

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 24, 2017**

Mayor Tim Barker declared a Regular Meeting duly open for the transaction of business at 7:07 P.M at City Hall 120 E. Caney Street Wharton, TX. Priest John Soard with St. Thomas Episcopal Church led the opening devotion and Mayor Barker led the pledge of allegiance.

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

Councilmember absent was: Councilmember Terry Freese and Councilmember Don Mueller.

Staff members present were: Finance Director Joan Andel, City Secretary Paula Favors, TRMC, Assistant to the City Manager Brandi Jimenez, Community Development Coordinator Gwyneth Teves, Public Works Director Wade Wendt, Civic Center Manager Jessica Dunn and City Attorney Paul Webb.

Visitors present were: Wharton Economic Development Director Chad Odom, III, Reyna Owens, Roberta F., Akaih Terrell-Randall, Sha'von Baines, Destiny Knight, Destiny Davis, Pastor Janice Blair, Mary A. Barnes, Carolyn Davis, Cynthia Pena, Sherrell Speer, Linda Lins, Time Finn, Phillip Freeman, Carlos Cotton, P.E. with Jones and Carter, Inc., Keith McGee with the Wharton Journal Spectator, Rachel Rust, Priest John Soard with St. Thomas Episcopal Church and Evelyn Carriere with the Wharton Journal Spectator.

The second item on the agenda was Roll Call and Excused Absences. After some discussion, Councilmember Al Bryant moved to excuse Councilmember Terry Freese and Councilmember Don Mueller. Councilmember Russell Machann seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The third item on the agenda was Public Comments. Ms. Mary Barnes stated that she would like to know the status on projects for the West side of Wharton regarding the flooding issue.

The fourth item on the agenda was Wharton Moment. Councilmember Vincent Huerta stated that Mr. Donald Drenner passed away and was a huge asset to the Little League

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Organization of Wharton. Mayor Tim Barker stated that Ms. Cynthia Sinatra passed away and prayers were for her family during their time of loss.

The fifth item on the agenda was a proclamation honoring the 2017 Wharton High School Girls Basketball Team. Mayor Tim Barker read the Proclamation as follows:

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
Wharton, Texas
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, The City of Wharton realizes that participation in organized athletics helps to build character and teaches a wholesome sense of fair play and good sportsmanship among our youth; and,

WHEREAS, To excel in athletics, a young person must demonstrate, in addition to a great deal of natural ability, an outstanding spirit of dedication, enthusiasm and hard work; and,

WHEREAS, The 2017 Wharton High School Girls Basketball Team is the first team in school history to have back-to-back 31 win seasons, first team in school history to win their 3rd round game and the first team to ever advance to the Regional Tournament, win the tournament and thus advance to the State Tournament; and,

WHEREAS, The 2017 Wharton High School Girls Basketball Team hold many titles including:

Overall Season Record: 31-8
Finished District Play with a 9-1 record.
District 26-4A Champs
Bi-District Champs
Area Champs
Regional Quarterfinal Champs
Regional Semifinal Champs
Regional Champs
State Semifinalists

WHEREAS, The **2017 WHARTON HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL MEMBERS** include:

00 Tynesha Grice
1 Destiny Knight
2 Meme Foston
3 Shavon Baines

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4 Aliga Young Jr.
5 Roberta Farris
10 Daiza Shavers
11 Akaih Terrell-Randall
20 Ciarra Mutshatshi
23 Rynesha Allen
45 Reyna Owens
55 Destiny Davis

Managers: Amaya Villarreal, Caroline Garza and Roxanna Muniz
Head Coach: Jonathan Gibson
Assistant Coaches: Sandra Janicek, Tanya Sulak

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

April 24, 2017 as

“2017 WHARTON HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL DAY”

in Wharton, Texas, and encourage all our citizens to join me in honoring these young persons for a job well done in representing our community.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Wharton to be affixed this 24th day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen A.D.

