

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 23, 2017**

Mayor Tim Barker declared a Regular Meeting duly open for the transaction of business at 7:04 P.M at City Hall 120 E. Caney Street Wharton, TX. Councilmember Vincent Huerta led the opening devotion and Mayor Barker led the pledge of allegiance.

Councilmember's present were: Mayor Tim Barker and Councilmembers Al Bryant, Terry Freese, Vincent Huerta, Russell Machann, Don Mueller and Steven Schneider.

Councilmember absent was: None

Staff members present were: City Manager Andres Garza, Jr., Finance Director Joan Andel, City Secretary Paula Favors, TRMC, Assistant to the City Manager Brandi Jimenez, Community Development Coordinator Gwyneth Teves, Police Chief Terry David Lynch, Public Works Director Wade Wendt, and City Attorney Paul Webb.

Visitors present were: Wharton Economic Development Director Chad Odom, III, Pastor Janice Blair, Blanche Allen, Charlotte Bess, Mary A. Barnes, Wes Birdwell, P.E. with Half and Associates, Inc. and Evelyn Carriere with the Wharton Journal Spectator.

The second item on the agenda was Roll Call and Excused Absences. All members were present.

The third item on the agenda was Public Comments. No Public Comments were made.

The fourth item on the agenda was the Wharton Moment. Councilmember Terry Freese congratulated the Wharton High School Boys Basketball Varsity team for placing second in the district. Councilmember Freese stated that the Wharton High School Girls' Basketball Varsity team was undefeated. Mayor Tim Barker recognized Councilmember Don Mueller for being on the front page of the Wharton Journal Spectator. Councilmember Russell Machann stated that the East Wharton County Crimestoppers would be hosting a fundraising dance on Saturday, February 11, 2017 at the KC Hall in Wharton.

The fifth item on the agenda was to review and consider City of Wharton Municipal Election 2017:

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Ordinance: An ordinance ordering a City Officer's Election to be held as a joint election with Wharton County Elections Department for the purpose of electing the positions of Mayor and Councilmembers; Providing for the date, time and place of the election, Notice of the Election, Filing Applications; Drawing for Ballot Positions, Use of Accessible Voting System, Appointment of Election Workers, Early Voting and Making Election Returns.

Una ordenanza ordenando una elección de funcionarios de la ciudad a celebrarse de forma conjunta con el departamento de elecciones alcalde y del condado de Wharton con el propósito de elegir puestos de concejales; asignando la fecha, Horas, Y presentación de solicitudes, sorteo para lugares en la balota, uso de sistema de votación accesible, Nombramiento de los trabajadores de la elección, votación anticipada, Y entrega de los resultados de la elección.

City Secretary Paula Favors presented a draft copy of the ordinance, in English and Spanish versions as required by law, ordering a City's Officer's Election to be held as a joint election with the Wharton County Elections Department. Mrs. Favors stated that the City Council positions that are up for election are three (3) City Council positions, which were District No.'s 1, 3, & 5. After some discussion, Councilmember Russell Machann moved to approve City of Wharton Ordinance No. 2017-02, which read as follows:

**CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS
ORDINANCE NO. 2017-02**

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A CITY OFFICERS ELECTION TO BE HELD AS A JOINT ELECTION WITH WHARTON COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THE POSITIONS OF COUNCILMEMBERS; PROVIDING FOR THE DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF THE ELECTION, NOTICE OF THE ELECTION, FILING APPLICATIONS, DRAWING FOR BALLOT POSITIONS, USE OF ACCESSIBLE VOTING SYSTEM, APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION WORKERS, EARLY VOTING, AND MAKING ELECTION RETURNS.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Wharton, Texas:

"Section 38 of the City Charter provides that city run-off elections will be held when, in any regular election to elect a mayor or councilmen or both to fill the mayor's place or numbered councilmen places or both, no candidate receives a majority of all of the votes cast for any one of such offices or places at such election, the city council shall, not later than the 5th day after the date the final canvass of the main election is completed, order a runoff election for every such officer's place to which no one was elected. Any such runoff

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election shall be held not earlier than the 20th day nor later than the 30th day after the date of completing the final canvass of the main election.”

Joint Election

Wharton County Elections Department will be conducting the duties as described in the Joint Election Agreement.

Position

An election shall be held in the City of Wharton, Texas, for the purpose of electing the following officials for the City:

Councilmember - District No. 1
Councilmember - District No. 3
Councilmember at Large - Place No. 5

Date

An election shall be held in the City of Wharton, Texas, on **May 6, 2017**.

Time

The polls shall open for voting at **7 a.m.** and shall close at **7 p.m.**

Location

The election shall be held at the Wharton Civic Center – Duncan Auditorium, 1924 N. Fulton St., Wharton, Texas.

Notice of City Officers' Election

The Mayor shall cause a notice by publication of this election to be published at least once in a newspaper that is published in the City of Wharton, Texas, and that is in the jurisdiction of the City of Wharton, Texas, which publication shall be not earlier than the **30th day** nor later than the **10th day** before election day.

The Mayor shall also give notice of the election by causing a copy of the notice of election to be posted not later than the **21st day** before election day on the bulletin board located at the City Hall, 120 East Caney, Wharton, Texas, and used for posting notices of meetings of the Wharton City Council. The notice shall include the location of the polling place.

