

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 2013**

Mayor Domingo Montalvo, Jr. declared a Regular Meeting duly open for the transaction of business at 7:00 P.M. Mayor Domingo Montalvo, Jr. led the opening devotion and the pledge of allegiance.

Councilmember's present were: Mayor Domingo Montalvo, Jr., Councilmembers Al Bryant, Terry David Lynch, Russell Machann, Don Mueller, and Karen Schulz.

Councilmembers absent were: Jeff Gubbels.

Staff members present were: City Manager Andres Garza, Jr., City Attorney Paul Webb, Finance Director Joan Anandel, Public Works Director Carter Miska, P.E., and Administrative Assistant Emily Bergstrom.

Visitors present were: David Schroeder, Executive Director of the Wharton Economic Development Corporation (WEDCO), and Carlos Cotton, P.E. with Jones and Carter, Inc.

The second item on the agenda was Roll Call and Excused Absences. After some discussion, Councilmember Terry David Lynch moved to excuse Councilmember Jeff Gubbels. Councilmember Al Bryant seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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

The fourth item on the agenda was the Wharton Moment. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. asked to keep Assistant to the City Manager Jackie Jansky in their prayers regarding her health. Mayor Domingo Montalvo, Jr. stated that Mrs. Jansky was a vital part of the City Manager's Office and she is missed.

The fifth item on the agenda was to review and consider the City of Wharton Financial Report for the month of January 2012. Finance Director Joan Anandel presented the financial report for the month of January 2012. Mrs. Anandel stated that the TexPool balance for January was \$151,216.43 with an average monthly yield of .10%. She said the Prosperity Bank balance for January 2012 was \$6,505,133.89 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 January 2012. Councilmember Don Mueller seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The sixth item on the agenda was to review and consider Boys and Girls Club of Wharton:

A. **Resolution:** A resolution of the Wharton City Council approving an agreement with the Boys & Girls Club of Wharton and authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to

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execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Wharton for the funding received from the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division and Setting an effective date.

B. Resolution: A resolution of the Wharton City Council authorizing the submission of an application to the Criminal Justice Division(CJD) of the Governor's Office for funding.

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented a copy of an agreement between the City of Wharton and the Boys & Girls Club of Wharton for the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division SMART Moves Grant awarded September 27, 2012. Finance Director Joan Andel stated that the agreement between the City of Wharton and the Boys & Girls Club of Wharton for the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division SMART Moves Grant was for the current year and the City of Wharton had to act as the grantee on the funds. City Manager Garza also presented a letter dated February 21, 2013 from Mrs. Phyllis Sliva, MSW, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Wharton, addressed to him requesting that the City of Wharton act as the grantee for the continuation of the Boys & Girls SMART Moves program. City Manager Garza stated that the City Staff was requesting the City Council consider approving the afore-mentioned resolutions. After some discussion, Councilmember Terry David Lynch moved to approve City of Wharton Resolutions No. 2013-15 and 2013-16, which read as follows:

**CITY OF WHARTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2013-15**

A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF WHARTON AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WHARTON TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF WHARTON FOR THE FUNDING RECEIVED FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Wharton City Council authorized the submission of a grant application by City of Wharton Resolution 2012-34 to the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division to assist the Boys & Girls Club of Wharton; and

WHEREAS, the application was for funding the Wharton Boys & Girls Club SMART Moves Program; and

WHEREAS, the application was approved for funding, and;

WHEREAS, an agreement between the City of Wharton and the Boys and Girl Club of Wharton must be in place for the expenditure of the grant funds, and;

WHEREAS, the Wharton City Council wishes this resolution to become effective immediately upon its passage.

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

Section 1. The Wharton City Council hereby approves the agreement with the Boys & Girls Club of Wharton.

Section 2. The Wharton City Council authorizes the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute an agreement with the Boys & Girls Club of Wharton for funding of the SMART Moves Program.

Section 3. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

Passed, Approved and Adopted this 25th day of February 2013.

CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS

By: _____
DOMINGO MONTALVO, JR.
MAYOR

ATTEST:

BY: _____
PAULA FAVORS
CITY SECRETARY

CITY OF WHARTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2013-16

A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WHARTON TO EXECUTE AN APPLICATION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION FOR FUNDING TO ASSIST THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF WHARTON, TEXAS.

WHEREAS, The Wharton City Council authorizes the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute an application with the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division to assist the Boys & Girls Club of Wharton; and

WHEREAS, the application would be for funding for the Wharton Boys & Girls Club SMART Moves Program in the amount of \$40,824.00; and

WHEREAS, the Wharton City Council wishes this resolution to become effective immediately upon its passage.

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

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Section 1. The Wharton City Council hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute an application with the Office of the Governor Criminal Justice Division for funding of the SMART Moves Program for the Boys & Girls Club of Wharton.

Section 2. That this resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

Passed, Approved and Adopted this 25th day of February 2013.

CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS

By: _____
DOMINGO MONTALVO, JR.
MAYOR

ATTEST:

BY: _____
PAULA FAVORS
CITY SECRETARY

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

The seventh item on the agenda was to review and consider an ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute an Economic Development Agreement and a related Personal Property Bill of Sale, to transfer City surplus fill dirt to Wharton Veterinary Clinic, in support of the proposed expansion of current facility that would increase local sales and tax base. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. stated that the City Council Public Works Committee met on February 22, 2013 and considered the request submitted by Carlos Bonnot, DVM for fill dirt for the planned expansion of the Wharton Veterinary Clinic. City Manager Garza presented a copy of the letter the City received on November 20, 2012 from Carlos Bonnot, DVM requesting 3,000 cubic feet of fill dirt from the City. City Manager Garza stated that the Public Works Director Carter Miska, P.E. contacted Dr. Bonnot and they visited the site from where the fill dirt would be taken. City Manager Garza said that on February 14, 2013; he spoke with Dr. Bonnot and he indicated to him that he was ready to move forward with the project. City Manager Garza stated the City Council Public Works Committee was recommending that the contract be approved and provide the fill dirt and loading of the dirt. After some discussion, Councilmember Russell Machann moved to approve City of Wharton Ordinance No. 2013-06, which read as follows:

CITY OF WHARTON
ORDINANCE NO. 2013-06

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WHARTON TO EXECUTE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND A RELATED PERSONAL PROPERTY BILL OF SALE, TO TRANSFER CITY SURPLUS FILL DIRT

TO WHARTON VETERINARY CLINIC, IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF CURRENT FACILITY THAT WILL INCREASE LOCAL SALES AND PROPERTY TAX BASE.

WHEREAS, the City of Wharton works to foster private area developments that increase local sales and property tax bases and create employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Wharton Veterinary Clinic – Carlos E. Bonnot, DVM of Wharton, Texas, has approached the City for forms of public assistance to develop an expansion of the current facility at 1518 Hwy 60S, and;

WHEREAS, the City has ownership of large quantities of excess spoil fill dirt from various recent drainage excavation projects, and Wharton Veterinary Clinic – Carlos E. Bonnot, DVM needs the fill dirt to develop the proposed expansion of their current facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL THAT:

Section 1. The City hereby declares that, not-to-exceed, 3,000 cubic yards of fill dirt (loaded) as surplus City personal property, now able to be sold to Wharton Veterinary Clinic – Carlos E. Bonnot, DVM for Ten Dollars (\$10.00), and other valuable consideration, in support of the development of its new expansion project that is reasonably anticipated to generate and enhance the local sales and property tax bases and create area employment.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an Economic Development Agreement and related Personal Property Bill of Sale Agreement with Wharton Veterinary Clinic – Carlos E. Bonnot, DVM substantially in the form of the agreements attached hereto for reference.