Tim Barker
Mayor, City of Wharton

The sixth item on the agenda was a proclamation honoring the 2017 Runnin’ Tiger Basketball Team. Mayor Tim Barker read the Proclamation as follows:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
Wharton, Texas
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The City of Wharton realizes that participation in organized athletics helps to build character and teaches a wholesome sense of fair play and good sportsmanship among our youth; and,

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WHEREAS, To excel in athletics, a young person must demonstrate, in addition to a great deal of natural ability, an outstanding spirit of dedication, enthusiasm and hard work; and,

WHEREAS, The 2017 Wharton Runnin' Tiger Basketball Team hold many titles including:

4th Place in District
Bi-District Champs
Area Champs
Regional Quarterfinalists

WHEREAS, The **2017 WHARTON RUNNIN' TIGER BASKETBALL MEMBERS** include:

3 Cameron Scarlett
4 J'Lynn Davis
10 Kamen Dickerson
11 Markese Holmes
12 Roderick Temple
15 Devin Hayes
20 Christian Wynn
21 BJ Baylor
22 Timothy Young
23 Clarence Branch
24 Reginald Ephran
25 Da'Braelyn Finex
32 Zavian Laws
34 Jaylon Haynes
45 Jordan Fortenberry

Head Coach: Seth Due
Assistant Coaches: Reggie Davis & Phillip Freeman
Trainer: Nicole Curtis
Student Trainer: Pacience Walker, Nakeira Pete

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

April 25, 2017 as

“2017 Wharton Runnin’ Tiger Basketball Team”

in Wharton, Texas, and encourage all our citizens to join me in honoring these young persons for a job well done in representing our community.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Wharton to be affixed this 25th day of April, in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen A.D.

Tim Barker
Mayor, City of Wharton

The seventh item on the agenda was a proclamation honoring St. Thomas Episcopal Church. Mayor Tim Barker read the Proclamation as follows:

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
Wharton, Texas
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, On May 5, 1867, St. Thomas Episcopal Church was established in Wharton County by Bishop Alexander Gregg; and,

WHEREAS, The original church building was constructed in 1898-1902 and consecrated in 1903 and was located in downtown Wharton on West Milam Street; and,

WHEREAS, The parish was admitted to the Diocese of Texas in 1920 and a new church building was completed in 1951; and,

WHEREAS, St. Thomas’ first parish hall included a wooden chapel hauled from Camp Hulen in Palacios after World War II; and,

WHEREAS, From 1962 to 2003 St. Thomas was home to St. Thomas Day School and later St. Thomas Episcopal School where many young people received early childhood education; and,

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WHEREAS, St. Thomas has served the people of Wharton County through its ministries, inter-faith Vacation Bible School and spiritual leadership.

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

May 5, 2017 as “**St. Thomas Episcopal Church Day**” in the City of Wharton, in honor of 150 years.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Wharton to be affixed this 24th day of April, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Seventeen A.D.

Tim Barker
Mayor
City of Wharton, Texas

The eighth item on the agenda was to review and consider the City of Wharton Financial Report for the month of February 2017. Finance Director Joan Anandel presented the financial report for the month of March 2017. Mrs. Anandel stated that the TexPool balance for March as \$1,863,676.68 with an average monthly yield of .68%. She said the Prosperity Bank balance for March 2017 was \$5,287,686.67 with an average monthly yield of .25%. After some discussion, Councilmember Al Bryant moved to approve the City of Wharton Financial Report for the month of March 2017. Councilmember Steve Schneider seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The ninth item on the agenda to review and consider was a request from Ms. Linda McDonald of St. Thomas Episcopal Church for Bob-O-Link Lane to be a temporary one way street from Pecan Street to Rusk Street. Finance Director Joan Anandel presented an email to City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. from Ms. Linda McDonald of St. Thomas Episcopal Church requesting barricades at the Mayfair Circle entrance for a drive thru fundraiser. Mrs. Anandel stated that she was also requesting for Bob-O-Link to become a one way drive from Pecan Street to the front of the parish hall at Rusk Street and the event would be on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 and would be drive thru only. After some discussion, Councilmember Russell Machann moved to approve the request from Ms. Linda McDonald of St. Thomas Episcopal Church for Bob-O-Link Lane to be a temporary one way street from Pecan Street to Rusk Street. Councilmember Al Bryant seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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The tenth item on the agenda to review and consider was a Resolution: A resolution providing for the public sale of property acquired by the City of Wharton from delinquent taxes. Finance Director Joan Andel stated that Ms. Leslie Hilliard with McCreary Veselka Bragg & Allen PC Attorneys at Law was requesting that the described properties that were offered for sale by the Sheriff of Wharton County, Texas at a public auction prior to a judgment of foreclosure for delinquent taxes by the District Courts of Wharton County. Mrs. Andel stated that the properties did not receive sufficient bids as set by law and were struck off to the County of Wharton and later conveyed to the City of Wharton, Texas as Trustee. She said that they would be up for sale at no minimum bid. After some discussion, Councilmember Al Bryant moved to approve City of Wharton Resolution No. 2017-46, which read as follows:

