

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
120 EAST CANEY STREET
WHARTON, TEXAS 77488
Monday, August 28, 2023—6:00 p.m.**

City Manager, Joseph R. Pace, declared a meeting of the City Council Finance Committee duly open for the transaction of business at 6:00 p.m.

Committee Members present: Mayor, Tim Barker, and Councilmember, Russell Machann.

Committee Members absent: Councilmember, Larry Pittman

City Council Members present: None.

Staff members present: City Manager, Joseph R. Pace; Assistant City Manager, Paula Favors; Finance Director, Joan Andel; Airport Manager, Dwyane Pospisil, and Public Works Director, Roderick Semien.

Staff members absent: Assistant to the City Manager, Brandi Jimenez.

Visitors: City Attorney, Paul Webb.

Public Comments. There were no public comments.

The first item on the agenda was to review and consider minutes from the meeting held on August 14, 2023. Councilmember, Russell Machann, made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor, Tim Barker, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The second item on the agenda was to review and consider Ordinance: An ordinance amending the City of Wharton Code of Ordinances, Chapter 86, Sections 86-15, 86-16, 86-17, and 86-21, Utilities and Services, Article I in General; Providing that a violation of the ordinance or any part of the Code as adopted hereby shall constitute a penalty upon conviction of a fine; Providing a savings clause and revoking all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith only to the extent same are in conflict herewith otherwise provided herein. Finance Director, Joan Andel, presented a memorandum regarding the proposed increase in utility rates for customers effective October 1, 2023. She stated as discussed in the City Council Budget Workshop on August 7, 2023, that the Proposed Budget included a 10% increase in water and sewer rates. After some discussion, Councilmember, Russell Machann, made a motion to recommend to the City Council to approve the ordinance. Mayor, Tim Barker seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The third item on the agenda was to review and consider Green for Life (GFL), formerly Waste Corporation of America (WCA), Rate Modification to the Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Service Franchise Agreement:

A. Ordinance: An ordinance repealing and replacing the City of Wharton Code of Ordinances, Chapter 86 Utilities and Services, Article III, Solid Waste Disposal Exhibit A, providing that a violation of the ordinance or any part of the Code as adopted hereby shall constitute a penalty upon conviction of a fine and setting an effective date. Finance Director, Joan Andel presented to the Committee a memorandum dated August 22, 2023, referencing a five (5) percent increase above the cost of Green for Life (GFL) Solid Waste Services. She stated that this item was discussed at the Budget Workshop on August 7, 2023. After some discussion, Councilmember, Russell Machann, made a motion to recommend to the City Council to approve the ordinance. Mayor, Tim Barker, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The fourth item on the agenda was to review and consider a Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council authorizing the purchase of pumps for the Wastewater Treatment Plant #2 and authorizing the City Manager of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said purchase. Public Works Director,

Roderick Semien, presented bids for replacing two out of the three lift station pumps at Wastewater Treatment Plant #2. He stated that the pumps were down, and motor windings were shorted out. He stated that these pumps were essential in the operation of the plant since they moved raw sewage water from the resident's homes into the plant to be processed. He stated that the Public Works Department was renting one pump at \$275 a week but that leaves the City short of one pump for the City's needs. He stated that it was recommended, and due to its specifications, that the City purchase the two pumps listed below from two different manufacturers. He stated that the City Staff also requested a quote from PSI but no response was received. The bids received are as follows:

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| 1. Odessa Pumps model UGRU_99030144 | \$7483.25 |
| 2. Green Pump & Supply model AMS434-180/5.5TC | \$5780.00 |

After some discussion, Councilmember, Russell Machann made a motion to recommend to the City Council to approve the resolution for the purchase of pumps for the Wastewater Treatment Plant #2. Mayor, Tim Barker, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The fifth item on the agenda was to review and consider a Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council authorizing the payment of airplane repairs to Tyler McCarver and authorizing the City Manager of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said payment. City Attorney, Paul Webb, stated to the Committee that On June 21, 2023, Mr. Tyler McCarver received damage to his airplane housed at the Wharton Regional Airport. He stated that due to an employee's oversight, paint from hangar repairs being made in an adjoining hangar was sprayed onto his airplane. He stated that Mr. McCarver had provided the City estimates to have his airplane repaired in the amount of \$41,849.90. After some discussion, Mayor, Tim Barker, made a motion to recommend to the City Council to approve the payment of the airplane repairs. Councilmember, Russell Machann, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The sixth item on the agenda was adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.


Joseph R. Pace, City Manager