

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 7, 2017**

Mayor Tim Barker declared a Special Meeting duly open for the transaction of business at 12:00 P.M.

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

Councilmember absent were: Al Bryant and Steven Schneider.

Staff members present were: City Manager Andres Garza, Jr., Finance Director Joan Andel, City Secretary Paula Favors, Assistant to the City Manager Brandi Jimenez, Community Development Coordinator Gwyn Teves and Emergency Management Coordinator Steve Johnson.

Visitors present were: None.

The second item on the agenda was roll call. After some discussion, Councilmember Russell Machann moved to excuse Councilmember Al Bryant and Councilmember Steven Schneider. Councilmember Terry Freese seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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

The fourth item on the agenda was Wharton Moment. No comments were made.

The fifth item on the agenda was to review and consider engaging services for debris removal. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. stated that the City needed to engage services for debris removal. City Manager Garza said that due to the debris from flooding caused by Hurricane Harvey it was an immediate need for the health and safety of residents to begin the removal process. He said the City had begun the bidding process to solicit services for debris removal as well. However, the City was engaging the services of Ceres Inc. which was a contractor it had engaged previously through an existing contract. After some discussion, Councilmember Don Mueller moved to approve engaging the services for debris removal with Ceres Inc. and declaring it an eminent threat to public health and safety of all citizens. Councilmember Russell Machann seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The sixth item on the agenda was to review and consider engaging services for debris removal monitoring. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. stated that the City was in need of debris removal monitoring and was engaging the services of Tetra Tech Monitoring Service through an existing contract. He said the City was also soliciting proposals to comply with FEMA guidelines. After some discussion, Councilmember Russell Machann moved to approve the engaging of Tetra Tech services for debris removal monitoring. Councilmember Don Mueller seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The seventh item on the agenda was to review and consider engaging services for assessment of damages and application for City owned property. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. stated that the City was in need of engaging of services for assessment of damages and application for City owned property. After some discussion, Councilmember Don Mueller moved to approve engaging of services for assessment of damages and application for City owned property. Councilmember Terry Freese seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The eighth item on the agenda was adjournment. There being no further discussion, Councilmember Don Mueller moved to adjourn. Councilmember Terry Freese seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS

By: _____
TIM BARKER
Mayor

ATTEST:

PAULA FAVORS
City Secretary