# MINUTES OF CITY OF WHARTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 22, 2021

Mayor Tim Barker declared a Regular Meeting duly open for the transaction of business at 7:00 P.M at City Hall 120 E. Caney Street Wharton, TX. Councilmember Clifford Jackson led the opening devotion and Mayor Tim Barker led the pledge of allegiance.

Councilmember's present were: Mayor Tim Barker and Councilmembers Terry Freese,

Clifford Jackson, Alice Heard-Roberts, Russell Machann,

Don Mueller and Steve Schneider.

Councilmember absent was: None.

Staff members present were: City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. City Attorney Paul Webb.

Finance Director Joan Andel, Emergency Management Coordinator Steve Johnson, Police Chief Terry David Lynch, Interim Public Works Director Amy Horelica and

Community Development Director Gwyn Teves.

Visitors present were: Burnell Neal and Albert Villegas, with the Wharton Journal

Spectator.

Roll Call and Excused Absences.

All Councilmembers were present.

#### Wharton Moment.

Mayor Tim Barker called for Wharton Moments. No comments were made.

## **Public Comments.**

Mayor Tim Barker called for Public Comments. No comments were made.

## Review and Consider:

The first item on the agenda was to review and consider the City of Wharton Financial Report for February 2021. Mrs. Andel stated that the TexPool balance for February was \$31,003.61 with an average monthly yield of .05%. She said the Prosperity Bank balance for February 2021 was \$10,413,936.80 with an average monthly yield of .50%. After some discussion, Councilmember Russell Machann moved to approve the City of Wharton Financial Report for the month of February 2021. Councilmember Terry Freese seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The second item on the agenda was to review and consider a request from Mr. Haywood Ross to address the Council regarding Black Street. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented a copy of the

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request from Mr. Haywood Ross to address the Council regarding Black Street. Mr. Ross was not present at the meeting. This item was pulled from the agenda. No action was taken.

The third item on the agenda was a review and consider a request by Mr. Michael Roberson on behalf of Roberson Properties Inc., 200 E. Milam St. & 105 S. Rusk St., Wharton, Block 6, Lots 1, 2A & 2 for:

- A. Variance to build across property lines.
- B. Zero setback variance to the building line setback on the side adjoining Block 6, Lots 3 & 4.
- C. Variance to match existing adjacent building elevation.

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented a copy of the request from Mr. Michael Roberson on behalf of Roberson Properties Inc., 200 E. Milam St. & 105 S. Rusk St., Wharton, Block 6, Lots 1, 2A & 2 for:

- A. Variance to build across property lines.
- B. Zero setback variance to the building line setback on the side adjoining Block 6, Lots 3 & 4.
- C. Variance to match existing adjacent building elevation.

After some discussion, Councilmember Terry Freese moved to approve the request by Mr. Michael Roberson on behalf of Roberson Properties Inc., 200 E. Milam St. & 105 S. Rusk St., Wharton, Block 6, Lots 1, 2A & 2 for:

- A. Variance to build across property lines.
- B. Zero setback variance to the building line setback on the side adjoining Block 6, Lots 3 & 4.
- C. Variance to match existing adjacent building elevation.

Councilmember Russell Machann seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The fourth item on the agenda was to review and consider a request by R.M. Quality Construction on behalf of Virginia Paniagua, 602 Moutray Ave., River Road, Block 6, Lot 12 for:

- A. 10' Side Building Line Setback on the right property line adjoining David St.
- B. 2' Side Building Line Setback on the left property line.

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented a copy of the request by R.M. Quality Construction on behalf of Virginia Paniagua, 602 Moutray Ave., River Road, Block 6, Lot 12 for:

- A. 10' Side Building Line Setback on the right property line adjoining David St.
- B. 2' Side Building Line Setback on the left property line.

After some discussion, Councilmember Alice Heard-Roberts moved to approve the request by R.M. Quality Construction on behalf of Virginia Paniagua, 602 Moutray Ave., River Road, Block 6, Lot 12 for:

- A. 10' Side Building Line Setback on the right property line adjoining David St.
- B. 2' Side Building Line Setback on the left property line.

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Councilmember Terry Freese seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The fifth item on the agenda was to review and consider a request from Chief of Police Terry Lynch regarding the 3rd Annual Cops 'n Rodders Car Show for the following:

- 1. Waive all fees associated with renting the Wharton Civic Center.
- 2. Allow participants and spectators to utilize restroom facilities in the Civic Center.
- 3. Allow the potential use of food trucks.
- 4. Allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages on the outdoor premises of the Civic Center.
- 5. Allow the Police Department to close the roadway of University Street from Fulton Street to the entrance of the Department of Human Services Driveway, prior to and throughout the duration of the event. (8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.)
- 6. Use of the blue trash cans and liners from the Parks Department.
- 7. Have the street sweeper sweep the parking area of the Civic Center on April 16, 2021.