Section 3. The City Manager and legal counsel for the City are hereby authorized to coordinate Wharton Veterinary Clinic – Carlos E. Bonnot, DVM to finalize, implement, and administer the additional subsidiary activities and documents related hereto to foster the creation of the anticipated private development that will enhance the area sales and property tax bases, while creating area employment opportunities, in furtherance of the public interest and for the benefit of area citizens.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2013.

CITY OF WHARTON

Domingo Montalvo, Jr.

Mayor

Attest:

Paula Favors
City Secretary

Approved as to Form:

Paul Webb
City Attorney

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

The eighth item on the agenda was to review and consider an ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Wharton to execute an Economic Development Agreement and related Personal Property Bill of Sale, to transfer City surplus fill dirt to Home Run Zone/Moonwalk-N-More Project, in support of the proposed development of a new youth entertainment facility at 1810 Stadium Road that would increase local sales and property tax base and create area employment. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. stated that the City Council Public Works Committee met on February 22, 2013 and considered the request submitted by a request by Steve B. Wisnieski for City of Wharton fill dirt and use of City manpower and equipment at the Home Run Zone/Moonwalks-N-More project at 1810 Stadium Road. City Manager Garza said the City Staff had met with Mr. Wisnieski and other company representatives regarding their proposal to construct their project. City Manager Garza presented a letter submitted to him by Mr. Steve Wisnieski dated February 11, 2013, requesting 3,000 cubic yards of fill dirt, along with the manpower and equipment needed to load, haul, and spread the dirt on their property. City Manager Garza said Mr. Wisnieski was also requesting 170 cubic yards of reclaimed asphalt and the City Staff had informed him that the City does not have the reclaimed asphalt he was requesting. City Manager Garza also presented Wharton Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Executive Director David Schroeder's letter with their recommendation. City Manager Garza stated that the City Council Public Works Committee was recommending that the City provide the fill dirt and loading of the dirt. After some discussion, Councilmember Terry David Lynch moved to approve City of Wharton Ordinance No. 2013-07, which read as follows:

CITY OF WHARTON
ORDINANCE NO. 2013-07

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WHARTON TO EXECUTE AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND A RELATED

PERSONAL PROPERTY BILL OF SALE, TO TRANSFER CITY SURPLUS FILL DIRT TO HOME RUN ZONE/MOONWALK-N-MORE PROJECT, IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW YOUTH ENTERTAINMENT FACILITY AT 1810 STADIUM ROAD THAT WILL INCREASE LOCAL SALES AND PROPERTY TAX BASE AND CREATE AREA EMPLOYMENT.

WHEREAS, the City of Wharton works to foster private area developments that increase local sales and property tax bases and create employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Home Run Zone/Moonwalk-N-More – Steve. B. Wisnieski of Wharton, Texas, has approached the City for forms of public assistance to develop a facility at 1810 Stadium Road, and;

WHEREAS, the City has ownership of large quantities of excess spoil fill dirt from various recent drainage excavation projects, and Home Run Zone/Moonwalk-N-More – Steve B. Wisnieski needs the fill dirt to develop the proposed development of a new youth entertainment facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL THAT:

Section 1. The City hereby declares that, not-to-exceed, 3,000 cubic yards of fill dirt (loaded) as surplus City personal property, now able to be sold to Home Run Zone/Moonwalk-N-More - Steve. B. Wisnieski for Ten Dollars (\$10.00), and other valuable consideration, in support of the development of its new expansion project that is reasonably anticipated to generate and enhance the local sales and property tax bases and create area employment.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an Economic Development Agreement and related Personal Property Bill of Sale Agreement with Home Run Zone/Moonwalk-N-More - Steve. B. Wisnieski substantially in the form of the agreements attached hereto for reference.

Section 3. The City Manager and legal counsel for the City are hereby authorized to coordinate Home Run Zone/Moonwalk-N-More - Steve. B. Wisnieski to finalize, implement, and administer the additional subsidiary activities and documents related hereto to foster the creation of the anticipated private development that will enhance the area sales and property tax bases, while creating area employment opportunities, in furtherance of the public interest and for the benefit of area citizens.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2013.

