



**CITY OF WHARTON
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Monday, April 13, 2026
5:00 PM**

***CITY HALL 120 EAST CANEY STREET
WHARTON, TEXAS 77488***

**NOTICE OF
CITY OF WHARTON
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that a Finance Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, April 13, 2026, at 5:00 pm. at the Wharton City Hall, 120 East Caney Street, Wharton, Texas, at which time the following subjects will be discussed, to-wit:

SEE ATTACHED AGENDA

Dated this 7th day of April 2026.


By: 
Joseph R. Pace, City Manager

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the Finance Committee Meeting is a true and correct copy of said Notice and that I posted a true and correct copy of said Notice on the bulletin board, at City Hall of said City or Town in Wharton, Texas, a place convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times, and said Notice was posted on April 7, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. and remained so posted continuously for at least three (3) business days preceding the scheduled time of said meeting.

The Wharton City Hall is wheelchair accessible. Access to the building and special parking are available at the primary entrance. Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and may need auxiliary aids or services, such as interpreters for individuals who are deaf or hearing impaired, readers, or large print, are requested to contact the City Secretary's Office at (979) 532-4811, Ext. 225 or by FAX (979) 532-0181 at least two (2) days prior to the meeting date. BRAILLE IS NOT AVAILABLE.

Dated this 7th day of April 2026.

CITY OF WHARTON

By: 
Paula Favors
City Secretary



A G E N D A
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Call to Order.

Roll Call.

Public Comments.


Review & Consider:

1. Minutes from the meeting held on March 23, 2026.
2. Presentation: Presentation by EMC Strategy Group, LLC, a Government and External Affairs Consulting Firm.

Adjournment.

City of Wharton
120 E. Caney Street
Wharton, TX 77488

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Meeting Date:	4/13/2026	Agenda Item:	Minutes from the meeting held on March 23, 2026.
Attached are the draft minutes from the meeting held on March 23, 2026.			
City Manager: Joseph R. Pace		Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2026	
Approval: 			
Mayor: Tim Barker			

**MINUTES
OF
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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

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