

**MINUTES  
OF  
CITY OF WHARTON  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING  
City Hall, 120 East Caney Street, Wharton, Texas  
Monday, March 14, 2022, 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, Don Mueller.

Committee Member absent: Councilmember, Clifford Jackson.

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

Staff Members absent: None.

Visitors present: Mayor, Tim Barker; Wharton County Commissioner, Richard Zahn and Mr. Eric Scheibe of Scheibe Consulting.

Public comments. There were no public comments.

The first item on the agenda was to review and consider minutes from the meeting held February 14, 2022. Councilmember, Don Mueller, made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember, Terry Freese, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The second item on the agenda was to review and consider a presentation and request for support/assistance from Wharton County for assistance on drainage improvements for Lake Nett. Director of Planning and Development, Gwyn Teves, stated that the City Staff had met with Wharton County Commissioner, Richard Zahn and Consulting Engineer, Eric Scheibe, about the Wharton County Lake Nett Drainage Improvement Plan on March 7, 2022. She stated that Mr. Scheibe presented the intended multi-phased plan for drainage improvements to alleviate current existing drainage problems in Lake Nett and adjoining areas. She stated that Mr. Scheibe advised that the project would be multi-phased due to the extent of the amount of work, the need for easement acquisitions and cost of the project. She stated that it was requested that the City consider assisting with a ~1,600 LF segment of the channel improvements. She stated that the channel would be a 12-ft bottom width channel, that was about 4 feet deep with 4:1 side slopes. She stated that there would be a need for a 60-ft drainage easement. She stated that the estimated cost for this segment is approximately \$150,000 to construct and acquire easements. She stated that the County was constructing the rest of the channel with CDBG-DR funds and County funds but is requesting assistance with this last segment. She stated that the design for this effort is about 60% complete. She stated that there was still a need to approach landowners and coordinate final details for this last segment (including boundary survey and topo survey efforts). After some discussion, no action was taken.

The third item on the agenda was to review and consider a request from Mr. Russ Baird to address the City Council regarding water services at the 200 & 300 Blocks of West Milam Street. The City Staff presented to the Committee the request from Mr. Russ Baird regarding water services at the 200 & 300 Blocks of West Milam Street. Mr. Baird's request was to allow owners of property in the original City of Wharton to obtain City of Wharton water, sewer and trash without substantial costs or no cost at all. The City Staff presented the City of Wharton Code of Ordinances, Section 86-15 Water and sewer tap charges, deposits, administrative penalties and other charges to the Committee. The ordinance states that the Customers are responsible for the actual cost for main line extensions, boring under a street or pre-existing utility line, or any other additional costs necessary to install a water tap. All main line extensions will require the extension to be extended the width of the property to the next adjacent property line unless a variance is issued. All main line extensions will require a written agreement between the City and the customer. After some discussion, Councilmember, Terry Freese, made a motion to recommend to the City Council to follow the City of Wharton Code of Ordinances, Section 86-15 Water and sewer tap charges, deposits, administrative penalties and other charges. Councilmember, Don Mueller, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The fourth item on the agenda was adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.



Joseph R. Pace, City Manager