

**MINUTES  
OF  
CITY OF WHARTON  
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
120 EAST CANEY STREET  
WHARTON, TEXAS 77488  
Monday, March 23, 2026–12:00 p.m.**

City Manager Joseph R Pace declared a meeting of the City Council Finance Committee duly open for the transaction of business at 12 04 p m

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

Committee Members absent None

City Council Members present: None.

Staff members present: City Manager Joseph R Pace, Assistant to the City Manager Brandi Jimenez, Finance Accountant London Davis, City Secretary Paula Favors, Public Works Director Roderick Semien, Civic Center Manager Makyla Monroe, and EMS Director Christy Gonzales.

Staff members absent Finance Director Joan Andel

Visitors: None.

Public Comments There were no public comments

The first item on the agenda was to review and consider the minutes from the meeting held on January 12, 2026 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 Proposed City of Wharton Write-Offs

A City of Wharton EMS

B Utilities

Finance Accountant London Davis stated to the Committee that Ms Debra Medina from Prudentia recommended writing off any self-pay accounts that had not been active for a year He presented the Committee with the list that represents those accounts He stated that the City Staff had checked the utility billing system to determine whether any accounts had current addresses, enabling Prudentia to seek further collection on any accounts returned with incorrect addresses. He stated that all those accounts had been transferred to Linebarger, Goggan, Blair, and Sampson LLC for collection efforts to begin with our outside collectors After some discussion, Councilmember Russell Machann made a motion to recommend to the City Council that the total amount be written off from the Emergency Services Accounts Receivable, should any future collections be received, the write-off would be reversed and the payment applied Mayor Tim Barker seconded the motion All voted in favor

Finance Accountant London Davis stated to the Committee that the Utility Department requested that uncollected balances from October 2024 through September 2025 be written off for nonpayment He stated that the uncollected balances were mainly due to customers who had moved away without finalizing their accounts. He stated that the City had applied the customer's deposit to the account, but the balance remains unpaid He stated that each of these customers had received a final bill and that the customers are not allowed to open a new utility account in the future until all outstanding utility debts owed to the City have been settled He presented the write-off for utility accounts from the previous year. After some discussion,

Councilmember Russell Machann made a motion to recommend to the City Council that the utility write-offs be approved. Mayor Tim Barker 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 authorizing repairs to the pool by Landmark Aquatic through the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Program and authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents related to said repairs. Public Works Director Roderick Semien stated to the Committee that the City Staff received quotes from Landmark Aquatic, a BuyBoard member, to repair the pool and make it operational for the 2026 Season. They are as follows.

Filter Manifold Leak Repair.

PVC Plumbing – Not to Exceed \$12,805.00

Pump Contingency- Repair \$ 7,000.00

Labor-\$13,715.00

Total \$33,520.00

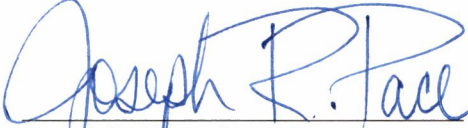
He stated that the City would be responsible for locating a welder if the filter tank connections needed to be reattached. He stated there may be an additional expense.

Leak Repair \$33,000.00

After some discussion, Councilmember Larry Pittman made a motion to recommend to the City Council that the resolution be approved as presented and reflect the new total of \$66,520.00. Councilmember Russell Machann seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The fourth item on the agenda was adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m.



Joseph R. Pace, City Manager