CITY OF WHARTON

Domingo Montalvo, Jr.
Mayor

Attest:

Paula Favors
City Secretary

Approved as to Form:

Paul Webb
City Attorney

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

The ninth item on the agenda was to review and consider a resolution of the Wharton City Council approving an agreement for improvements to the Wharton Regional Airport Hangars and authorizing the City Manager of the City of Wharton to execute all documents related to said agreement. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented an email dated February 21, 2013 to him from Airport Manager David Allen. City Manager Garza stated that Mr. Allen requested quotes to replace the sheet metal on the three outside walls of Hangar J located just north of the fuel farm area and the bids were from Pete Billard in the amount of \$11,000.00, Gulf Stream Construction, LLC DbA Lewing Buildings in the amount of \$6,239.00 and BLS Construction did not respond to the request for quote. City Manager Garza stated that Mr. Allen was recommending the City Council approve the quote from Gulf Stream Construction, LLC DbA Lewing Buildings in the amount of \$6,239.00. After some discussion, Councilmember Don Mueller moved to approve City of Wharton Resolution No. 2013-17, which read as follows:

CITY OF WHARTON
RESOLUTION NO. 2013-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR IMPORVEMENTS TO THE WHARTON REGIONAL AIRPORT HANGARS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WHARTON TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO SAID AGREEMENT.

WHEREAS, The City of Wharton solicited quotes from companies to conduct T-Hangar improvements at the Wharton Regional Airport; and

WHEREAS, On February 18, 2013, Gulf Stream Construction, LLC Dba Lewing Welding submitted its quote in the amount of \$6,293.00 to conduct T-Hangar Improvements on Hangar J and was the lowest bidder, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Wharton and Gulf Stream Construction, LLC Dba Lewing Welding wishes to be bound by the conditions set forth in the agreement and within the terms of the quote; and

WHEREAS, The T-Hangar Improvement Project is eligible for reimbursement up to 50% of the costs under the 2012 Routine Airport Maintenance Program; and

WHEREAS, the Wharton City Council wishes to authorize the City Manager to execute all documents related to said project.

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

Section I. The Wharton City Council hereby awards a contract to Gulf Stream Construction, LLC Dba Lewing Welding in the amount of \$6,239.00 to conduct T-Hangar Improvements on Hangar J the Wharton Regional Airport.

Section II. The Wharton City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute any and all documents related to said project.

Section III. The City of Wharton and Gulf Stream Construction, LLC Dba Lewing Welding are hereby bound by the conditions as set forth in the contract amendment.

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

Passed, Approved, and Adopted this 25th day of February 2013.

CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS

By: _____
DOMINGO MONTALVO, JR.
Mayor

ATTEST:

PAULA FAVORS
City Secretary

Councilmember Karen Schulz seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

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

- A. Holiday Light Decorating Chairman.
- B. Mayor's Committee on People with Disabilities.

City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. stated that vacancies existed on the afore-mentioned items. No action was taken.

The eleventh item on the agenda was the Status Report on City of Wharton Projects. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented a copy of his memorandum dated February 25, 2013 providing the status report on City of Wharton 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.swf.usace.army.mil/pubdata/notices/LowerColorado/>.

The City Staff continues to work with the USACE and Halff Associates in obtaining the required ROE agreements and engineering data. The agreement for the Third and Restated Agreement between the City of Wharton and the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) has been executed. The amendment incorporates Segment 1(a) into the project, which is the extension of the levee along FM 102.

The City Staff met with Halff and the USACE via conference call to discuss the 65% plan set. Halff Associates reported that the USACE had completed their review and that Halff had incorporated the Corps comments into the 65% plan set. In addition, Halff has incorporated the City Staff's comments as well. Other discussion included the City Staff's concern over a pipe planned through the KCS railroad embankment, identifying spoil disposal sites and utility relocation. The City will need to identify a one or more sites to dispose of approximately 1.5 million cubic yards of spoil. The USACE is requiring the location of these sites in the plan set for 95% approval. This design is for the first phase of levee construction along the Colorado River. The segment that is under design is from FM 102 to Business 59.