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Eligibility to Vote

The election shall be held in accordance with the Election Code of the State of Texas. Only qualified resident voters of the City of Wharton, Texas, shall be eligible to vote in the election.

Candidate Names

The City Secretary shall, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Texas Election Code, order the candidate names to be printed on the ballots for said General Election.

Filing

Candidates must file applications for a place on the ballot with the City Secretary of the City of Wharton, Texas, beginning on **January 18, 2017** and continuing through **5:00 p.m. on February 17, 2017**. A declaration of write-in candidacy must be filed not later than 5:00 P.M. on **February 24, 2017**.

Candidates for City Councilmember must designate the position filed for either Councilmember - District No. 1, Councilmember - District No. 3 or Councilmember at Large - Place No. 5.

Drawing for Ballot Positions

On February 23, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., a drawing will take place in the office of the City Secretary for the purpose of determining the order of the candidates' names as they are to appear on the ballot.

The City Secretary shall post a notice of the date, hour, and place of the drawing and this notice shall remain posted continuously for at least 72 hours immediately preceding the scheduled time of the drawing.

Ballots

Paper ballots shall be used for the purposes of provisional and mail-out for early voting and provisional for election day.

Accessible Voting System

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Section 61.012 of the Texas Election Code requires that the City of Wharton must provide at least one accessible voting system in each polling place used in a Texas election on or after January 1, 2006. This system must comply with state and federal laws setting the requirements for voting systems that permit voters with physical disabilities to cast a secret ballot.

The Office of the Texas Secretary of State has certified that the iVotronic (DRE) voting machines is an accessible voting system that may legally be used in Texas elections.

Sections 123.032 and 123.035 of the Texas Election Code authorize the acquisition of voting systems by local political subdivisions and further mandate certain minimum requirements for contracts relating to the acquisition of such voting systems. The City of Wharton shall lease or rent from the County of Wharton as authorized by Section 123.032.

The City of Wharton hereby adopts for use in Early Voting and Election Day Voting the iVotronic (DRE) voting machines as approved by the Secretary of State to comply with HAVA requirements.

Elections Recording Management Tabulation System

The City of Wharton shall lease or rent from the County the ERM (Elections Recording Management) systems for tabulation purposes, if needed.

Election Officers

The Wharton County Elections Department (WCED) will be responsible for the appointment of the presiding judge and alternate judge. The following-named persons are appointed officers for the election:

Presiding Judge: Joyce Barker

Alternate Presiding Judge: Joanne Taylor

WCED shall arrange the training. WCED is responsible for notifying the election presiding and alternate judges of the eligibility requirements of Subchapter C of Chapter 32 of the Texas Election Code, and will take the necessary steps to insure that the presiding and alternate judges appointed are eligible to serve. The presiding judge, with the assistance from WCED, will be responsible for insuring the eligibility of each appointed clerk hired to assist the judge in the conduct of the election.

Early Voting

Wharton County Elections Administrator is Cindy Richter appointed early voting clerk and is authorized to appoint other deputies to serve as early voting clerks.

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The early voting by personal appearance for the above-designated election shall take place at the Wharton County Annex D, Suite 115, E. Milam, Wharton, Texas. The place for early voting shall remain open on each day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, or an official state holiday, between the hours of **8 a.m.** and **5 p.m.**, beginning on **April 24, 2017** and continuing through **April 28, 2017; Monday, May 1, 2017** and continuing through **Tuesday, May 2, 2017** between the hours of **7 a.m.** to **7 p.m.**

Voters may send ballot applications and mailed ballots to the Wharton County Elections Administrator's office at P.O. Box 390, Wharton, TX 77488.

Early Voting Ballot Board

An Early Voting Ballot Board is hereby established for the purpose of early voting results. Wharton County Elections Administrator shall appoint the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board. Wharton County Elections Administrator shall act as Early Voting Ballot Board Clerk.

Compensation for Election Officials and Clerks

The election officials and clerks shall be compensated in the following manner:

The Election Judge for the May 6, 2017 General Election shall be paid \$9.00 per hour. The Election Judge shall also be paid \$25.00 for delivering the precinct records, keys to ballot box or other election equipment and unused election supplies after the election.

The Alternate Judge for the May 6, 2017 General Election shall be paid \$8.50 per hour.

The Election Clerk(s) for the May 6, 2017 General Election shall be paid \$8.50 per hour.

Writ of Election

Wharton County Elections Administrator shall deliver to the above-appointed presiding judge for the election not later than the **15th day** before election day.

Returns

"Section 41 of the City Charter provides that city elections shall be canvassed within one (1) week after the election; however, pursuant to changes in the Texas Election Code, Section 67.003, the local canvass shall convene not earlier than the third day or later than the 11th day after the election day." The period for official canvass shall be from May 9 - 17, 2017. The officers holding the election shall make returns of the results thereof to the Mayor of this City, as required by the Election Code of the State of Texas.

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Order

The City Council of the City of Wharton, Texas, shall order the election, in accordance with the foregoing provisions.

Severability

If any court of competent jurisdiction rules that any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is invalid or unconstitutional, any such portion shall be deemed to be a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and any such ruling shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

Passage and Approval

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Wharton, Texas, on this 23rd day of January, 2017.

CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS

ATTEST:

By: _____
Tim Barker
Mayor

Paula Favors
City Secretary

APPROVED AS:

Paul Webb
City Attorney

CIUDAD DE WHARTON, TEXAS
ORDENANZA N° 2017-02

UNA ORDENANZA ORDENANDO UNA ELECCIÓN DE FUNCIONARIOS DE LA CIUDAD A CELEBRARSE DE FORMA CONJUNTA CON EL DEPARTAMENTO DE ELECCIONES DEL CONDADO DE WHARTON CON EL PROPÓSITO DE ELEGIR PUESTOS DE CONCEJALES; ASIGNANDO LA FECHA, HORAS, Y LUGAR DE LA ELECCIÓN, EL AVISO DE LA ELECCIÓN, PRESENTACION DE SOLICITUDES,

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SORTEO PARA LUGARES EN LA BALOTA, USO DE SISTEMA DE VOTACIÓN ACCESIBLE, NOMBRAMIENTO DE LOS TRABAJADORES DE LA ELECCION, VOTACIÓN ANTICIPADA, Y ENTREGA DE LOS RESULTADOS DE LA ELECCION.

El Consejo Municipal de La Ciudad De Wharton, Texas, ORDENA:

“La Sección 38 de la Carta Constitutiva establece que se realicen elecciones de segunda vuelta de la ciudad cuando en cualquier elección regular para elegir alcalde o concejal o ambos para llenar la vacante del puesto de alcalde o los puestos numerados de concejales o ambos, ningún candidato reciba una mayoría de todos los votos votados para cualquiera de esos puestos o lugares de dicha elección, el consejo municipal, no más tarde del quinto día después de que se termine de hacer el escrutinio final de la elección principal, ordenará una elección de segunda vuelta para cada puesto del funcionario para el que nadie haya sido elegido. Cualquier elección de segunda vuelta será realizada no antes de 20 días ni más tarde de 30 días después de que se termine de hacer el escrutinio final de la elección principal.”

Elección conjunta

El Departamento de elecciones del condado de Wharton realizará las obligaciones descritas en el Acuerdo de Elección Conjunta.

Puesto

Se celebrará una elección en la ciudad de Wharton, Texas, con el propósito de elegir a los siguientes oficiales de la Ciudad:

Concejal - Distrito No. 1
Concejal – Distrito No. 3
Concejal de forma irrestricta – Posición No. 5

Fecha

Se celebrará una elección en la ciudad de Wharton, Texas, el **6 de mayo de 2017.**

Horas

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Los lugares de votación abrirán para votar a las **7:00 a.m.** y se cerrarán a **las 7:00 p.m.**

Lugar

La elección se celebrará en el Auditorio Duncann del Centro Cívico de Wharton, 1924 N. Fulton Street, Wharton, Texas.

Aviso de elección de oficiales municipales

El Alcalde anunciará el aviso de la elección mediante la publicación del aviso por lo menos una vez en un periódico publicado en la ciudad de Wharton, Texas, y que esté en la jurisdicción de la ciudad de Wharton, Texas, cuya publicación no sea anterior a **30 días** antes ni posterior a **10 días** antes de la fecha del día de la elección.

El Alcalde también anunciará el aviso de la elección mediante la publicación del aviso en el tablero de anuncios ubicado en la Alcaldía, 120 East Caney, Wharton, Texas, utilizado para publicar los avisos de las reuniones del Concejo Municipal de Wharton no después de **21 días** antes de la elección. El aviso contendrá la ubicación del lugar de la votación.

Elegibilidad para votar

La elección se realizará de acuerdo con el Código de Elecciones del estado de Texas. Solamente los electores capacitados de la ciudad de Wharton, Texas, serán elegibles para votar en la elección.

Nombres de los candidatos

La Secretaria Municipal de acuerdo con los términos y disposiciones del Código de Elecciones del estado de Texas ordenará que los nombres de los candidatos sean impresos en las balotas para dicha Elección General.

Período de presentación

Los candidatos deben presentar sus solicitudes para un lugar en la balota a la Secretaria Municipal de la Ciudad de Wharton, Texas, a partir del **18 de enero de 2017** y continuando hasta las 5:00 de la tarde del **17 de febrero de 2017**. La declaración de

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solicitud de candidato anotado se debe presentar no más tarde de las 5:30 de la tarde del **24 de febrero de 2017**.

Los candidatos para concejales municipales deben designar el puesto al que se están postulando, ya sea para concejal- Distrito No. 1, concejal - Distrito No. 3, concejal - Distrito No. 5 de forma irrestricta.

Sorteo para los lugares en las balotas

El 23 de febrero de 2017, a las 10:00 de la mañana se celebrará un sorteo en las oficinas de la Secretaria Municipal con el propósito de determinar el orden en que los nombres de los candidatos se imprimirán en la balota.

La Secretaria Municipal publicará el aviso de la fecha, hora y lugar del sorteo y este aviso deberá permanecer anunciado continuamente por lo menos las 72 horas inmediatamente anteriores a la hora programada para tal sorteo

Balotas

Se usarán balotas de papel con los propósitos de los votos provisionales y por correo para la votación anticipada y provisionales para el día de la elección.

Sistema de votación Accesible

La sección 61.012 del Código de Elecciones de Texas requiere que la Ciudad de Wharton deberá ofrecer al menos un sistema de votación accesible en cada lugar de votación usado en cualquier elección de Texas a partir del 1º de enero de 2006. Este sistema debe de cumplir con las leyes federales y estatales que establecen los requisitos para sistemas de votaciones que brinden una manera práctica y eficaz para que los votantes con discapacidades físicas voten en una balota secreta.

