

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
City Hall, 120 East Caney Street, Wharton, Texas
Monday, September 13, 2021 5:30 p.m.**

City Manager, Joseph R. Pace, declared a meeting of the City Council Public Works Committee duly open for the transaction of business at 5:30 p.m.

Committee Members present: Councilmember, Terry Freese and Councilmember, Clifford Jackson.

Committee Member absent: Councilmember, Don Mueller.

Staff Members present: City Manager, Joseph R. Pace; Assistant to the City Manager, Brandi Jimenez; Finance Director, Joan Andel; Community Development Director, Gwyn Teves and Public Works Director, Anthony Arcidiacono.

Staff Members absent: None.

Visitors present: Councilmember, Steven Schneider; Mr. Matt Breazeale, Jones & Carter.

Public comments. There were no public comments.

The first item on the agenda was to review and consider minutes from the meeting held July 26, 2021. Councilmember, Terry Freese, made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember, Clifford Jackson, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The second item on the agenda was to review and consider Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council approving Change Order No. 1 with E Contractors USA for the CR 222 Well and Storage Tank Access Road and authorizing the Mayor to execute all documents related to said change order. Public Works Director, Anthony Arcidiacono, stated to the Committee that after further soil testing by Terracon, the moisture content in the soil at the site was higher than originally planned. He stated that Jones & Carter had recommended adding lime to the existing road base and to do a proof roll before the new material was added to the road to provide maximum compaction and stabilization. Below were the changes:

E Contractors USA LLC: \$25,715.25 (Approved 8/23/21)

E Contractors USA LLC: \$15,509.85 (Change Order No. 1)

E Contractors USA LLC: \$41,255.10 (Total)

After some discussion, Councilmember, Terry Freese, made a motion to recommend to the City Council to approve Change Order No. 1 with E Contractors USA for the CR 222 Well and Storage Tank Access Road. Councilmember, Clifford Jackson, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The third item on the agenda was to review and consider a Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council awarding a contract for the construction of the Colorado River Flood Control Hughes Street Utility Relocation and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said contract. Community Development Director Gwyn Teves, stated to the Committee

that on August 18, 2021, proposals were received for the Construction of the Colorado River Flood Control Hughes Street Utility Relocation for the USACE Levee Project. She stated there were three (3) proposals submitted for the Construction. She presented the recommendation from Jones and Carter, who is the engineering firm on the utility relocations. After some discussion, Councilmember, Clifford Jackson, made a motion to recommend to the City Council to award a contract to Aranda Industries, LLC for the construction of the Colorado River Flood Control Hughes Street Utility Relocation. Councilmember, Terry Freese, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The fourth item on the agenda was to review and consider Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council awarding a contract for the replacement of the sanitary sewer main at 1310 Linwood and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said contract. Public Works Director, Anthony Arcidiacono stated to the Committee that the Public Works Department had received several calls from the area of 1310 Linwood. He stated upon investigation it was discovered that the existing 6" clay sanitary sewer main needed to be replaced. He stated that the 6" clay sanitary sewer main line is failing in multiple areas along the easement and causing cave-ins and sewer stoppages at houses upstream, causing a public safety hazard. He stated that it was determined that pipe bursting would be the safest, most cost-efficient way to replace this section of line.

The following contractors were contacted for a quote:

Horseshoe Construction, Inc.: \$36,470.00

Texas Pride Utilities: \$24,920.00

Mercer Construction: Mercer does not perform pipe bursting.

After some discussion, Councilmember, Clifford Jackson, made a motion to recommend to the City Council to award a contract to Texas Pride for the replacement of the sanitary sewer main at 1310 Linwood. Councilmember, Terry Freese, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The fifth item on the agenda was to review and consider Engineering Contracts for Utility Relocations for TxDOT I-69 Project:

A. Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council authorizing a contract with Jones and Carter for engineering services for the US 59 Public Utility Relocation and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said contract.

B. Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council authorizing a contract with Jones and Carter for engineering services for the WWTP No. 2 Major Amendment-Outfall Relocation Permit and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said contract. Community Development Director, Gwyn Teves, stated to the Committee that the City Staff had been in contact with TxDOT Engineers who are working on the I-69 expansion and have been made aware that there are utility relocations required due to the expansion. She stated that the City Staff had been working with Jones & Carter Inc., for the utility relocation design requirements and had also obtained quotes for the work to be completed. She presented the draft contracts to authorize Jones and Carter Inc. to begin the engineering design for the relocation of water and sanitary lines that were currently placed along US 59 in the amount of \$478,000.00. She stated that the relocation of the utilities would also require the movement of the outfall for the WWTP No. 2 and would require a permit amendment with TCEQ. She stated that the engineering and construction costs had been included in the application to the State Infrastructure Bank for funding. After some discussion, Councilmember, Clifford Jackson, made a motion to recommend to the City Council to authorize a contract with Jones and Carter for engineering services for the US 59 Public Utility Relocation and authorize a contract with Jones and Carter for engineering services for the WWTP No. 2 Major Amendment-Outfall Relocation Permit. Councilmember, Terry Freese, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The sixth item on the agenda was to review and consider Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council approving a professional engineering services contract with Jones and Carter Engineering for the WWTP No. 1 Headworks Coarse Screen Replacement Project. Public Works Director, Anthony Arcidiacono, presented to the Committee the Professional Engineering Services Contract for Jones & Carter to design and to oversee construction of the course screen replacement at WWTP#1. He stated that it was the recommendation to install a Catenary Bar Screen that the plant was originally designed with. After some discussion, Councilmember, Clifford Jackson, made a motion to recommend to the City Council the approval of a professional engineering services contract with Jones and Carter Engineering for the WWTP No. 1 Headworks Coarse Screen Replacement Project. Councilmember, Terry Freese, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The seventh item on the agenda was adjournment.
The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph R. Pace". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Joseph R. Pace, City Manager