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented a copy of a memorandum from Chief Lynch to him regarding the 3rd Annual Cops 'n Rodders Car Show on April 17, 2021 at the Wharton Civic Center. After some discussion, Councilmember Russell Machann moved to approve a request from Chief of Police Terry Lynch regarding the 3rd Annual Cops 'n Rodders Car Show for the following:

- 1. Waive all fees associated with renting the Wharton Civic Center.
- 2. Allow participants and spectators to utilize restroom facilities in the Civic Center.
- 3. Allow the potential use of food trucks.

- 5. Allow the Police Department to close the roadway of University Street from Fulton Street to the entrance of the Department of Human Services Driveway, prior to and throughout the duration of the event. (8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.)
- 6. Use of the blue trash cans and liners from the Parks Department.
- 7. Have the street sweeper sweep the parking area of the Civic Center on April 16, 2021.

Councilmember Terry Freese seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The sixth item on the agenda was to review and consider a resolution of the Wharton City Council awarding a contract for two air conditioning units in the 911 Communications Room at the Police Department and authorizing the City Manager of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said contract. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented a copy of a memorandum to him from Chief Terry Lynch regarding the ac repairs at the Wharton Police Department. City Manager Garza stated that three quotes were received from Roberson AC/Refrigeration, Eldridge AC/Heating and Hunton Services. After some discussion, Councilmember Terry Freese moved to approve City of Wharton Resolution No. 2021-35, which read as follows:

# CITY OF WHARTON RESOLUTION NO. 2021-35

A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR TWO AIR CONDITIONING UNITS IN THE 911 COMMUNICATIONS ROOM AT THE

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# POLICE DEPARTMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WHARTON TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO SAID CONTRACT.

- WHEREAS, The Wharton City Council wishes to enter into a contract for two air conditioning units in the 911 Communications room at the police department with Roberson AC/Refrigeration; and,
- **WHEREAS,** The City of Wharton and Roberson AC/Refrigeration wishes to be bound by the conditions as set forth in the agreement; and,
- **WHEREAS,** The Wharton City Council wishes to authorize the City Manager of the City of Wharton to execute said contract.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS as follows:

- **Section I.** The Wharton City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager of the City of Wharton to execute an agreement with Roberson AC/Refrigeration for two air conditioning unites in the 911 Communications room at the police department.
- **Section II.** The City of Wharton and Roberson AC/Refrigeration are hereby bound by the conditions as set forth in the contract.
- **Section III.** That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

Passed, Approved, and Adopted this 22nd day of March 2021.

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ATTEST:	By: TIM BARKER Mayor
PAULA FAVORS City Secretary	

Councilmember Clifford Jackson seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The seventh item on the agenda was to review and consider a resolution of the Wharton City Council approving an extension of the Declaration of Disaster signed on March 16, 2020 in accordance with Texas Government Code §418.108(a). City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. stated that on March 16, 2020, Mayor Tim Barker signed an Emergency Declaration for Public Health Emergency in response to the Covid-19 outbreak which was declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization.

City Manager Garza said this allowed the Mayor to perform extraordinary actions, if necessary, to protect the public and pursuant to Texas Government Code 418.108 (b) the declaration would need to be continued or renewed by the City Council within 7 days of issuance. Emergency Management Coordinator Steve Johnson stated the declaration was passed on March 23, 2020 and was continued until May 31, 2020, July 31, 2020, September 30, 2020, January 15, 2021 and March 31, 2021. Mr. Johnson said the disaster continued and many of our citizens, businesses and government continued to be affected. He said in order to continue with the response to this pandemic it was the City Staff's recommendation that the declaration be extended to September 1, 2021 unless rescinded earlier. After some discussion, Councilmember Clifford Jackson moved to approve City of Wharton Resolution No. 2021-36, which read as follows:

# CITY OF WHARTON RESOLUTION NO. 2021-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL APPROVING AN EXTENSION OF THE DECLARATION OF DISASTER SIGNED ON MARCH 16, 2020 IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE §418.108(a).

