

**MINUTES  
OF  
CITY OF WHARTON  
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 10, 2023**

Mayor, Tim Barker, declared a Regular Meeting duly open for the transaction of business at 7:00 P.M. at City Hall 120 E. Caney Street Wharton, TX. Councilmember, Clifford Jackson, led the opening devotion, and Mayor, Tim Barker, led the pledge of allegiance.

Councilmember's present were: Mayor, Tim Barker, and Councilmembers, Terry Freese; Clifford Jackson; Larry Pittman; Russell Machann; Don Mueller and Steve Schneider.

Councilmember absent was: None.

Staff members present were: City Manager, Joseph R. Pace; City Attorney, Paul Webb; Finance Director, Joan Andel; City Secretary, Paula Favors, TRMC, CPM, MMC; Assistant to the City Manager, Brandi Jimenez; Director of Planning and Development, Gwyn Teves; Police Chief, Terry David Lynch; Police Lt., Lance Bothell; Communications Supervisor, Mandy Barnett and Telecommunicators, Casey Rome; Shaniah Fisher; Lori Becerra and Ashley Lerma.

Visitors present were: Samantha Counts with The Crisis Center; Josh Owens, Executive Director of the Wharton Economic Development Corporation; Katie Moss; Mike Moss and Joe Southern with the Wharton Journal Spectator.

**Roll Call and Excused Absences.**

All Councilmembers were present.

**Public Comments.**

Mayor, Tim Barker, called for Public Comments. No comments were made.

**Wharton Moment.**

**Mayor, Tim Barker, called for the Wharton Moment. No comments were made.**

**Proclamation**

1. Proclamation: Public Safety Telecommunicators Week Proclamation, which read as follows:

**CITY OF WHARTON  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
PROCLAMATION**

**Public Safety Telecommunicators Week  
Proclamation  
April 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
“Better Together”**

**WHEREAS**, emergencies can occur at any time that requires police, fire, or emergency medical services, and;

**WHEREAS**, when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, volunteer firefighters, and emergency medical services is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property, and;

**WHEREAS**, the safety of our police officers, emergency medical services, and volunteer firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone the Emergency Communications Center of the Wharton Police Department, and;

**WHEREAS**, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services, and;

**WHEREAS**, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our police officers, emergency medical service, and volunteer firefighters by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information and ensuring their safety, and;

**WHEREAS**, Public Safety Telecommunicators of the Wharton Police Department have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires, and treatment of patients, and;

**WHEREAS**, each dispatcher has exhibited compassion, understanding, and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, I, Tim Barker, Mayor of the City of Wharton, in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim the week of April 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, in the City of Wharton as:

**“PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK”**

In honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our City, County, and nation safe. Their work to protect our community proves that in Wharton we are “Better Together.”

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Wharton to be affixed this 10th day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-three A.D.

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**TIM BARKER**  
Mayor  
City of Wharton, Texas

2. Proclamation: Fair Housing, which read as follows:

**CITY OF WHARTON  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination in housing and declares it is a national policy to provide, within constitutional limits, for fair housing in the United States; and,

**WHEREAS,** The principal of Fair Housing is not only national law and national policy, but a fundamental human concept and entitlement for all Americans; and,

**WHEREAS,** The anniversary of this National Fair Housing Law, during the month of April, provides an opportunity for all Americans to recognize that complete success in the goal of equal housing opportunity can only be accomplished with the help and cooperation of all Americans.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** I, Tim Barker, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Wharton, Texas do hereby proclaim

*The Month of April as  
“Fair Housing Month”*

in the City of Wharton and hereby urge all the citizens of this locality to become aware of and support the Fair Housing Law.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF,** I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Wharton to be affixed this 1st day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-three A. D.

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**TIM BARKER**  
Mayor  
City of Wharton, Texas



**Review and Consider:**

The first item on the agenda was to review and consider the reading of the minutes from the regular meetings held March 13, 2023, and March 27, 2023. City Secretary, Paula Favors, presented a copy of the draft minutes from the regular meetings held on March 13, 2023, and March 27, 2023. After some discussion, Councilmember, Russell Machann, moved to approve the minutes from the regular meetings held on March 13, 2023, and March 27, 2023. Councilmember, Don Mueller, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The second item on the agenda was to review and consider a request from The Crisis Center for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Light Up the Square Awareness Event for the following:

- A. Street Closure of Fulton Street between Milam Street and Burleson Street from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- B. Assistance with security for the event.

