

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
120 EAST CANEY STREET
WHARTON, TEXAS 77488
Monday, February 26, 2024–6:15 p.m.**

City Manager Joseph R. Pace declared a meeting of the City Council Finance Committee duly open for the transaction of business at 6:15 p.m.

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

Committee Members absent: None.

City Council Members present: None.

Staff members present: City Manager Joseph R. Pace; Assistant to the City Manager Brandi Jimenez; City Secretary Paula Favors; Finance Director Joan Andel; Chief of Police Terry David Lynch; Public Works Director Roderick Semien; Lieutenant Ariel Soltura; HR Generalist Selena Rios and EMS Director Christy Gonzales.

Staff members absent: None.

Visitors: None.

Public Comments. There were no public comments.

The first item on the agenda was to review and consider minutes from the meeting held on February 12, 2024. Councilmember Russell Machann made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Larry Pittman seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The second item on the agenda was to review and consider City of Wharton Proficiency Allowances:

- A. Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council updating the proficiency allowance for the City of Wharton Employees.

City Secretary Paula Favors stated to the Committee that although some of the proficiency allowances have been in place for several years, the City Staff was recommending that it be updated to add Bilingual Proficiency, Basic Animal Control Officer Proficiency Pay, and Water License D Proficiency Pay. She stated that at the February 12, 2024, Committee Meeting concerns were brought forth regarding the Bilingual Proficiency Pay and how it would be administered. She addressed those concerns to the Committee. After some discussion, Mayor Tim Barker made a motion to recommend to the City Council to approve the updates to the proficiency allowance for Bilingual Proficiency, Basic Animal Control Officer Proficiency Pay, and Water License D Proficiency Pay. Councilmember Larry Pittman seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The third item on the agenda was adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.


Joseph R. Pace, City Manager