

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
120 EAST CANEY STREET
WHARTON, TEXAS 77488
Monday, May 26, 2020 –5:30 p.m.**

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. declared a meeting of the City Council Finance Committee duly open for the transaction of business at 5:30 p.m.

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

Committee Member absent was: None.

City Council Member present was: None.

Staff members present were: City Manager Andres Garza, Jr., Assistant to the City Manager Brandi Jimenez, Finance Director Joan Anandel and Community Development Director Gwyn Teves.

Staff member absent was: None.

Visitors: None.

Public Comments. There were no public comments.

The first item on the agenda was to review and consider Minutes from the meetings held April 13, 2020. 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 Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council establishing a policy for collection of delinquent utility bills for the period of March 23, 2020 through May 31, 2020 and authorizing the City Manager of the City of Wharton to implement said policy. Finance Director Joan Anandel stated to the Committee that on March 23, 2020 the City Council advised the City Staff to waive all late fees, penalties and cutoff due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. She stated that the City Staff now must establish a policy to collect the delinquent accounts from March 23, 2020 through May 31, 2020. She stated that the policy would be as followed:

1. Payment plans established for those customers that cannot pay in full on delinquent accounts.
2. Reinstate 5% late fee on accounts on June 16, 2020.
3. Reinstate all cutoffs and penalties effective June 24, 2020 on those customers who are delinquent and have not set up any type of payment plan.

After some discussion, Councilmember Russell Machann made a motion to recommend to the City Council the approval of the policy. Mayor Barker seconded. All voted in favor.

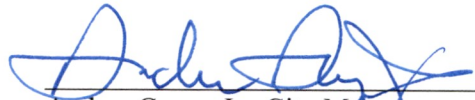
The third item on the agenda was to review and consider FM 1301 Extension and Railroad Overpass Project. The City Staff presented the Committee with an update on the following:

1. Financing for the project.
2. Advance Funding Agreement with the state.
3. Agreement for engineering.

After some discussion, no action was taken.

The fourth item on the agenda was adjournment. Councilmember Russell Machann moved to adjourn. Councilmember Mayor Tim Barker seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



Andres Garza, Jr., City Manager