

**MINUTES
OF
CITY OF WHARTON
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2008**

Mayor Bryce D. Kocian declared a Regular Meeting duly open for the transaction of business at 7:00 P.M. Councilmember Don Mueller 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, and Domingo Montalvo, Jr.

Councilmember absent was: Ray Linseisen.

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

Visitors present were: Lewis Fortenberry and Henry Thiele.

The third item on the agenda was Public Comments. No action was taken.

The fourth item on the agenda was Wharton Moment. Councilmember Don Mueller stated that an I-69 planning meeting was held in Rosenberg on January 24, 2008, which the City Council Public Works Committee along with Wharton County residents attended. He stated that Texas Department of Transportation representatives indicated that formal comments regarding the proposed project could be made during the public hearing on February 11, 2008 at Wharton High School with an open house forum at 500 p.m. and the official public hearing at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Bryce D. Kocian stated that the Regular City Council Meeting could be changed so the City Council could attend the Public Hearing Texas Department of Transportation regarding the I-69/Trans-Texas Corridor Project meeting.

Councilmember David Samuelson stated that the Pilot Club and members of the Bright Minds Scholarship Fund held a fundraiser, raising approximately \$80,000.00. He commended the community for supporting the fundraising efforts. No action was taken.

The fifth item on the agenda was to review and consider the City of Wharton financial report for the month of December 2007. Finance Director Joyce Vasut presented the financial report for the month of December 2007 and stated that the fiscal year was at 25%. Mrs. Vasut stated that the general fund revenues were at 21.82% and the expenditures were at 23.67%. The total ad valorem taxes collected were \$459,321. The sales tax for the month of November 2007 was \$149,269 with \$99,513 to the City and \$49,756 to WEDC. The bank balance for December 2007