La oficina del Secretario de Texas ha certificado que las máquinas de votación iVotronic (DRE) son un sistema de votación accesible que puede ser usado legalmente en las elecciones de Texas.

Las secciones 123.032 y 123.035 del Código de Elecciones de Texas autorizan a las subdivisiones políticas la adquisición de sistemas de votación y además ordenan ciertos requisitos mínimos para los contratos relacionados con la adquisición de tales sistemas de

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votación. La Ciudad de Wharton arrendará o alquilará del condado de Wharton según está autorizado por la sección 123.032.

La Ciudad de Wharton por medio del presente adopta para su uso en la votación anticipada y en el día de la elección las máquinas de votación iVotronic (DRE) según está aprobado por el Secretario del Estado para cumplir con los requisitos HAVA.

Sistema de Administración de la Tabulación de los Registros

La Ciudad de Wharton arrendará o alquilará del condado la (ERM) (Administración de Registros de Elecciones) con los propósitos de tabulación, si fuera necesario.

Oficiales de la elección

El Departamento de Elecciones del Condado de Wharton (WCED) será responsable del nombramiento del juez presidente y del juez presidente alterno. Las siguientes personas nombradas son nombradas como oficiales para la elección:

Juez Presidente:	Joyce Barker
Juez presidente Alterno:	Joanne Taylor

El WCED dispondrá el entrenamiento. El WCED es responsable de notificar al juez presidente y al juez presidente alterno de los requisitos del Subcapítulo C del Capítulo 32 del Código de Elecciones de Texas, y tomará las medidas necesarias para asegurar que el juez presidente y el juez presidente alterno nombrados sean elegibles para desempeñar el cargo. El juez presidente, con la asistencia del WCED, será responsable de asegurar la elegibilidad de cada secretaria nombrada para asistir al juez presidente a realizar la elección.

Votación anticipada

La administradora interina de elecciones del Condado de Wharton es Cindy Richter y queda autorizada a nombrar a otros asistentes para desempeñarse como secretarías de la votación anticipada.

La votación anticipada por comparecencia personal para la elección nombrada aquí arriba se realizará en el Anexo D del Condado de Wharton, Sala 115, E. Milam, Wharton,

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Texas. El lugar de votación anticipada permanecerá abierto cada día que no sea sábado, domingo, o fiesta estatal oficial, desde las **8:00 de la mañana hasta las 5:00 de la tarde**, comenzando el **24 de abril de 2017** y continuando hasta **abril 28 de 2017** inclusive; el lunes **1 de mayo de 2017** y continuando el martes, **2 de mayo de 2017** desde las **7:00 de la mañana a las 7:00 de la noche**.

Los votantes deben enviar las solicitudes de balotas y las balotas votadas por correo a la oficina de la administradora de elecciones del Condado de Wharton: P.O. Box 390, Wharton, Texas 77488.

Junta de Balotas de la Votación Anticipada

Por medio del presente se establece una Junta de Balotas de la Votación Anticipada con el propósito de los resultados de la votación anticipada. La administradora de elecciones del Condado de Wharton nombrará al juez presidente de la Junta de Balotas de la Votación Anticipada. La administradora de elecciones del Condado de Wharton actuará como secretaria de de la Junta de Balotas de la Votación Anticipada.

Compensación para los Oficiales y los Secretarios de la Elección

Los oficiales y los secretarios de la elección serán compensados de la siguiente forma:

El juez de la elección de la elección general del 6 de mayo de 2017 será remunerado a \$9.00 por hora. El juez de la elección también será pagado \$25.00 por entregar los registros de los precintos, las llaves de la caja de las balotas u otro equipo electoral y los suministros electorales que no se hayan usado después de la elección.

El Juez alerno para la elección general del 6 de mayo de 2017 será remunerado a \$8.50 por hora.

Los secretarios de la elección para la elección general del 6 de mayo de 2017 serán remunerados a \$8.50 por hora.

Oficio de Elección

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La administradora de elecciones del Condado de Wharton entregará al arriba nombrado juez presidente para la elección no más tarde de **15 días** antes del día de la elección.

Resultados

“La Sección 41 de la Carta Constitutiva dispone que las elecciones municipales serán escrutinadas durante una (1) semana después de la elección; sin embargo, de acuerdo con los cambios del Código de Elecciones de Texas, Sección 67.003, el escrutinio local se congregará no antes del tercer día ni más tarde del onceavo (11) día después del día de la elección.”. El periodo para los escrutinios oficiales será desde el 9 hasta el 17 de mayo de 2017. Los oficiales que realicen la elección deberán entregar los resultados de ella al alcalde de esta Ciudad, según lo requiere el Código de Elecciones de Texas.

Orden

El Consejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Wharton, Texas, ordenará la elección de acuerdo con las siguientes disposiciones.

Divisibilidad

Si algún tribunal de jurisdicción competente dicta que cualquier sección, subsección, oración, cláusula, frase, o parte de esta orden sea inválida o inconstitucional, dicha parte será considerada como disposición separada, distinta e independiente, y dicho dictamen no afectará a la validez de las partes restantes de esta.

Promulgación y Aprobación

PASADO Y APROBADO por El Consejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Wharton, Texas, este día 23 de enero de 2017.

