

**MINUTES  
OF  
CITY OF WHARTON  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JANUARY 14, 2008**

Mayor Bryce D. Kocian declared a Regular Meeting duly open for the transaction of business at 7:00 P.M. Councilmember Ken Freese led the opening devotion and then Mayor Bryce D. Kocian led the pledge of allegiance.

Councilmembers present were: Mayor Bryce D. Kocian, Councilmembers V. L. Wiley, Jr., David Samuelson, Ken Freese, Don Mueller, Domingo Montalvo, Jr. and Ray Linseisen.

Councilmember absent was: None.

Staff members present were: City Manager Andres Garza, Jr., Finance Director Joyce Vasut, Assistant to City Manager Jackie Jansky, City Secretary Lisa Stavena, Planning Director Prudencio Arriaga, Police Chief Tim Guin, Building Inspector Ronnie Bollom, and City Attorney Paul Webb.

Visitors present were: Ben Sharp with Wharton Journal Spectator, David Schroeder with Wharton Economic Development Corporation, Carlos Cotton, Fred Kuykendall, Trish Kuykendall, Ellis Hurd, Bruce Williams, Henry Thiele, and Raymond Harrison.

The third item on the agenda was Public Comments. Mr. Ellis Hurd addressed the City Council and commended Building Inspector Ronnie Bollom and Code Enforcement Officer Jimmy Nickolyn on the progress at west end. He stated that 15 homes had been demolished. He stated that he reported trash by Woods Bar-B-Que and the next morning, all trash was removed. He stated that he really appreciated the action the City Staff was taking and encouraged to keep up the efforts. No action was taken.

The fourth item on the agenda was Wharton Moment. Councilmember Ken Freese stated that Habitat for Humanity was constructing the third home in west end and encouraged organizations to get involved. He stated that every Saturday, volunteers help with the construction of the new home. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. stated that a total of 45 new homes had been construction through the HOME Program.

Councilmember Don Mueller stated that the dumpster fencing was appealing. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. stated that the property owners had to comply with the City ordinance. No action was taken.

The fifth item on the agenda was to review and consider the reading of the minutes from the regular meeting held December 10, 2007 and the special meeting held December 20, 2007. After some discussion, Councilmember Ray Linseisen made a motion to approve the Wharton City Council minutes of the regular meeting held December 10, 2007 and the special meeting held December 20, 2007 as presented. Councilmember V. L. Wiley, Jr. seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The sixth item on the agenda was to review and consider a resolution of the Wharton City Council supporting the Wharton County application for a Flood Protection Planning Grant filed with the Texas Water Development Board. City Manager Andres Garza, Jr. presented a copy of the letter dated December 6, 2007 from Wharton County Judge John W. Murrile requesting the City of Wharton's support for a grant application submitted by Wharton County to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for funding for a flood protection study for the Tres Palacios River Water shed in Wharton and Matagorda Counties. He also presented a draft resolution providing the City's support of the application. He said that once Wharton County received the City's letter of support and resolution, Wharton County would forward the documents to the TWDB. After some discussion, Councilmember Domingo Montalvo, Jr. made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2008-01, which read as follows:

**CITY OF WHARTON  
RESOLUTION NO. 2008-01**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WHARTON CITY COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE WHARTON COUNTY APPLICATION FOR A FLOOD PROTECTION PLANNING GRANT FILED WITH THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD.**

**WHEREAS,** Wharton County, Texas, desires to develop a Flood Protection Planning Study for the Tres Palacios River Watershed; and

**WHEREAS,** the Wharton City Council wishes to lend its support to Wharton and Matagorda Counties and the City of El Campo and the application that was filed with the Texas Water Development Board for funding for the proposed Flood Protection Planning Study for the Tres Palacios River Watershed; and

**WHEREAS,** the proposed Flood Protection Planning Study to be conducted by Wharton County shall determine proposed planning efforts to identify viable solutions for flood reduction.

**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 supports the application submitted by Wharton County to the Texas Water Development Board for a Flood Protection Planning Grant to assist with funding a Flood Protection Planning Study of the Tres Palacios River Watershed for Wharton and Matagorda Counties and the City of El Campo.

