

**MINUTES  
OF  
CITY OF WHARTON  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 16, 2017**

Mayor Tim Barker declared a Special Meeting duly open for the transaction of business at 6:00 P.M.

Councilmembers present were: Mayor Tim Barker and Councilmembers Al Bryant, Terry Freese, Russell Machann, Don Mueller and Steven Schneider.

Councilmember absent were: None.

Staff members present were: City Manager Andres Garza, Jr., Finance Director Joan Anandel, City Secretary Paula Favors, Assistant to the City Manager Brandi Jimenez, Community Development Coordinator Gwyn Teves and Finance Accountant London Davis.

Visitors present were: None.

The second item on the agenda was roll call. All members were present.

The third item on the agenda was Public Comments. No comments were made.

The forth item on the agenda was Budget Workshop: the City of Wharton 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget:

A. Five Year Vehicle & Equipment Capital Needs:

1. Police, Emergency Management, Communications Department.
2. Fire Department.
3. Emergency Medical Services Department.
4. Parks & Facilities Department.
5. Airport Department.
6. Municipal Court.
7. Civic Center.

B. Five Year Capital Infrastructure Improvement Program:

1. Transportation Systems.
  - A. Streets.
  - B. Major Thoroughfares.
  - C. Sidewalks.
2. Drainage System.

- 3. Flood Reduction Project – Levee.
- 4. Water and Sewer Utility System.

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. and Finance Director Joan Anandel presented the City Council the Capital Improvements Projects: the FM 1301 Extension and railroad overpass project, Levee Project and Water Well Project. After some discussion, no action was taken.

- C. General Fund.
- D. PEG Fund.
- E. Hotel Motel Fund.
- F. Narcotics Seizure Fund.
- G. Debt Fund.
- H. Capital Improvement Fund.
- I. Water & Sewer Fund.

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. stated the 2017-2018 fiscal year budget included an 8% increase in water and sewer rates.

- J. Solid Waste Fund.
- K. Emergency Medical Services Fund.

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. stated that the Wharton Emergency Medical Services department would request of \$1,457,751 from the Wharton County Emergency Services District No. 3.

- I. Civic Center Fund.
- M. Airport Fund.

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. and Finance Director Joan Anandel presented the City of Wharton 2017-2018 fiscal year budget. City Manager Garza stated that it was a balanced budget in the general fund with no tax increase but an increase in utilities rates. Mrs. Anandel stated that the proposed budget included a 3% overall pay increase for all City Employees.

After discussing the proposed budget, no action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

**CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**TIM BARKER**  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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**PAULA FAVORS**  
City Secretary