CIUDAD DE WHARTON, TEXAS

ATESTIGUACIÓN:

Por: _____
Tim Barker

Por: _____
Paula Favors

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Alcalde

Secretaria Municipal

APROBADO:

Paul Webb
Abogado Municipal

Councilmember Al Bryant seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The sixth item on the agenda a resolution of the Wharton City Council approving a Joint Election Agreement with Wharton County Elections Department for the City Election; and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute the agreement. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented a draft copy of a resolution approving the agreement. City Secretary Paula Favors stated the agreement had not changed from previous years and that City Attorney Paul Webb had reviewed the agreement and was recommending City Council consider approving it. After some discussion, Councilmember Al Bryant moved to approve City of Wharton Resolution No. 2017-02, which read as follows:

CITY OF WHARTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL APPROVING A JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT WITH WHARTON COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT FOR THE CITY ELECTION; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WHARTON TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, The Wharton City Council wishes to approve the joint agreement with Wharton County Elections Department for the City election; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Wharton and Wharton County Elections Department wishes to be bound by the conditions set forth in the agreement; and,

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

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

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- Section I.** That the Wharton City Council hereby approves an agreement between the City of Wharton and Wharton County Elections Department for the City election.
- Section II.** That the City of Wharton and Wharton County Elections Department are hereby bound by the conditions set forth in the agreement.
- Section III.** That the Wharton City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the Wharton to execute the agreement.
- Section. IV.** That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

Passed, Approved, and Adopted this the 23rd day of January 2017.

CITY OF WHARTON

By: _____
TIM BARKER
Mayor

ATTEST:

PAULA FAVORS
City Secretary

Councilmember Steven Schneider seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The seventh item on the agenda was the City of Wharton Finance Report for December 2016. Finance Director Joan Anandel presented the financial report for the month of December 2016. Mrs. Anandel stated that the TexPool balance for December as \$91,930.11 with an average monthly yield of .46%. She said the Prosperity Bank balance for December 2015 was \$5,510,476.50 with an average monthly yield of .15%. After some discussion, Councilmember Al Bryant moved to approve the City of Wharton Financial Report for the month of December 2016. Councilmember Terry Freese seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The eighth item on the agenda was to review and consider a request by Wharton County Junior College for a Surplus Patrol Unit (Tahoe). City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented a request from the Wharton County Junior College for a Surplus Patrol Unit (Tahoe) and a memorandum with Chief Terry Lynch's recommendation. Chief Lynch stated that the Wharton Police Department had an excellent working relationship with the

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Wharton County Junior College Police Academy but it wasn't always feasible to allow the usage of City vehicles for their training. Chief Lynch said it was also the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE)'s requirement for the academy to have their own vehicle for training and the Police Department had a vehicle they were able to donate to the academy for training purposes. After some discussion, Councilmember Vincent Huerta moved to approve the request by Wharton County Junior College for a Surplus Patrol Unit (Tahoe). Councilmember Terry Freese seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The ninth item on the agenda was to review and consider Application to the Texas Water Development Board for Water Plant Project:

A. **Resolution:** A resolution of the Wharton City Council authorizing the submission of a loan application to Texas Water Development Board Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for the City of Wharton Water Well Plant Project and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to loan application submission.

B. Request by the City Staff for the solicitation of engineering, financial advisory and bond council for the loan application for the City of Wharton Water Well Plant Project and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said loan application submission.

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. stated that on January 12, 2017, the City Council Finance Committee met to discuss the loan application invitation the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) submitted to the City of Wharton for the Water Well Plant Project. City Manager Garza said the City Staff made a presentation to the Committee on elements and the financing of the project and the City Council Finance Committee voted to recommend to the City Council to approve the submission of a loan application to the Texas Water Development Board for the Water Well Project under the Texas Water Development Board Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Programs and to solicit for engineering, financial advisory services and bond counsel service. Mr. Wes Birdwell, P.E., with Halff and Associates, Inc. then presented the same presentation to the City Council. After some discussion, Councilmember Vincent Huerta moved to approve City of Wharton Resolution No. 2017-09, which read as follows:

**CITY OF WHARTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-09**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE
SUBMISSION OF A LOAN APPLICATION TO TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT
BOARD DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND FOR THE CITY OF
WHARTON WATER WELL PLANT PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE**

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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 Texas Water Development Board Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for a Water Well Project ; and,

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

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

SECTION I. The Wharton City Council hereby approves the submittal of the application to the Texas Water Development Board Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for a Water Well Project.

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

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

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 23rd day of January 2017.

CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS

By: _____
TIM BARKER
Mayor

ATTEST:

PAULA FAVORS
City Secretary

Councilmember Al Bryant seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

B. Request by the City Staff for the solicitation of engineering, financial advisory and bond council for the loan application for the City of Wharton Water Well Plant Project and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said loan application submission.

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City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. stated that the City Council Finance Committee met and were recommending the City Council consider approving the City submitting the full loan application. After some discussion, Councilmember Al Bryant moved to approve the request by the City Staff for the solicitation of engineering, financial advisory and bond council for the loan application for the City of Wharton Water Well Plant Project. Councilmember Terry Freese seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The tenth item discussed on the agenda was to review and consider City of Wharton Flood Prevention Project (Levee Project):

A. **Resolution:** A resolution of the Wharton City Council approving the submission of a Memorandum of Understanding to the U.S. Corp of Engineers regarding the City of Wharton's Flood Reduction Project (Levee Project) and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said submission.