Samantha Counts with The Crisis Center, stated they were requesting street closure of Fulton Street between Milam Street and Burleson Street from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and assistance with security for the event. She said the event was planned for April 20, 2023, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. After some discussion, Councilmember, Terry Freese, moved to approve aforementioned items A. and B. Councilmember, Larry Pittman, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The third item on the agenda was to review and consider a resolution of the Wharton City Council accepting grant funding from The Southeast Texas Regional Advisory Council (SETRAC) Scholarship Committee. On October 24, 2022, the Wharton City Council approved a resolution to participate in the Texas EMS Scholarship Program through the Southeast Texas Regional Advisory Council (SETRAC) for the Wharton EMS Department to assist with advancement of education and certification. EMS Director, Christy Gonzales, presented a copy of a memorandum regarding a Letter of Acceptance from The Southeast Texas Regional Advisory Council (SETRAC) Scholarship Committee awarding grant funding to two City of Wharton EMS employees. Mrs. Gonzales said that Ms. Amanda Gomez was awarded \$981.09, and Ms. Renae Girlinghouse was awarded \$4,393.03. After some discussion, Councilmember, Clifford Jackson, moved to approve City of Wharton Resolution No. 2023-25, which read as follows:

**CITY OF WHARTON  
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-25**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTING GRANT FUNDING FROM THE SOUTHEAST TEXAS REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SETRAC) SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.**

**WHEREAS,** On October 24, 2022, the Wharton City Council approved a resolution to participate in the Texas EMS Scholarship Program through the Southeast Texas Regional Advisory Council (SETRAC) for the Wharton EMS Department to assist with advancement of education and certification; and,



**WHEREAS,** Two City of Wharton EMS employees have received grant funding, Ms. Amanda Gomez was awarded \$981.09, and Ms. Renae Girlinghouse was awarded \$4,393.03; and,

**WHEREAS,** The Wharton City Council wishes to accept said Letter of Acceptance.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS:**

**SECTION I.** The Wharton City Council hereby accepts the Letter of Acceptance from the Southeast Texas Regional Advisory Council (SETRAC) Scholarship Committee in the amounts of \$981.09 and \$4,393.03.

**SECTION II.** The Wharton City Council hereby accepts the grant funding from the Southeast Texas Regional Advisory Council (SETRAC) Scholarship Committee.

**SECTION III.** That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

**CITY OF WHARTON**

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**TIM BARKER**  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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**PAULA FAVORS**  
City Secretary

Councilmember, Terry Freese, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The fourth item on the agenda was to review and consider a resolution of the Wharton City Council approving the purchase of a remount and chassis, from Frazer Company, through their licensed franchise dealer, Mac Haik Dodge Chrysler Jeep, through the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Program and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said purchases. EMS Director, Christy Gonzales, presented a copy of the quote from the Frazer Company, through their licensed franchise dealer, Mac Haik Dodge Chrysler Jeep, for the remount of Unit 1121. EMS Director Gonzales said the total amount of the remount and chassis was \$215,550.00 and would be funded through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. She said the City Staff would be applying for a grant from the M.G. & Lillie A. Johnson Foundation in anticipation of receiving \$75,000.00. After some discussion, Councilmember, Russell Machann, moved to approve City of Wharton Resolution No. 2023-26, which read as follows:

**CITY OF WHARTON  
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-26**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A REMOUNT AND CHASSIS, FROM FRAZER COMPANY, THROUGH THEIR LICENSED FRANCHISE DEALER, MAC HAIK DODGE CHRYSLER JEEP, THROUGH THE HOUSTON/GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WHARTON TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO SAID PURCHASES.**

**WHEREAS,** The Wharton City Council wishes to approve the purchase of a remount and chassis from Frazer Co., through Mac Haik Dodge Chrysler Jeep, in the amount of \$215,550.00 that is funded through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund; and,

**WHEREAS,** The Wharton City Council wishes to authorize the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute any and all documents related to said purchase.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS** as follows:

**Section I.** That the Wharton City Council hereby approves an agreement with Frazer Co., through Mac Haik Dodge Chrysler Jeep, for the purchase of a remount and chassis in the amount of \$215,550.00 through the Houston-Galveston Area Council Cooperative Purchasing Program.