**CITY OF WHARTON
 RESOLUTION NO. 2017-46**

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLIC SALE OF PROPERTY
 ACQUIRED BY THE CITY OF WHARTON FROM DELINQUENT TAXES.**

WHEREAS, The following described properties were offered for sale by the Sheriff of Wharton County, Texas at a public auction pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure for delinquent taxes by the District Courts of Wharton County; and

WHEREAS, The following described properties did not receive sufficient bids as set by law and were struck off to the County of Wharton and later conveyed to the City of Wharton, Texas as Trustee, for the use and benefit of itself and the other taxing units for which levied taxes on the properties, pursuant to TEX. PROP. TAX CODE § 34.01 (j); and

WHEREAS, TEX. PROP. TAX CODE § 34.05 (c) and (d) provide that a taxing unit may request that the Sheriff sell the property at a public sale to the highest bidder with no minimum bid required,

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the City of Wharton, Texas, does hereby request the Sheriff of Wharton County, Texas to conduct a public sale in the manner prescribed by the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure and § 34.05 (c) and (d) of the Texas Tax Code and sell the following described properties to the highest bidder for cash.

Cause #	Suit Styling	Legal Description, Deed Reference, Account #, Bid in Trust Date & Judgment Year (all properties located in Wharton County, Texas unless otherwise noted)
T09884	The County of Wharton, Texas v Malinda Mason et al	0.33 Acre, more or less, being Block 45B, Tom Washington Tract, City of Wharton, Wharton County, Texas (Volume 216, Page 517, Deed Records, Wharton County, Texas), 802 Old Caney Road, Account #R025695 (Bid in Trust 4/7/2015)
T010061	The County of Wharton, Texas v C.L. Kuykendall et al	Lot 10, Block 2, Smith Garden Spot Addition, City of Wharton, Wharton County, Texas (Volume 396, Page 226, Deed Records, Wharton County, Texas), 1703 AZALEA DR, Account #R023670 (Bid in Trust 6/7/2016)

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THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the City of Wharton, Texas hereby directs the Sheriff of Wharton County, Texas to conduct a sale on the first Tuesday in June, 2017, in the manner prescribed by the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure and TEX. PROP. TAX CODE § 34.05 (c) and (d).

THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 24th day of April, 2017.

CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS

BY: _____
TIM BARKER
Mayor

ATTEST:

PAULA FAVORS
City Secretary

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

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

- A. Approval of the 2017 Pool Schedule.
- B. **Resolution:** A resolution of the Wharton City Council approving the 2017 Wharton Swim Team Agreement for use of the Wharton Municipal Swimming Pool and authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement.

Finance Director Joan Andel presented a copy of the memorandum dated April 18, 2017 from Civic Center Manager Jessica Dunn providing the 2017 Wharton Municipal Swimming Pool Applications, Fees and Schedule. Ms. Dunn presented updates and changes to the 2017 Wharton Municipal Swimming Pool Applications, Fees and Schedules. After some discussion, Councilmember Russell Machann moved to approve City of Wharton Resolution No. 2017-44, which read as follows:

**CITY OF WHARTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-44**

A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE 2017 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.

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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 24th day of April 2017.

CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS

By: _____
TIM BARKER
Mayor

Attest:

PAULA FAVORS
City Secretary

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

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The twelfth item on the agenda was to review and consider Resolution: A Resolution by the City of Wharton, Texas (“City”) denying the distribution cost recovery factor rate increase of CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC made on or about April 6, 2017; authorizing participation in a coalition of similarly situated cities; authoring participation in related rate proceedings; requiring the reimbursement of municipal rate case expenses; authorizing the retention of special counsel; finding that the meeting complies with the Open Meetings Act; making other findings and provisions related to the subject; and declaring an effective date. City Attorney Paul Webb stated that on April 6, 2017, CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC (“CenterPoint”) submitted an Application for Approval of a Distribution Cost Recovery Factor (“DCRF”) to increase its annual revenues by approximately \$44 million and proposed to implement this increase on September 1, 2017. Mr. Webb stated CenterPoint’s application affects all retail electric providers (“REPs”) serving end-use retail electric customers in CenterPoint’s service-area and would affect the retail electric customers of those REPS to the extent the REPs choose to pass along these charges to their customers, which it was expected REPs would attempt to do. Mr. Webb said that this was CenterPoint’s third DCRF filing and a DCRF permits CenterPoint to include in its rates distribution investment that occurred after the conclusion of its most recent comprehensive base rate case, Docket No. 38339, which had a test year ending December 31, 2009. He said a DCRF filing was a streamlined single-issue proceeding outside of a comprehensive base rate case that moves very quickly and the Commission’s rules dictate that September 1, 2017, absent good cause, was the effective date for new rates. Mr. Webb stated that it meant, absent good cause, the case would be resolved in approximately 150 days and discovery was also very limited allowing parties to serve, absent good cause, no more than 20 requests for information and requests for admissions of fact. After some discussion, Councilmember Al Bryant moved to approve City of Wharton Resolution No. 2017-43, which read as follows:

**CITY OF WHARTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-43**

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS (“CITY”) DENYING THE DISTRIBUTION COST RECOVERY FACTOR RATE INCREASE OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY HOUSTON ELECTRIC, LLC MADE ON OR ABOUT APRIL 6, 2017; AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN A COALITION OF SIMILARLY SITUATED CITIES; AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN RELATED RATE PROCEEDINGS; REQUIRING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF MUNICIPAL RATE CASE EXPENSES; AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION OF SPECIAL COUNSEL; FINDING THAT THE MEETING COMPLIES WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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WHEREAS, On about April 6, 2017, CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC (“CenterPoint”) filed an application for authority to implement a Distribution Cost Recovery Factor with the City to increase rates effective September 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, The City is a regulatory authority under the Public Utility Regulatory Act (“PURA”) and under Chapter 33, §33.001 et seq. of PURA has exclusive original jurisdiction over CenterPoint’s rates, operations, and services within the municipality; and

WHEREAS, CenterPoint plans to increase its revenue requirement by about \$44 million per year; and

WHEREAS, The jurisdictional deadline for the City to act in this rate matter is 60 days from the application date or June 5, 2017; and

WHEREAS, The City will require the assistance of specialized legal counsel and rate experts to review the merits of CenterPoint’s application to increase rates; and

WHEREAS, In order to maximize the efficient use of resources and expertise in reviewing, analyzing and investigating CenterPoint’s rate request it is prudent to coordinate the City’s efforts with a coalition of similarly situated municipalities; and

WHEREAS, The City, in matters regarding applications by CenterPoint to change rates, has in the past joined with other local regulatory authorities to form the Texas Coast Utilities Coalition (“TCUC”) of cities and hereby continues its participation in TCUC; and

WHEREAS, The City, joined with other local regulatory authorities and intervened in proceedings regarding CenterPoint’s DCRF application before the Public Utility Commission of Texas in CenterPoint’s DCRF application filed in 2016; and

WHEREAS, CenterPoint simultaneously filed its statement of intent to increase rates with the Public Utility Commission of Texas, therefore the decision of the Public Utility Commission of Texas could have an impact on the rates paid by the City and its citizens who are customers in CenterPoint’s service territory and in order for the City’s participation to be meaningful it is important that the City promptly intervene in such proceeding at the Public Utility Commission of Texas; and

WHEREAS, CenterPoint failed to show that its proposed rate increase is reasonable and therefore the City has concluded that CenterPoint’s proposed rate increase is unreasonable.

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

Section 1. The findings set out in the preamble are in all things approved and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

Section 2. The City **DENIES** the rate increase CenterPoint filed on or about April 6, 2017.