B. **Resolution:** A resolution of the Wharton City Council authorizing the resubmission of the Levee Project Information Form to the Texas Water Development Board for the 2017 Clean Water State Revolving Fund and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said submission.

C. **Resolution:** A resolution of the Wharton City Council authorizing the submission of the loan application to Texas Water Development Board Clean Water State Revolving Fund for the City of Wharton Levee Project and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to loan application submission.

D. Request by the City Staff for the solicitation of engineering, financial advisory and bond council for the loan application for the City of Wharton Levee Project.

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. stated that on Thursday, January 19, 2017, the City Council Finance Committee met to discuss the City's levee project and after a presentation, by Mr. Wes Birdwell and the City Staff the Committee voted to recommend to the City Council the approval of the four items listed on the agenda. After some discussion, Councilmember Russell Machann moved to approve City of Wharton Resolution No. 2017-04, 2017-10 and 2017-11, which read as follows and the solicitations of engineering, financial advisory, and bond counsel for the loan application for the City of Wharton levee project:

**CITY OF WHARTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-04**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE
SUBMISSION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO THE U.S. CORP
OF ENGINEERS REGARDING THE CITY OF WHARTON'S FLOOD REDUCTION**

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PROJECT (LEVEE PROJECT) 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 a memorandum of understanding to the U.S. Corp of Engineers regarding the City of Wharton's Flood Reduction Project (Levee Project); and,

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

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

SECTION I. The Wharton City Council hereby approves the submission of a memorandum of understanding to the U.S. Corp of Engineers regarding the City of Wharton's Flood Reduction Project (Levee Project).

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

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

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 23rd day of January 2017.

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By: _____
TIM BARKER
Mayor

ATTEST:

PAULA FAVORS
City Secretary

CITY OF WHARTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE RESUBMISSION OF THE LEVEE PROJECT INFORMATION FORM TO TEXAS

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WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR THE 2017 CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND 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 resubmit a Public Information Form to the Texas Water Development Board Clean Water State Revolving Fund for a Levee Project; and,

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

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

SECTION I. The Wharton City Council hereby approves the resubmission a Public Information Form to the Texas Water Development Board Clean Water State Revolving Fund for a Levee Project.

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

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

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 23rd day of January 2017.

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By: _____
TIM BARKER
Mayor

ATTEST:

PAULA FAVORS
City Secretary

CITY OF WHARTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-11

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A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE LOAN APPLICATION TO TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND FOR THE CITY OF WHARTON LEVEE PROJECT 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 Texas Water Development Board Clean Water State Revolving Fund for a Levee Project; and,

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

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

SECTION I. The Wharton City Council hereby approves the submittal of the application to the Texas Water Development Board Clean Water State Revolving Fund for a Levee Project.

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

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

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 23rd day of January 2017.

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By: _____
TIM BARKER
Mayor

ATTEST:

PAULA FAVORS
City Secretary

Councilmember Vincent Huerta seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The eleventh item on the agenda was to review and consider United States Department of Agriculture-Water Well Plant Project:

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A. **Resolution:** A resolution of the Wharton City Council approving financial assistance under the Rules of Regulation of Rural Development, an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture and authorizing Tim Barker, the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said financial assistance.

B. **Resolution:** A resolution of the Wharton City Council approving a policy of conflict of interest, which meets the requirements of United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Utility Service and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said policy.

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. stated that the City of Wharton submitted a Predevelopment Grant Application to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for a grant to cover \$30,000.00 of the \$45,000.00 for the preliminary engineering report and environmental report needed to submit a grant/loan application to USDA for the Water Well Plant Project. City Manager Garza said that on January 17, 2017, Deborah Wright-Acting Assistant Area Director for the Angleton USDA office, came to City Hall and presented Mayor Barker a letter of Conditions in order for the City to receive the \$30,000.00 grant. He said acceptance of the grant required the adoption of two resolutions for acceptance of their financial assistance and the first resolution pertained to the acceptance of the grant by the City with the second resolution pertaining to the City's adopted Policy of Conflict of Interest by the governing body. After some discussion, Councilmember Steve Schneider moved to approve the City of Wharton Resolution No. 2017-07 and 2017-06

**CITY OF WHARTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-07**

A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL APPROVING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE RULES AND REGULATION OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT , AN AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND AUTHORIZING TIM BARKER, THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WHARTON TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO SAID FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

WHEREAS, The City of Wharton City Council deems it necessary and proper to apply for financial assistance under the Rules and Regulations of Rural Development, an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture; and,

WHEREAS, The Wharton City Council wishes to authorize Tim Barker, the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents relating to said agreement.

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

SECTION I. The Wharton City Council hereby authorizes Tim Barker, the Mayor of the City of Wharton as the Signatory Agent of the Applicant, or the successor of said Agent, is hereby authorized and directed to make application for financial assistance under the Rules of Regulation of Rural Development, an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture.

SECTION II. The Wharton City Council hereby authorizes Tim Barker, the Mayor of the City of Wharton to sign the acceptance of the financial assistance, when made, and any other documents required to complete the project.

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

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 23rd day of January 2017.

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By: _____
TIM BARKER
Mayor

ATTEST:

PAULA FAVORS
City Secretary

**CITY OF WHARTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-06**

A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL APPROVING AN UP-TO-DATE POLICY ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST, WHICH MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF USDA, RURAL UTILITY SERVICE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WHARTON TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO SAID POLICY.