**Section II.** That the Mayor of the City of Wharton is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents related to said purchase.

**Section III.** That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

**PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

**CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**TIM BARKER**  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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**PAULA FAVORS**  
City Secretary

Councilmember, Larry Pittman, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.



The fifth item on the agenda was to review and consider a resolution of the Wharton City Council accepting a donation for the Police Academy Sponsorship and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said donation. Chief of Police, Terry David Lynch, stated the Wharton Police Department had initiated a program where the department sponsors a cadet through the Police Academy, namely Wharton County Junior College Law Enforcement Academy. Chief Lynch said a local donor, wishing to remain anonymous, had generously donated the amount of tuition, books, and uniforms to cover the costs of the sponsorship. He said the City Staff was requesting that the City Council consider approving the acceptance of said donation in the amount of \$1,600.00 for sponsorship purposes. After some discussion, Councilmember, Terry Freese, moved to approve City of Wharton Resolution No. 2023-27, which read as follows:

**CITY OF WHARTON  
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-27**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL ACCEPTING A DONATION FOR THE POLICE ACADEMY SPONSORSHIP AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WHARTON TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO SAID DONATION.**

**WHEREAS,** The Wharton Police Department has initiated a program where the department sponsors a cadet through the Wharton County Junior College Law Enforcement Academy; and,

**WHEREAS,** The City of Wharton City Council wishes to accept a donation for sponsorship of a cadet for the Wharton County Junior College Law Enforcement Academy in the amount of \$1,600.00; and,

**WHEREAS,** Said donation will cover the costs of tuition, books, and uniforms; and,

**WHEREAS,** The Wharton City Council wishes to authorize the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents relating to said donation.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS:**

**SECTION I.** The Wharton City Council hereby accepts the donation for the Police Academy Sponsorship in the amount of \$1,600.00.

**SECTION II.** The Wharton City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said donation.

**SECTION III.** That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

**PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

**CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**TIM BARKER**  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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**PAULA FAVORS**  
City Secretary

Councilmember, Larry Pittman, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The sixth item on the agenda was to review and consider a resolution of the Wharton City Council ratifying to enter into a contract agreement with Flock Safety, Inc., for the acquisition, installation, maintenance, and monitoring of nine (9) Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) Cameras and authorizing the Chief of Police to execute all documents related to said agreement. Chief of Police, Terry David Lynch, stated Flock Safety- Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR), was a public safety operating system that helps cities, businesses, schools, and law enforcement in thousands of communities work together to stop crime, protect privacy, and mitigate bias. Chief Lynch said the Flock System was motion activated and takes pictures of the back of the vehicle as it drives by and has 24/7 coverage day or night. He said the cost of this project for the first two years was \$56,750.00 and it was 100%, zero-match, grant-funded, after two years, it would be an annual \$25,000.00 recurring cost. After some discussion, Councilmember, Russell Machann, moved to approve City of Wharton, Resolution No. 2023-28, which read as follows:

**CITY OF WHARTON  
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-28**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL RATIFYING TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH FLOCK SAFETY, INC., FOR THE ACQUISITION, INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND MONITORING OF NINE (9) AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION (ALPR) CAMERAS AND AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF POLICE TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO SAID AGREEMENT.**

**WHEREAS,** The City of Wharton, Texas City Council has determined the addition of the Automatic License Plate Recognition (ALPR) cameras will increase public safety and aid the Police Department in its crime prevention efforts and strategies; and,

**WHEREAS,** The City Council desires to engage the services of Flock Safety, Inc., for acquisition, installation, maintenance, and monitoring of nine (9) fixed, pole mounted ALPR cameras; and,

**WHEREAS,** Funding for this project is available through the Police Department's Operation Lone Star Grant that had been previously approved in 2021 and just recently amended to



utilize a portion of the remaining funds to purchase the ALPR cameras in the amount of \$56,750.00; and,

**WHEREAS,** The City Council desires to ratify said agreement to authorize the Chief of Police to execute a 24-month contract (the "Agreement") attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and Exhibit "B" with Flock Safety, Inc.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS** as follows:

**Section I.** The City Council hereby authorizes the expenditure and approves the Agreement for the acquisition, installation, maintenance, and monitoring of nine (9) fixed, pole mounted ALPR cameras from Flock Safety, Inc., for the Wharton Police Department.

**Section II.** That the Wharton City Council hereby authorizes the Chief of Police to execute all documents related to said agreement.