DRAINAGE:

1. Santa Fe Outfall Channel.

The Public Works Department has finished excavation up to Alabama Road. During the month of February, the Public Works Department performed routine maintenance including reshaping those areas that were actively eroding. Public Works continue installing grade stabilization structures to eliminate erosion thereby reducing or eliminating the need to reshape the channel. The Public Works Department has installed six grade stabilization structures or pipe drops along the channel so far. These structures are part of the original engineering design and not only control erosion but are helping to improve drainage in the city by serving as the outfall for water

that has been redirected to the Santa Fe Channel. The City Staff has met with property owners along the channel to discuss work that needs to be performed by the City in accordance with the agreements. During the month of February the Public Works Department has continued to work toward completing the work required in those agreements. The City Staff will continue to work on completing the agreements with property owners over the next several months weather permitting.

2. Highway 60 & Old Lane City Road Drainage Improvements

Mercer Construction moved equipment into town February 15. The Public Works Department met with Mercer Construction February 19 and staked out the alignment of the dual run of 30 inch culverts to be installed underneath Hwy 60. Mercer was then able to saw cut the road surface in the area where the trench will be excavated. Rainfall on February 18 and rainfall forecast for February 20 - 21 led to Mercer and the City Staff postponing the trench excavation until February 25. Mercer stated that the dual run installation will be complete in three to four days once trench excavation begins.

The Public Works Department began installation of the 48 inch outfall into the Santa Fe Ditch on February 19. The Public Works Director continues to coordinate with the local TxDOT office concerning this project. TxDOT will provide a gradall and operator for excavation and the Public Works Department will provide dump trucks and operators to haul the spoil. The Public Works Department and TxDOT plan to begin excavation of the ditch before the end of February. Weather permitting; all work should be complete around the middle of March 2013.

WATER/SEWER IMPROVEMENTS:

1. 2012 -2013 Water Storage Tank Maintenance Program

Jones & Carter, Inc. submitted to the City Staff the final construction plans and bid documents for installing a hydropneumatic tank at the Cloud St Water Plant. The hydropneumatic tank is required for continued service after the elevated storage tank is demolished. The City Staff approved the final design and the bid has been advertised to the public. The pre-bid meeting is set for February 25, 2013 at 2:00 PM at the offices of Jones & Carter, Inc. A bid opening will be held March 5, 2013 at 10:00 AM at City Hall in Wharton.

2. Pressure Switches at City Water Plants

Jones & Carter replaced the faulty pressure control switches with new control switches earlier this month. Jones & Carter paid for the switches and the installation. City Staff is closely monitoring the performance of the new switches, which are functioning as designed. Staff will continue to monitor and tweak the switches for optimum performance. These switches are designed to minimize and equalize pumping times, thereby extending the life of the water plants.

3. Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 1 Rehabilitation Proposal

City Staff is currently exploring various avenues to fund the rehabilitation of WWTP No. 1. The top priority is the WWTP's clarifier. The City Staff is working with Jones & Carter, Inc. to plan and prepare preliminary cost estimates for the WWTP No. 1 Rehabilitation project.

The Public Works Department with the assistance of Jones & Carter, Inc. is developing plans to fix a failing force main line used to bypass sewer influent in an effort to avoid any catastrophic failures.

4. On-going Water and Sewer Maintenance Program

Water leaks and sewer failures were on average the month of February.

The Public Works Department has developed a preliminary layout for a sanitary sewer extension on Alabama St from Texas St to SE Ave. This new line will provide enough depth to reroute the 1940s sewer lines between Texas St, Koehl St, and Speed St. This area has old lines that have severely deteriorated and are laid on a flat slope causing a major increase in sewer back-ups. The new line will also alleviate sewer problems at Svatek's Grocery and Angel's Care Home Health at the intersection of Alabama Rd and Alabama St. Jones & Carter is assisting the City Staff with the preliminary cost estimates and layout.