WHEREAS, The City of Wharton City Council wishes to approve a policy on conflict of interest, which meets the requirements of USDA, Rural Utility Service; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Wharton, as of the date of this written resolution, submits a negative disclosure of planned or potential transactions related to the use of

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Federal funds that may constitute or present the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest; and,

WHEREAS, The Wharton City Council wishes to authorize the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute all documents relating to said Conflict of Interest Policy.

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

SECTION I. The Wharton City Council hereby approves a policy on Conflict of Interest, which meets the requirements of USDA, Rural Utility Service, which include:

1. Requirements for those with a conflict or potential conflict to disclose the conflict/potential conflict; and
2. A prohibition of interested members of our governing body from voting on any matter in which there is a conflict; and
3. The specific process of defining how the governing body will manage identifying potential conflicts.

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

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

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 23rd day of January 2017.

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By: _____
TIM BARKER
Mayor

ATTEST:

PAULA FAVORS
City Secretary

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

The twelfth item on the agenda was to review and consider **Executive Session:** City Council may adjourn into an Executive Session in accordance with Section 551.087 of the Local Government Code, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas. Final action, decision or vote, if any with regard to any matter considered in Executive Session shall be made in Open Meeting.

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A. Discussion: To deliberate economic development negotiations with a business regarding the local hospital.

Mayor Barker moved the meeting into closed session at 8:07 p.m.

The thirteenth item on the agenda **Return to Open Meeting:** Action on items discussed in Executive Session:

Review & Consider:

A. Economic development negotiations with a business regarding the local hospital.

Mayor Tim Barker returned to open session at 8:35 p.m. After some discussion, Councilmember Russell Machann moved to enter into an agreement with Dr. James Alexander as a consultant to proceed with negotiations with a business regarding the local hospital. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. stated the City Council could form a Blue Ribbon Hospital Committee to help assist in bringing hospital medical services to the City of Wharton. Councilmember Al Bryant seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The fourteenth item on the agenda was to review and consider Wharton Sidewalk Accessibility and Historic Streetscape Project:

A. Pay Request No. 6 to M & C Fonseca Construction Co., Inc.

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented pay request No. 6 in the amount of \$73,314.25 from M & C Fonseca Construction Co., Inc. for the Wharton Sidewalk Accessibility and Historic Streetscape Project. After some discussion, Councilmember Al Bryant moved to approve pay request No. 6 in the amount of \$73,314.25 from M & C Fonseca Construction Co., Inc. for the Wharton Sidewalk Accessibility and Historic Streetscape Project. Councilmember Terry Freese seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The fifteenth item on the agenda was to review and consider a resolution of the Wharton City Council approving the purchase of capital equipment items for the City of Wharton City Council Chamber from PGF Integrations and authorizing the City Manager of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to the agreement. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented a copy of a memorandum dated January 17, 2017 from City Secretary Paula Favors requesting the purchase of audio visual equipment for the City Council Chambers from PGF Integrations. City Secretary Favors stated the purchase of the equipment would be from funds from the PEG Fund which was collected through the cable television franchise agreement. After some discussion, Councilmember Al Bryant moved to approve City of Wharton Resolution No. 2017-08, which read as follows:

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RESOLUTION NO. 2017-08

A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT ITEMS FOR THE CITY OF WHARTON COUNCIL CHAMBERS FROM PGF INTERGRATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WHARTON TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, The Wharton City Council wishes to purchase capital equipment items from PGF Integrations; and,

WHEREAS, The capital equipment to be purchased is for the City Council Chambers audio/visual upgrade.

WHEREAS, The Wharton City Council wishes to authorize the City Manager of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to the agreement.

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 authorizes the City Manager of the City of Wharton to purchase capital equipment items.

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

Passed, Approved, and Adopted this 23rd day of January 2017.

CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS

By: _____
TIM BARKER
Mayor

ATTEST:

PAULA FAVORS
City Secretary

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

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The sixteenth item on the agenda was to review and consider the Wharton Economic Development Corporation Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Annual Budget Amendment. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented a copy of the Wharton Economic Development Corporation Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Annual Budget Amendment. City Manager Garza stated that the Amendment was approved by the Wharton Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors on January 16, 2017. After some discussion, Councilmember Don Mueller moved to approve the Wharton Economic Development Corporation Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Annual Budget Amendment. Councilmember Terry Freese seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The seventeenth item on the agenda was to review and consider a request from Pastor Janice Blair to address the Council regarding the following:

- A. What are the immediate short term goals for the Westside in case of another flood in 2017?
- B. Has any options been considered of immediate measures that can be put in place NOW by the City of Wharton in case the grant is not approved in case of another flood?
- C. How many times do we ask residents to start over?
- D. Even if we receive the grant that Laurie has put in for, she said this could take (six Months) or more; What are the immediate measures in the meantime?
- E. The potential risk of putting the residents at risk again if action is not taken NOW.

Pastor Janice Blair stated that she was excited by the information that had been presented in the meeting. Pastor Blair requested the items listed above be answered. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. stated that the first steps residents could take to protect themselves in case of another flood was to purchase flood insurance. City Manager Garza said that in the short term the City was applying for funding and working on several different projects but none of the projects would see completion in 2017 and that is why the flood insurance was so important. Pastor Blair said that her moto was to Pray Until Something Happens (P.U.S.H.) and she thought that the City of Wharton was headed in the right direction. City Attorney Paul Webb requested the status of seven (7) different options the County could help assist with regarding the flooding given to Pastor Blair at a previous meeting. Pastor Blair stated that she did not have time to review the options and hadn't been able to meet with the County Judge to be placed on their agenda. After some discussion, no action was taken.