**Section III.** That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

**Passed, Approved, and Adopted** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

**CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**TIM BARKER**  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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**PAULA FAVORS**  
City Secretary

Councilmember, Don Mueller, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The seventh item on the agenda was to review and consider the Wharton Municipal Swimming Pool:

- A. Approval of the 2023 Pool Schedule.
- B. Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council approving the 2023 Wharton Swim Team Agreement for use of the Wharton Municipal Swimming Pool and authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement.

Civic Center Manager, Makyla Monroe, presented a memorandum dated April 3, 2023, providing the 2023 Wharton Municipal Swimming Pool Applications, Fees, and Schedule. Ms. Monroe also presented a copy of the draft agreement with the Wharton Swim Team for use of the Wharton Municipal Swimming Pool. After some discussion, Councilmember, Terry Freese, moved to approve City of Wharton Resolution No. 2023-29, which read as follows:

**CITY OF WHARTON  
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-29**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE 2023 WHARTON SWIM TEAM AGREEMENT FOR USE OF THE WHARTON MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WHARTON TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT.**

**WHEREAS,** The Wharton Swim Team wishes to utilize the Wharton Municipal Pool for practices; and,

**WHEREAS,** The City of Wharton and the Wharton Swim Team wishes to enter into an agreement for use of the Wharton Municipal Pool; and,

**WHEREAS,** The City of Wharton and Wharton Swim Team wishes to be bound by the conditions set forth in said agreement; and,

**WHEREAS,** The Wharton City Council wishes to authorize the City Manager of the City of Wharton to execute the agreement.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS THAT:**

**Section I.** The City Council hereby approves an agreement between the City of Wharton and the Wharton Swim Team for use of the Wharton Municipal Pool.

**Section II.** The City of Wharton and the Wharton Swim Team are hereby bound by the conditions set forth in the agreement.

**Section III.** The City of Wharton hereby authorizes the City Manager of the City of Wharton to execute the agreement.

**Section IV.** This resolution will become effective immediately upon its passage.

**Passed, Approved and Adopted this 10th day of April 2023.**

**CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_



**TIM BARKER**  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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**PAULA FAVORS**  
City Secretary

Councilmember, Larry Pittman, seconded the motion.

The eighth item on the agenda was to review and consider a resolution of the Wharton City Council authorizing submission of an application to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) FY 2023 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs in support of the expansion of Prime Eco Fluids and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said submission. Director of Planning & Development, Gwyn Teves, stated the Economic Development Administration (EDA) had announced funding availability for its FY 2023 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Notice of Funding Opportunity. Mrs. Teves said the City Staff was requesting authorization to apply for the FY 2023 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance in support of the expansion of Prime Eco Fluids. She said the application would be for a 12-inch waterline extension from Kingston Drive to the Prime Eco site. After some discussion, Councilmember, Terry Freese, moved to approve City of Wharton Resolution No. 2023-30, which read as follows:

**CITY OF WHARTON  
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-30**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION (EDA) FY 2023 PUBLIC WORKS AND ECONOMIC ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS IN SUPPORT OF THE EXPANSION OF PRIME ECO FLUIDS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WHARTON TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO SAID SUBMISSION.**

**WHEREAS,** The City of Wharton City Council wishes to submit an application to the EDA FY 2023 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance Programs in support of the expansion of Prime Eco Fluids; and,

**WHEREAS,** The Wharton City Council wishes to authorize the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents relating to said application.

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS:**

**SECTION I.** The Wharton City Council hereby approves for The City of Wharton staff to prepare an application for the EDA FY 2023 Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance in support of the expansion of Prime Eco Fluids.

**SECTION II.** The City designates the Mayor as the person authorized to sign all forms related to the preparation of the application.