The City's aging lift stations continues to keep the Public Works Department busy, especially with pump and float failures. The City Staff is working with Jones & Carter, Inc. to prepare preliminary cost estimates for rehabilitating the lift stations.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS

1. FM 1301 Extension and Overpass Project Progress Report

IDC Inc. continues to work with City Staff in an effort to develop preliminary engineering for the project. The City Staff has obtained the necessary rights of entry agreements for the project. The City Staff continues to coordinate with TxDOT to ensure the project continues to move forward.

The City Staff and IDC Inc. will meet with TxDOT on February 21, 2013 at 1:30 PM at the Yoakum District Office to discuss road alignments and other design aspects.

2. 2012 Street Improvement Program

The Public Works Department began making street improvements the week of May 21, 2012.

The Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Wharton and the City of El Campo for use of equipment was renewed on July 9, 2012. This agreement allows both cities to complete street improvements at a reduced cost through the sharing of construction equipment.

The Public Works Staff had to postpone completion of the 2012 Street Improvement Program for most of November to work on much needed drainage improvements. The Public Works Department planned to resume the street repairs at the end of November. Quality Hot Mix has failed to supply the hot mix the City's needs to complete the project and therefore the project is still on hold until a supplier can be found. The project is nearly complete with the exception of patch work on Fulton and Alabama St.

3. 2013 Street Improvement Program

The City Staff has identified streets needing repair in 2013 and completed cost estimates for these repairs. The estimates and recommendations from the City Staff will be made to the Public Works Committee in the upcoming weeks.

4. Wharton Sidewalk Accessibility and Historic Streetscape Project

TxDOT completed the review of the sidewalk re-bid package earlier this month allowing the City to advertise for re-bid. Currently the pre-bid is set for February 21, 2013 at 10:00 PM at City Hall in Wharton and the bid opening is set for March 5, 2013 at 2:00 at City Hall.

5. Willowbend/Kelving Way Court Drainage Project

The Public Works Department completed excavation of a shallow swale in the 32 feet easement between Willowbend Dr. and Kelving Way Ct. at the end of December. There remains a couple of small areas of ponding inside the easement area and the City Staff is exploring options to correct this. This project is nearing completion.

6. On-going Street and Drainage Maintenance Program

The Public Works Department has been working to clean residential drainage ditches that have been experiencing poor drainage. These efforts to improve drainage are paying off. Areas that used to flood are no longer flooding. The Public Works Department has been noticing a significant decrease in citizen complaints during larger rainfall events concerning poor drainage.

WHARTON REGIONAL AIRPORT

1. Capital Improvement Drainage Project.

This project is complete.

OTHER PROJECTS

1. Fire Hydrant Testing Program

The Fire Department, with the assistance of the Public Works Department, has begun an annual hydrant testing program. The Fire Department has completed testing on all the City's hydrants. The majority of the hydrants were in good working condition. Those that need attention are being repaired by Public Works Staff. This program will help to improve the City's ISO insurance rating.

2. Wharton County Web Map Project

The City Staff continues to work with Halff Associates to complete the initial design for the Web based GIS mapping tool. This tool will help City Staff and City Officials make daily decisions by allowing them to view GIS data files via the Internet.

After some discussion, no action was taken.

The twelfth item on the agenda was City Council Boards, Commissions, and Committees:

- A. Beautification Commission meeting held February 13, 2013.
- B. Wharton Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors meeting held February 18, 2013.
- C. Public Works Committee meeting held February 22, 2013.

After some discussion, no action was taken.

The thirteenth item on the agenda was City Manager's Reports:

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

The fourteenth item on the agenda was adjournment. After some discussion, Councilmember Don Mueller moved to adjourn. Councilmember Terry David Lynch seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

CITY OF WHARTON, TEXAS

By: _____
Don Mueller
Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

Paula Favors
City Secretary