The eighteenth item on the agenda was the update of City of Wharton on-going Projects. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented a copy of his memorandum dated December 31, 2016 providing an update on the City of Wharton current projects.

FLOOD REDUCTION (LEVEE) PROJECT

The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) Lower Colorado River Phase I Report - City of Wharton Flood Prevention Project and Recommended report is located at the Wharton County Library and the office of the City of Wharton City Secretary for viewing or the report may be viewed on line at <http://www.cityofwharton.com/information-a-notices/lcrb-feasibility-study>.

On December 20, 2016 the City Council received authorization for the submission of a loan application to Texas Water Development Board for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for some possible funding for the Levee Project. The City has also received notice that the City's invitation has been listed as accepted for the Draft SFY17CWSRF Intended use Plan, and an application invitation has been submitted to the City.

DRAINAGE:

1. Stavena Addition Drainage Project.

The design and construction plans are complete. The challenge on this project is to find locations to place approximately 35,000 cubic yards of soil.

2. Ahldag Ditch Improvement.

The project was approved in the 2013 Bond Program. Public Works Director is currently working out the details.

3. On-going Drainage and Maintenance Program.

The Public Works Department has continued working on cleaning residential draining ditches that have experienced poor drainage.

4. Pecan Acres (Mahann, Kinkaid, Delmas) Drainage Project.

The project area has been surveyed and an improvement plan has been developed by Schibe

Engineering. The City Staff has been contacting property owners for the necessary easements needed to install the drainage pipes.

WATER/SEWER IMPROVEMENTS:

1. On-going Water and Sewer Maintenance Program.

Water leaks and sewer failures are still being seen in the month of December.

2. Alabama Street Sewer Line Project.

Contracts from TDA have been executed by the City and returned to the state. The City has engaged a consultant to assist the City in grant administration. The project

has been environmentally cleared and the City is requesting a release of funds to move the project forward.

3. Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 1 Improvement Project.

The project is moving forward. Updates are being provided by Jones & Carter on a monthly basis when pay request are sent. The project is scheduled to be completed in a few weeks.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS

1. FM 1301 Extension and Overpass Project Progress Report.

IDC Inc. has submitted to TxDOT Yoakum District Office all required plans for the project. The City Staff continues to coordinate with TxDOT to ensure the project continues to move forward.

2. I-69 Project.

TxDOT will hold a public hearing in the next few months regarding the environmental requirements for the project in Wharton County.

3. NanYa Exit Ramp Project.

The City has submitted its request to TxDOT on proceeding with the changes to the NanYa exit ramp that would accommodate the turn around that Buc-ees has agreed in principle to contribute to see the project materialize. The City is awaiting TxDOT's response.

4. 2016 City Street Improvements.

The street reconstruction phase has been completed by the City's Public Works Department. Also, the City is awaiting the executed contract from Cornerstone Paving .

5. Wharton Sidewalk Accessibility and Historic Streetscape Project.

M.C. Fonseca Construction has begun the project. Civil Corp submitted the information to TxDOT on the additional work and it has been approved. The sidewalk construction is moving forward and is approximately 50% complete.

WHARTON REGIONAL AIRPORT

1. Hangar Construction Project.

The City Staff is working with Strand Engineering on the construction of the City hangar. This project is moving forward. The foundation of the hangars have been poured.

After some discussion, no action was taken.

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The nineteenth item on the agenda was to review and consider Appointments to the City of Wharton Boards, Commissions and Committees:

- A. Building Standards Commission.
- B. Plumbing and Mechanical Board.

After some discussion, no action was taken.

The twentieth item on the agenda was to review and consider City Council Boards, Commission and Committee Report:

- A. City Council Finance Committee meeting held on January 9, 2017.
- B. Beautification Commission meeting held January 11, 2017.
- C. City Council Finance Committee meeting held January 12, 2017.

After some discussion, no action was taken.

The twenty-first item on the agenda was City Manager's Reports:

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| A. City Secretary/Personnel. | H. Fire Marshall. |
| B. Code Enforcement. | I. Legal Department. |
| C. Community Services Department /
Civic Center. | J. Municipal Court. |
| D. Emergency Management. | K. Police Department. |
| E. E.M.S. Department. | L. Public Works Department. |
| F. Facilities Maintenance Department /
Wharton Municipal Pool. | M. Water / Sewer Department. |
| G. Fire Department. | N. Weedy Lots / Sign Ordinance. |
| | O. Wharton Regional Airport. |

After some discussion, no action was taken.

The twenty-second item on the agenda was to review and consider request from Mary Barnes to address the Council regarding the solutions to the west end flooding. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented a request from Mary Barnes to address the Council regarding the solutions to the west end flooding. Mrs. Barnes stated that her questions were answered during the presentation but wanted to address the possibility of fundraising for the flood reduction project. City Manager Garza stated that fundraising would be a wonderful idea to possibility contribute to flood insurance for those who are unable to purchase it themselves. After some discussion, no action was taken.

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The twenty-third item on the agenda was adjournment. There being no further discussion, Councilmember Don Mueller moved to adjourn. Councilmember Al Bryant seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

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By: _____
Tim Barker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Paula Favors
City Secretary