brandi Jimenez, Fire Chief Anthony Abbott, EMS Director John Kowalik, Police Chief Terry David Lynch, Public Works Director Kyle Marchant, P.E., Building Official Ronnie Bollom, Facilities Maintenance Director Bob Baker and City Secretary Paula Favors.

Visitors present were: Ron Sanders, Executive Director of the Wharton Chamber of Commerce, Christine Stransky with Wharton S.P.O.T., Eugene Davis, Executive Director of The Crisis Center and Makayla Monroe.

The second item on the agenda was roll call. Councilmember Don Mueller moved to excuse Councilmember Jeff Gubbels, Russell Machann and Councilmember Steve Schneider. Councilmember Al Bryant seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The third item on the agenda was Requests for Funding:

A. Crisis Center

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented a letter from Mr. Eugene Davis, Executive Director of The Crisis Center, requesting assistance from the City of Wharton in the amount of \$5,000. Mr. Davis stated the additional assistance from the City of Wharton would assist in covering costs that were not covered by grants or other funding sources and the previous years funding assisted over 350 clients. He thanked the City Council for past support and requested support for the following year.

B. SPOT

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented a request from Wharton S.P.O.T. for assistance with the programs spay and neuter program. Mrs. Christine Stransky with Wharton S.P.O.T. presented to the City Council a request of \$3,000 in funding for the Spay and Neuter Program (S.N.A.P.) which was \$500 more than the previous year. Mrs. Stransky stated that Wharton SPOT would match the funding to provide the mobile SNAP unit to assist residents who qualify with free spay and neutering services for their animals.

C. Wharton Chamber of Commerce

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented a request from the Wharton Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Ron Sanders, Executive Director of the Wharton Chamber of Commerce, requested assistance from the City.

The fourth item on the agenda was the Budget Workshop for: City of Wharton 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Budget:

- A. Terry Lynch- Police Department, Communications, Emergency Management, Animal Control, Seizure.
- B. John Kowalik- EMS
- C. Kyle Marchant-Streets, Water/Sewer,
- D. Bob Baker- Facilities Maintenance Department, Pool, Recreation
- E. David Allen- Airport
- F. Ronnie Bollom- Code Enforcement Department
- G. Anthony Abbott- Fire Department
- H. Paula Favors-City Secretary, Municipal Court
- I. Joan Andel- Finance, Legal Central Service, Capital Outlay, Civic Center, Solid Waste
- J. Andres Garza Jr.- Mayor and City Council, City Manager's Department
- K. Public- Education-Government (PEG) Fund
- L. Hotel Motel Fund
- M. Debt Service Fund
- N. Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fund

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. and Finance Director Joan Andel presented the City of Wharton 2014-2015 fiscal year budget. City Manager Garza stated that the budget numbers being presented were Department requests. He said it would give the City Councilmembers a view of what departments were requesting. He said the City Staff would review and by the next budget workshop present a draft budget that would be balanced. He said that a salary increase for City employees was also being looked at in the proposed budget.

After discussing the proposed budget, no action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS

By: _____
DOMINGO MONTALVO, JR.
Mayor

ATTEST:

PAULA FAVORS
City Secretary