

AGENDA
CITY OF WHARTON
Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2017
City Hall - 7:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order – Opening Devotion – Pledge of Allegiance.**
2. **Roll Call and Excused Absences.**
3. **Public Comments.**
4. **Wharton Moment.**
5. **Review & Consider:** Reading of the minutes from the regular meeting held December 12, 2016 and special meeting held December 20, 2016.
6. **Review & Consider:** City of Wharton Financial Report for November 2016.
7. **Review & Consider:** Request by Mr. Paul Kearney, Event Coordinator for Wharton County Juneteenth Festival, for City Council consideration to approve the following:
 - A. Authorization to hold the 7th Annual Juneteenth Festival on Saturday, June 17, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. through 12:00 midnight in the downtown square area.
 - B. City of Wharton assistance by providing hotel/motel funding for the required security.
 - C. City of Wharton assistance in coordinating with Waste Corporation of America for solid waste disposal receptacles and additional debris collection.
 - D. Waiver of the fees associated with the Temporary Permit for the consumption and possession of Alcoholic Beverages.
 - E. City Council authorization to close portions of Houston and Fulton Street from Milam to Burleson Street from 5:00 p.m. on Friday, June 16th through 12:00 Midnight, Saturday, June 17th, 2017 and the section of Houston Street from Burleson Street to Elm Street on Saturday, June 17, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. through 11:30 p.m. and Burleson Street (Highway 60) in accordance with the Traffic Control Plan and to provide all necessary barricades.

- F. **Ordinance:** An ordinance approving the traffic control plan for the James Simmons, Jr. 7th Annual Juneteenth Festival, authorizing the Police Department to redirect traffic and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute the Texas Department of Transportation Agreement for the Temporary Closure of State Right of Way.
- G. Use of the City of Wharton stage and City personnel to assemble and dismantle the stage at no cost.
8. **Review & Consider:** Request from TNT Western Wear for a variance for the installation of a changeable electronic message sign.
9. **Review & Consider:** **Ordinance:** An ordinance approving an amendment to the City of Wharton Budget October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016.
10. **Review & Consider:** **Resolution:** A resolution of the Wharton City Council approving the re-submittal to the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for four (4) grant applications for funding as follows:
1. Sewer Infrastructure Mitigation
 2. Warning System-Siren Mitigation
 3. Residential Mitigation
 4. Integrated Flood Protection System
- and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents relating to said grants.
11. **Review & Consider:** Request from Pastor Janice Blair to address the Council regarding the following:
- A. Affirmation: To all residents, especially to those on the Westside. “When injustice becomes law; then resistance becomes our duty.” One of the founding Fathers.
 - B. The seminar that we attended sponsored by the USDA. On November 30, 2016.
 - C. Wharton are the immediate short term goals for the Westside in case of another flood in 2017.
 - D. Has any options been considered of immediate measures that can be put in place NOW by the City of Wharton in case the grant is not approved in case of another flood.
 - E. How many times do we ask residents to start over.

F. Even if we receive the grant that Laurie has put in for, she said this could take (six Months) or more; What are the immediate measures in the meantime. With a new year upon us, let's reflect on solution not options.

G. The potential risk of putting the residents at risk again if action is not taken NOW.

12. Review & Consider: Request from Ms. Mary Barnes to talk and get answers concerning the residents of the flood.

13. Review & Consider: Appointments to the City of Wharton Boards, Commissions and Committees:

A. Building Standards Commission.

B. Plumbing and Mechanical Board.

14. Review & Consider: City Council Boards, Committees and Commissions reports:

A. Beautification Commission meeting held on December 14, 2016.

B. Mayor's Committee on People with Disabilities Committee meeting held December 21, 2016.

C. Airport Board meeting held on January 3, 2017.

15. Review & Consider: City Manager's Reports.

A. City Secretary/Personnel.

B. Code Enforcement.

C. Community Services Department / Civic Center.

D. Emergency Management.

E. E.M.S. Department.

F. Facilities Maintenance Department / Wharton Municipal Pool.

G. Fire Department.

H. Fire Inspector.

I. Legal Department.

J. Municipal Court.

K. Police Department.

L. Public Works Department.

M. Water / Sewer Department.

N. Weedy Lots / Sign Ordinance.

O. Wharton Regional Airport.

16. Adjournment.