- **WHEREAS,** Beginning in December 2019, a novel coronavirus, now designated "SARS-CoV-2" which causes the disease COVID-19, has spread through the world and has now been declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization; and,
- WHEREAS, On March 16, 2020 Mayor Tim Barker signed an Emergency Declaration for Public Health Emergency in response to the Covid-19 outbreak which was declared a global Pandemic by the World Health Organization; and,
- WHEREAS, Pursuant to Texas Government Code 418.108 (b) this declaration would need to be continued or renewed by City Council; and,
- **WHEREAS,** This was passed on March 23, 2020 and was continued until May 31, 2020, July 31, 2020, September 30, 2020, January 15, 2021 and March 31, 2021; and,
- WHEREAS, To continue with the response to this pandemic the declaration will be extended until September 1, 2021 or rescinded earlier.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS as follows:

- Section I. That a local state of disaster has been declared for the City of Wharton pursuant to Code §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
- **Section II.** Pursuant to §418.108(b) of the Texas Government Code, the state of disaster shall continue until March 31, 2021 from the date of this declaration unless rescinded earlier.

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- Section III. This declaration of a local state of disaster for public health emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the City Secretary, pursuant to section 418.108(c) of the Government Code.
- Section IV. The declaration of a local state of disaster activates the City of Wharton, Texas Emergency Management Plan and activates all other charter, statutory, and ordinance powers vested in me and all officers of the City of Wharton to act for the purposes stated, pursuant to section 418.108(d) of the Government Code.
- **Section V.** That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

Passed, Approved, and Adopted this 22nd day of March 2021.

CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS

	By: TIM BARKER	
	Mayor	
ATTEST;		
PAULA FAVORS		
City Secretary		

Councilmember Terry Freese seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The eighth item on the agenda was to review and consider a resolution of the Wharton City Council authorizing and ratifying the purchase of a pump from Precision Pump, two pumps from Gracey's Environmental, a dynablend polymer and a Polyblend Polymer Series PB-200-1AA from Environmental Improvements, Inc. and authorizing the City Manager of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said ratification. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented a copy of the memorandum Ms. Amy Horelica, Interim Public Works Director, provided to Finance Director Joan Andel regarding the following items which were purchased due to the winter storm in February 2021. City Manager Garza stated that these items were purchased as an emergency and would be submitted to FEMA, if any funds were available. Ms. Horelica stated that the following where purchased:

Waste Water Treatment Plant #1:

1. Cracked pump purchased from Precision Pump - \$5,650.00 installation would be additional and invoice had not yet been received.

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2. Cracked polymer on belt press purchased from Environmental Improvements-\$13,901.34.

Waste Water Treatment Plant #2:

- 1. Two cracked pumps for belt press purchased from Gracey's Environmental \$12,900.00.
- 2. Cracked polymer on belt press purchased from Environmental Improvements \$8,475.00.

After some discussion, Councilmember Russell Machann moved to approve City of Wharton Resolution No. 2021-37, which read as follows:

# CITY OF WHARTON RESOLUTION NO. 2021-37

A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AND RATIFYING THE PURCHASE OF A PUMP FROM PRECISION PUMP, TWO PUMPS FROM GRACEY'S ENVIRONMENTAL, A DYNABLEND POLYMER AND A POLYBLEND POLYMER SERIES PB 200-1AA FROM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS INC. AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WHARTON TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO SAID RATIFICATION.

- WHEREAS, The City of Wharton received damage from the Winter Storm in February 2021 at the Waste Water Treatment Plant #1 and Waste Water Treatment Plant #2; and,
- WHEREAS, The City of Wharton had to make emergency repairs to both treatment plants; and,
- WHEREAS, The Wharton City Council ratifies the purchase of a pump and dynablend polymer for Waste Water Treatment Plant #1 and two pumps and a polyblend polymer for Waste Water Treatment Plant #2 and wishes to authorize the City Manager of the City of Wharton to execute all documents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS as follows:

- Section I. The Wharton City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to the purchase of the emergency repairs needed at the Waste Water Treatment Plant #1 and Waste Water Treatment Plant #2.
- **Section II.** That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

Passed, Approved, and Adopted this 22nd day of March 2021.

