

**MINUTES  
OF  
CITY OF WHARTON  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 16, 2018**

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, Don Mueller, Steven Schneider and Alice Heard-Roberts.

Councilmembers absent were: Terry Freese and Russell Machann.

Staff members present were: City Manager Andres Garza, Jr., Finance Director Joan Anandel, Assistant to City Manager Brandi Jimenez, EMS Director John Kowalik, Public Works Director Wade Wendt, Community Development Coordinator Gwyn Teves, Finance Account London Davis, Civic Center Manager Makyla Monroe, Facilities Maintenance Director Bob Baker, Airport Manager David Allen, Building Official Ronnie Bollom, Emergency Management Coordinator Steve Johnson, Police Chief Terry David Lynch, Intern Garrison Ruthledge and City Secretary Paula Favors.

Visitors present were: Christine Stransky with Wharton County S.P.O.T., Wharton Economic Development Executive Director Chad Odom, II, Albert Villegas with the Wharton Journal Spectator, Kristina Butler with the Wharton Youth Soccer League, Wharton Independent School District Superintendent Tina Herrington, Eugene Davis with the Women's Crisis Center and Wharton Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Ron Sanders.

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

The third item on the agenda was Public Comments. Wharton Independent School District Superintendent Tina Herrington thanked the City Council for their hard work with the daunting task of the budget process and thanked them for their partnership with the school district for the hurricane shelter for the community in which a grant application was submitted to the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM).

The fourth item on the agenda was to review and consider the Wharton Economic Development Corporation Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Annual Budget. WEDCO Executive Director Chad Odom presented the Wharton Economic Development Corporation Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Annual Budget. Mr. Odom stated the request included an increase from \$2,000 to \$4,000 for additional marketing. After some discussion, Councilmember Steve Schneider moved to approve the Wharton Economic Development

Corporation Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Annual Budget. Councilmember Al Bryant seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The fifth item on the agenda was Budget Workshop:

City of Wharton 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget:

A. Funding Request:

1. Women’s Crisis Center.

Mr. Eugene Davis with the Crisis Center made a presentation regarding the services that are provided in the City and requested \$5,000 from the City of Wharton for the Crisis Center. After some discussion, Councilmember Don Mueller moved to approve the request for funding of \$5,000 for the Women’s Crisis Center for the City of Wharton 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget. Councilmember Al Bryant seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

2. Wharton Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Ron Sanders, Executive Director of the Wharton Chamber of Commerce, made a presentation regarding the services being provided by the Chamber of Commerce to the City and made the request for \$58,000 from the City of Wharton’s Hotel Motel Fund, which he stated was the same as the previous year. After some discussion, Councilmember Al Bryant moved to approve the request for funding of \$58,000 for the Wharton Chamber of Commerce in the City of Wharton 2018-2019 Hotel/Motel Fund Fiscal Year Budget. Councilmember Alice Heard-Roberts seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

3. S.P.O.T. Wharton County.

Christine Stransky of Wharton S.P.O.T. made a presentation regarding the services provided by S.P.O.T. to the citizens. She then requested \$3,000 from the City of Wharton for the program. After some discussion, Councilmember Alice Heard-Roberts moved to approve the funding request from Wharton S.P.O.T. in the amount of \$3,000 for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget. Councilmember Don Mueller seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

4. Wharton Youth Soccer League.

Kristina Butler with the Wharton Youth Soccer League made a presentation regarding the Youth Soccer League and requested funding from the City of Wharton to purchase a fourth set of goals for the League. After some discussion, Councilmember Al Bryant moved to approve the \$3,240.00 request for funding from the Wharton Economic Development Corporation (WEDCo) Park Improvement funds to the Wharton Youth Soccer League for the City of Wharton 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget. Councilmember Steve Schneider seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

C. 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.
  - D. General Fund.
  - E. PEG Fund.
  - F. Hotel Motel Fund.
  - G. Narcotics Seizure Fund.
  - H. Debt Fund.
  - I. Capital Improvement Fund.
  - J. Water & Sewer Fund.
  - K. Solid Waste Fund.
  - L. Emergency Medical Services Fund.
  - M. Civic Center Fund.
  - N. Airport Fund.

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. told the City Council that the included department heads would make their presentations on the amounts they submitted for funding. Building Official Ronnie Bollom, Facilities Maintenance Director Bob Baker, City Secretary Paula Favors, Police Chief Terry David Lynch, Finance Director Joan Andel, City Manager Andres Garza, Jr., Civic Center Manager Makyla Monroe, Airport Manager David Allen, Community Development Coordinator Gwyn Teves, EMS Director John Kowalik, Emergency Management Coordinator Steve Johnson and Public Works Director Wade Wendt presented the duties and responsibilities of their departments to the City Council. After their presentation City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. stated that Finance Director Joan Andel and he would review the Department Head's requests and develop the City of Wharton 2018-2019 proposed fiscal year budget. He said the presentations would give the City Councilmembers a view of what departments responsibilities were and what their future needs were. He said the City Staff would review and by the next budget workshop present a draft budget that would be balanced.

Councilmember Don Mueller departed from meeting at 8:01 p.m.

After discussing the proposed budget, no action was taken.

The fifth item on the agenda was adjournment. Councilmember Steve Schneider moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Councilmember Al Bryant seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS**

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

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**ATTEST:**

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**PAULA FAVORS**  
City Secretary