- Section 3.** The City authorizes intervention in proceedings related to CenterPoint’s application for approval of a DCRF before the Public Utility Commission of Texas and related proceedings in courts of law as part of the coalition of cities known as Texas Coast Utilities Coalition (“TCUC”).
- Section 4.** The City hereby orders CenterPoint to reimburse the City’s rate case expenses as provided in the Public Utility Regulatory Act and that CenterPoint shall do so on a monthly basis and within 30 days after submission of the City’s invoices for the City’s reasonable costs associated with the City’s activities related to this rate review or to related proceedings involving CenterPoint before the City, the Public Utility Commission of Texas, or any court of law.
- Section 5.** Subject to the right to terminate employment at any time, the City retains and authorizes the law firm of Herrera & Boyle, PLLC to act as Special Counsel with regard to rate proceedings involving CenterPoint before the City, the Public Utility Commission of Texas, or any court of law and to retain such experts as may be reasonably necessary for review of CenterPoint’s rate application subject to approval by the City.
- Section 6.** The City shall review the invoices of the lawyers and rate experts for reasonableness before submitting the invoices to CenterPoint for reimbursement.
- Section 7.** A copy of this resolution shall be sent to CenterPoint Energy, care of Mr. Denise Gaw, CenterPoint Energy Service Company, LLC, 1111 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas 77002; and to Mr. Alfred R. Herrera, Herrera & Boyle, PLLC, 816 Congress Ave., Suite 1250, Austin, Texas 78701.
- Section 8.** The meeting at which this resolution was approved was in all things conducted in strict compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.
- Section 9.** This resolution shall become effective from and after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24th day of April, 2017.

Tim Barker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Paula Favors
City Secretary

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Councilmember Russell Machann seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The thirteenth item on the agenda was to review and consider the update of City of Wharton on-going Projects. Finance Director Joan Anzel presented for City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. a copy of his memorandum dated April 17, 2017 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>. The City Council authorized the submission of a loan application to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for the first phase of the levee project the application is being prepared by the City Staff. Also, the City Staff will be submitting the project to Texas Water Development Board for the 2017 Program Year under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for loan forgiveness consideration. The City has also submitted a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to the U.S. Corp of Engineers in order to move the project forward.

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 by the City Council. 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 March.

2. Alabama Street Sewer Line Project.

Bids have been received for this project.

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 substantially complete and the clarifier is in service. The City Staff is awaiting the final pay request from B-5 Construction.

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. The City is awaiting TxDOT announcement of the project to be funded in Wharton County.

2. I-69 Project.

The City submitted the comments as approved by the City Council to TxDOT.

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 Old Lane City Overlay Project has been completed by 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 95% 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 nearing completion.

After some discussion, no action was taken.

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

- A. Public Works Committee meeting held April 6, 2017.
- B. Finance Committee meeting held April 10, 2017.
- C. Beautification Commission meeting held April 12, 2017.

After some discussion, no action was taken.

The sixteenth item on the agenda was to review and consider 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 seventeenth item on the agenda was to review and consider the Valhalla Water Well Rework Project:

- A. Pay Request No. 2 from Weisinger, Incorporated.

Finance Director Joan Andel presented the final pay request No. 2 in the amount of \$8,312.50 from Weisinger, Incorporated for the Valhalla Water Well Rework Project. Mr. Carlos Cotton, P.E. with Jones and Carter, Inc. stated that it was his recommendation that the pay request No. 1 be paid. After some discussion, Councilmember Al Bryant moved to approve pay request No. 2 in the amount of \$8,312.50 from Weisinger, Incorporated for the Valhalla Water Well Rework Project. Councilmember Steve Schneider seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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The eighteenth item on the agenda was to review and consider a request from Ms. Thelma Hayes to address the City Council. Finance Director Joan Andel presented a request from Ms. Thelma Hayes to address the City Council. Ms. Hayes requested answers to the following questions:

1. What is the status of all grants for the West side of Wharton?
2. Why does it seem other grants are approved but not for the West side of Wharton?
3. What is the status of Laura Clemons' work with the current grant applications?
4. Why doesn't the West side of Wharton receive weed eating of sidewalks?
5. Why is there a large dirt pile on West Milam St.?
6. Why was there a large amount of clean water on the backside of West Milam St. before the flood waters started to seep in?

The City Council and City Attorney Paul Webb addressed each question accordingly. After some discussion, no action was taken.

The nineteenth item on the agenda was adjournment. There being no further discussion, Councilmember Vincent Huerta moved to adjourn. Councilmember Steve Schneider seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS

By: _____

Tim Barker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Paula Favors
City Secretary