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Mayo	or

**ATTEST:** 

**PAULA FAVORS** 

City Secretary

Councilmember Terry Freese seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The ninth item on the agenda was to review and consider a resolution by the City of Wharton, Texas, ("City") regarding the application of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., Texas Coast Division, to increase rates under the Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program; suspending the effective date of this rate application for forty-five days; authorizing the City to continue to participate in a coalition of cities know as the "Texas Coast Utilities Coalition" of cities; determining that the meeting at which the resolution was adopted complied with the Texas Open Meetings Act; making such other findings and provisions related to the subject; and declaring an effective date. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. stated the City was a member of the Texas Coast Utilities Coalition ("TCUC") of cities. City Manager Garza said TCUC was organized by a number of municipalities served by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., Texas Coast Division ("CenterPoint") and had been represented by the law firm of Herrera Law & Associates, PLLC (through Mr. Alfred R. Herrera) to assist in reviewing applications to change rates submitted by CenterPoint. He said that under section 104.301 of the Gas Utility Regulatory Act ("GURA"), a gas utility was allowed to request increases in its rates to recover a return on investments it makes between rate cases and this section of GURA was commonly referred to as the "GRIP" statute, that was, the "Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program." City Manager Garza said that on or about March 4, 2021 CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., Texas Coast Division ("CenterPoint") filed for an increase in gas utility rates under the Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program ('GRIP") and CenterPoint's application if approved by the Commission would result in an increase in the monthly customer charges. After some discussion, Councilmember Terry Freese moved to approve City of Wharton Resolution No. 2021-38, which read as follows:

# CITY OF WHARTON **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-38**

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS, ("CITY") REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., TEXAS COAST DIVISION. TO **INCREASE** RATES **UNDER** THE GAS RELIABILITY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM; SUSPENDING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RATE APPLICATION FOR FORTY-FIVE DAYS: AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN A COALITION OF CITIES KNOWN AS THE "TEXAS COAST UTILITIES COALITION" OF CITIES; DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED COMPLIED WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING SUCH OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on or about March 4, 2021 CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., Texas Coast Division ("CenterPoint") filed for an increase in gas utility rates under the Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program ('GRIP"), and proposed increases in the monthly customer charges for all retail customer classes as shown below:

Rate Schedule	Current Customer Charge	Proposed 2021 Interim Rate Adjustment	Adjusted Charge	Increase Per Bill
R-2096-I-GRIP 2021;	\$17.77	\$0.88	\$18.65	\$0.88
R-2096-U-GRIP 2021	per customer	per customer	per customer	per customer
Residential	per month	per month	per month	per month
GSS-2096-I-GRIP 2021;	<i>'</i>			
GSS-2096-U-GRIP 2021	\$21.48	\$1.36	\$22.84	\$1.36
General Service	per customer	per customer	per customer	per customer
Small	per month	per month	per month	per month
GSLV-627-I-GRIP 2021;				
GSLV-627-U-GRIP 2021	\$262.84	\$33.15	\$295.99	\$33.15
General Service	per customer	per customer	per customer	per customer
Large Volume	per month	per month	per month	per month

and

WHEREAS, the City has a special responsibility to exercise due diligence with regard to rate increases of monopoly utilities who operate within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the application to increase rates by CenterPoint is complex; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to suspend the effective date for the increase in rates for forty-five days, so that the City can assure itself that the data and calculations in CenterPoint's rate application are correctly done; and

WHEREAS, the effective date proposed by CenterPoint is May 3, 2021, but a suspension by the City will mean that the rate increase cannot go into effect prior to June 17, 2021.

# NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS THAT:

- **Section 1.** That the statements and findings set out in the preamble to this resolution are hereby in all things approved and adopted.
- The City suspends the requested effective date by CenterPoint for forty-five days pursuant to the authority granted the City under Section 104.301 of the Texas Utilities Code to allow the City to review the data and calculations that provide the basis for CenterPoint's proposed increase in rates.

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- Section 3. The City shall continue to act jointly with other cities that are part of a coalition of cities known as the Texas Coast Utilities Coalition ("TCUC") of cities.
- Section 4. The City authorizes the law firm of Herrera Law & Associates, PLLC, to act on its behalf in connection with CenterPoint's application to increase rates.
- Section 5, To the extent allowed by law, CenterPoint is ordered to pay the City's reasonable rate case expenses incurred in response to CenterPoint's rate increase application within 30 days of receipt of invoices for such expenses to the extent allowed by law.
- **Section 6.** The meeting at which this resolution was approved was in all things conducted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.
- **Section 7.** This resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of March 2021.

	TIM BARKER MAYOR	
ATTEST:		
PAULA FAVORS CITY SECRETARY		

Councilmember Clifford Jackson seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The tenth item on the agenda was to review and consider the update of City of Wharton Grant Programs. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented a copy of a memorandum from Community Development Director, Gwyn Teves, providing an update on the City of Wharton Grant Programs. After some discussion, no action was taken.

