

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the City of Wharton action on all matters on the agenda for the meeting on November 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., including approval of an agreement with the law firm of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP as special counsel to perform all legal services necessary to collect delinquent emergency medical services accounts and authorizing the execution of such agreement.

The agreement to be considered is necessary for the delinquent emergency medical collections owed to the City of Wharton to be collected in the most effective manner. The City of Wharton desires that such delinquent emergency medical services be collected.

The Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP firm is fully qualified to provide this representation, being the largest law firm specializing in the collection of governmental receivables in the State of Texas, as well as the United States, and having been engaged in this specialized legal service for more than 40 years. In addition, the Linebarger Goggan Blair and Sampson, LLP firm possesses infrastructure and technology, such as call center technology, that the City of Wharton does not currently possess.

Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP has represented the City of Wharton with competence and professionalism, in the collection of delinquent medical services for many years.

The specialized legal services required by this agreement cannot be adequately performed by the attorneys and supporting personnel of the City of Wharton due to the high cost of implementing the appropriate infrastructure and technology and employing sufficient in- house attorneys and staff with the level of experience and competence necessary to perform these activities.

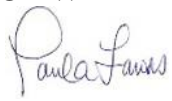
Linebarger will be compensated on a contingent fee basis in the amount of 30 percent of the total amount collected on all accounts referred to Linebarger to compensate collection attorneys. A contract to pay inside or outside attorneys on an hourly basis would represent an additional cost to the City of Wharton.

Entering into the proposed agreement is in the best interests of the residents of the City of Wharton because the delinquent emergency medical services accounts will be professionally and competently collected without the additional costs to the City of implementing infrastructure and technology, and employing in-house personnel or paying outside counsel on an hourly fee basis which would otherwise be required.

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Notice 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 November 11, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. and remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting.

Dated this 11th day of November 2022.

CITY OF WHARTON

By: 

Paula Favors
City Secretary