

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
120 EAST CANEY STREET
WHARTON, TEXAS 77488
Monday, March 25, 2024–5:30 p.m.**

City Manager Joseph R. Pace declared a meeting of the City Council Finance Committee duly open for the transaction of business at 5:30 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, Finance Director Joan Andel, Public Works Director Roderick Semien, and EMS Director Christy Gonzales.

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

Visitors: Mr. Brian Jarrard.

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 26, 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 a Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council authorizing the purchase of one (1) PowerPro2, stair chair, LifePak15, and PowerPro-ProCare from Stryker Medical for the Emergency Medical Services Department and authorizing the City Manager of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to the said purchase. EMS Director Christy Gonzales stated to the Committee that the EMS Department was requesting to purchase one (1) PowerPro2, stair chair, LifePak15, and PowerPro-ProCare from Stryker Medical for the EMS Department. She presented the quote to the Committee. After some discussion, Councilmember Russell Machann made a motion to recommend to the City Council to approve the resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) PowerPro2, stair chair, LifePak15, and PowerPro-ProCare from Stryker Medical for the Emergency Medical Services Department. Councilmember Larry Pittman seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The third item on the agenda was to review and consider a Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council approving a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Quiddity Engineering, LLC, to submit the City of Wharton Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 1 Application for Renewal of Permit WQ0010381001 to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said agreement. Public Works Director Roderick Semien stated to the Committee that the City of Wharton's permit for the operation of Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 1 would expire on February 26, 2025. He stated that the renewal permit application must be submitted for review no later than August 30, 2024, which was 180 calendar days prior to the permit expiration date. He stated that the City engaged Quiddity Engineering, LLC, to prepare the application. After some discussion, Councilmember Larry Pittman made a motion to recommend to the City Council to approve the resolution approving a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Quiddity Engineering, LLC, to submit the City of Wharton Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 1 Application for Renewal of Permit WQ0010381001 to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Councilmember Russell Machann 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 approving a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Quiddity Engineering, LLC, to develop and submit the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Lead and Copper Rule Revision (LCRR) to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said agreement. Public Works Director Roderick Semien stated to the Committee that a proposal was received from Quiddity Engineering, LLC, to assist the City of Wharton with the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Lead and Copper Rule Revision (LCRR) development and submission to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). He stated that the service included in the agreement assisted the City of Wharton in developing and submitting the Initial Lead Service Line Inventory (LSLI). He stated that due to the recent changes in the Lead and Copper Rule, the EPA required an inventory of all lead service lines within the public water system (40 CFR 141.84). He stated that the LSLI had to be completed and submitted to TCEQ by October 16, 2024. After some discussion, Councilmember Russell Machann made a motion to recommend to the City Council the approve the resolution approving a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Quiddity Engineering, LLC, to develop and submit the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Lead and Copper Rule Revision (LCRR) to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Councilmember Larry Pittman 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 entering into a Reimbursement Agreement with Wharton 55, LLC, for Public Improvement District No. 2 and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said agreement. Finance Director Joan Anel stated to the Committee that the Reimbursement Agreement was received from Wharton 55, LLC, for Public Improvement District No. 2. She stated that the agreement sets out the creation of a PID Reimbursement Fund where all bond proceeds and assessments received would be deposited, and all PID Project costs would be paid for from this fund. She stated that the City would not be responsible for obtaining the bond funds. She stated that the City's PID/TIRZ Consultants and Paul Webb, City Attorney, had reviewed the document and recommended presenting it to the City Council for approval. After some discussion, Councilmember Russell Machann made a motion to recommend to the City Council the approval of the resolution entering into a Reimbursement Agreement with Wharton 55, LLC, for Public Improvement District No. 2. Councilmember Larry Pittman seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The sixth item on the agenda was adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.


Joseph R. Pace, City Manager