The eleventh item on the agenda was to review and consider the update of City of Wharton on-going Projects. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented a copy of his memorandum dated March 17, 2021 to the City Council providing an update on the City of Wharton current projects as of February 28, 2021, which read as follows:

## FLOOD REDUCTION (LEVEE) PROJECT

The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) Lower Colorado River Phase I Report - City of Wharton Flood Prevention Project and Recommended report is located at the Wharton County Library and the office of the City of Wharton City Secretary for viewing or the report may be viewed

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on line at <a href="http://www.cityofwharton.com/information-a-notices/lcrb-feasibility-study">http://www.cityofwharton.com/information-a-notices/lcrb-feasibility-study</a>. The Project Participation Agreement (PPA) has been executed. The City has begun the process to acquire the property necessary to construct the project. The City has hired HDR for Right-of-Way Acquisition and Jones & Carter for City and private company utility relocations. The City through HDR has begun the process of making offers to property owners.

#### **DRAINAGE:**

# 1. Stavena Addition Drainage Project.

The design and construction plans are complete. The challenge on this project is to find locations to place approximately 35,000 cubic yards of soil. The ideal disposal site should be close to the project site to reduce the cost of construction. The project is listed as one to be funded with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Program for partial assistance.

# 2. Ahldag Ditch Improvement.

The project was approved by the City Council. Public Works Director is currently working out the details. The ditch improvements were proposed under the Texas General Land Office (GLO) Infrastructure Grant Program. The City is awaiting the approval of the grant request.

# 3. On-going Drainage and Maintenance Program.

The Public Works Department has continued working on cleaning residential draining ditches that have experienced poor drainage.

# 4. Pecan Acres (Mahann, Kinkaid, Delmas) Drainage Project.

Installation of the drainage pipes was completed. The City Public Works Department will be regrading ditches to improve the drainage in the area.

# WATER/SEWER IMPROVEMENTS:

# 1. On-going Water and Sewer Maintenance Program.

Water leaks and sewer failures are still being seen in the month of February.

# 2. Water Well and Water Plant Project – CR 222 (Halford).

Halff and Associates the City's engineering firm on the project are completing the plan and specifications for the project. The plans and specifications have been submitted to the USDA for review and approval. The City Staff anticipate the project to be out for bid by the first quarter of 2021 once USDA approves the plans and specifications.

#### STREET IMPROVEMENTS

# 1. FM 1301 Extension and Overpass Project Progress Report.

IDC Inc. has submitted to TxDOT Yoakum District Office all required plans for the project. The City Staff continues to coordinate with TxDOT to ensure the project continues to move

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forward. The City Staff is working on funding for the project under the State Infrastructure Bank (SIB) Program.

## 2. I-69 Project.

The City submitted the comments as approved by the City Council to TxDOT. TxDOT has informed the City that an engineering firm has been selected to design the project from Highway 60 to FM 961.

# 3. NanYa Exit Ramp Project.

TxDOT has been coordinating with NanYa and JM Eagle on the exit design.

# 4. 2020 City Street Improvement Project.

The City has begun the 2020 Street Improvement Project. The City of Wharton Public Works Department has prepared approximately 75% of the streets for the Street Program. The seal coating is expected to be completed by May 2021.

After some discussion, no action was taken.

The twelfth item on the agenda was to review and consider appointments and resignations to the City of Wharton Boards, Commissions and Committees:

- A. Beautification Commission.
- B. Building Standards Commission.
- C. Planning Commission.

- D. Plumbing and Mechanical Board.
- E. Housing Finance Corporation.

After some discussion, Councilmember Clifford Jackson moved to approve the following:

A. Beautification Commission.	Term Ending:	
Resignation: Lacy Border		
Appointments: Debbie Newlin	June 30, 2022	
Tammie Janik	June 30, 2022	
C. Planning Commission.		
Appointment: Burnell Neal	June 30, 2021	

Councilmember Don Mueller seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The thirteenth item on the agenda was to review and consider City Council Boards, Commissions and Committee Reports:

A. Wharton Economic Development Corporation meeting held February 22, 2021.

After some discussion, no action was taken.

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The fourteenth item on the agenda was to review and consider the 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 Marshal.
- 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.

After some discussion, no action was taken.

## **Executive Session.**

City Council may adjourn into an Executive Session in accordance with Section 551.074 of the Local Government Code, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas. Final action, decision, or vote, if any with regard to any matter considered in Executive Session shall be made in Open Meeting.

#### Discussion:

A. To deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee:

1. New City Manager.

Mayor Tim Barker moved the meeting into Closed Session at 7:30 p.m.

# Return to Open Session.

Action on items discussed in Executive Session:

A. Appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee:

1. New City Manager

Mayor Tim Barker returned the meeting to Open Session at 8:02 p.m. Mayor Barker stated that information only was received.

#### Adjournment.

There being no further discussion, Councilmember Don Mueller moved to adjourn. Councilmember Clifford Jackson seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS

By: \_\_\_\_\_\_ A Market

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TIM BARKER

Mayor

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ULA FAVORS City Secretary