**SECTION III.** That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

**PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

**CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**TIM BARKER**

Mayor

**ATTEST:**

**PAULA FAVORS**

City Secretary

Councilmember, Steve Schneider, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The ninth item on the agenda was to review and consider a resolution of the Wharton City Council authorizing the submittal of a Letter of Support to Congressman Troy Nehls on behalf of the City Development Corporation of El Campo for the FY 24 Community Project Funding Request for the I-69 progress in the City of El Campo and authorizing the Mayor to execute the Letter of Support. Director of Planning & Development, Gwyn Teves, stated the City Development Corporation of El Campo had requested a Letter of Support in reference to the FY 24 Community Project Funding Request for the additional I-69 right-of-way acquisition and utility relocation they would need to do to complete the 7.9-mile section of roadway on the north side of El Campo. After some discussion, Councilmember, Terry Freese, moved to approve City of Wharton Resolution No. 2023-31, which read as follows:

**CITY OF WHARTON  
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-31**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO CONGRESSMAN TROY NEHLS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF EL CAMPO FOR THE FY 24 COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST FOR THE I-69 PROGRESS IN THE CITY OF EL CAMPO AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE LETTER OF SUPPORT.**



**WHEREAS,** The City Development Corporation of El Campo has requested the Wharton City Council submit a letter of support on their behalf for the FY 24 Community Project Funding Request; and,

**WHEREAS,** The Wharton City Council wishes to authorize submission of a Letter of Support to Congressman Troy Nehls on their behalf in support of the I-69 progress in the City of El Campo.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS THAT:**

**Section I:** The Wharton City Council hereby approves the submittal of the Letter of Support to Congressman Troy Nehls on behalf of the City Development Corporation of El Campo in support of the I-69 progress in the City of El Campo.

**Section II:** The Wharton City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute the Letter of Support.

**Section III:** This resolution will become effective immediately upon its passage.

**Passed, Approved, and Adopted** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

**CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS**

**By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**TIM BARKER**  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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**PAULA FAVORS**  
City Secretary

Councilmember, Larry Pittman, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The tenth item on the agenda was to review and consider a resolution of the Wharton City Council approving the purchase and installation of budgeting software from ClearGov for the City of Wharton and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said contract. Director of Finance, Joan Anandel, stated over the past few months, the Finance Department had been evaluating a budget software program, ClearGov. Mrs. Anandel said this software was used by many local governmental entities to have a more thorough and informative budget and the software also provided the tools needed for the City to participate in achieving the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Budget Award. She said the City Staff had obtained a pro-rated price for the period of April through September in the amount of \$5,460.00

and then a cost of \$12,840.00 beginning October 1, 2023, for one year, which would include a one-time set up fee of \$1,920.00 and then annually a cost of \$10,920.00. After some discussion, Councilmember, Russell Machann, moved to approve City of Wharton Resolution No. 2023-32, which read as follows:

**CITY OF WHARTON  
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-32**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF BUDGETING SOFTWARE FROM CLEARGOV FOR THE CITY OF WHARTON AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WHARTON TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO SAID CONTRACT.**

**WHEREAS,** It is in the best interest of the City of Wharton to purchase and install budgeting software; and,

**WHEREAS,** The Finance Department has the necessary funding for the purchase and installation of said software through the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget; and,

**WHEREAS,** The Wharton City Council wishes to approve funding in the amount of \$5,460.00 to be used to purchase and install said software; and,

**WHEREAS,** The Wharton City Council wishes to purchase budgeting software; and,

**WHEREAS,** The Wharton City Council wishes to authorize the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute any and all documents related to said software's purchase and installation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS** as follows:

**Section I.** That the Wharton City Council hereby approves the purchase in the amount of \$5,460.00 to purchase and install budgeting software.

**Section II.** That the Mayor of the City of Wharton is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents related to said software's purchase and installation.

**Section III.** That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

**Passed, Approved, and Adopted** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

**CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**TIM BARKER**  
Mayor



**ATTEST:**

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**PAULA FAVORS**

City Secretary

Councilmember, Terry Freese, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The eleventh item on the agenda was to review and consider appointments, resignations and vacancies to the City of Wharton Boards, Commissions and Committees:

- A. Appointments.
- B. Resignations.
- C. Vacancies.

After some discussion, no action was taken.

The twelfth item on the agenda was to review and consider the City Council Boards, Commissions, and Committee Reports:

- A. Housing Committee meeting held March 27, 2023.

After some discussion, no action was taken.

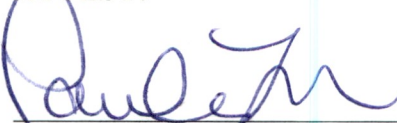
There being no further discussion, Councilmember, Don Mueller, moved to adjourn. Councilmember, Steve Schneider, seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

**CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS**

By: *Tim Barker*  
**TIM BARKER**  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**



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**PAULA FAVORS**  
City Secretary

