

MINUTES  
OF  
CITY OF WHARTON  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2007

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

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

Councilmember absent were: Domingo Montalvo, Jr. and Ray Linseisen.

Staff members present were: City Manager Andres Garza, Jr., Finance Director Joyce Vasut, Assistant to City Manager Jackie Jansky, City Secretary Lisa Stavena, Building Official Ronnie Bollom and Assistant City Attorney Amy Rod.

Visitors present were: Benjamin Sharp with Wharton Journal Spectator, David Schroeder with Wharton Economic Development Corporation, Carlos Cotton, Louis Edwards, Chester Houston, Kent Hill, Mary Nell Wiley, Billie Jones, Marilyn Sebesta, Frank Giacalone, Andy Morris, and Ron Sanders.

The third item on the agenda was Public Comments. Ms. Billie Jones addressed the City Council and stated that she was concerned about what she read in the Wharton Journal Spectator on Saturday, September 8, 2007 regarding the annexation of the property along Highway 60. She requested that the City Council conduct additional studies. She stated that she would hate to see Phase III of the project be moved to Waxahachie, Abilene or somewhere else.

Ms. Mary Nell Wiley addressed the City Council and stated that weedy lot and junk vehicles needed to be addressed on the westend of town. No action was taken.

The fourth item on the agenda was Wharton Moment. Councilmember Ken Freese publicly commended the construction crew on the Taco Bell/KFC Project.

Mayor Bryce D. Kocian presented a proclamation to the Daughters of the American Republic member Marilyn Sebesta signifying September 17 – 23, 2007 as Constitution Week. The proclamation read as follows:

**Whereas,** September 17, 2007 marks the two hundred twentieth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

**Whereas,** It is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and this memorable anniversary; and to the patriotic celebration which will commemorate the occasion; and

**Whereas,** Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23, 2007 as Constitution Week.

**Now, Therefore,** I, Bryce D. Kocian, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Wharton, Texas, on behalf of the Daughters of the American Revolution, do hereby proclaim the week of

*September 17 through 23, 2007*  
*as*  
*“CONSTITUTION WEEK”*

and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals of the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties, remembering that lost rights may never be regained.

**In Witness Whereof,** I hereunto have set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Wharton to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand seven A.D.

No action was taken.

The fifth item on the agenda was to review and consider the reading of the minutes from the regular meetings held August 13, 2007 and August 27, 2007 and the special meetings held August 6, 2007 and August 20, 2007. After some discussion, Councilmember Don Mueller made a motion to approve the Wharton City Council minutes of the regular meetings held August 13, 2007 and August 27, 2007 and the special meetings held August 6, 2007 and August 20, 2007 as presented. Councilmember Ken Freese seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

The sixth item on the agenda was the Public Hearing: Proposed Budget for the City of Wharton, Texas, Fiscal Year October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008.

Mayor Bryce D. Kocian opened the Public Hearing at 7:09 p.m.

No comments were given.

Mayor Bryce D. Kocian closed the Public Hearing at 7:10 p.m.

The seventeenth item on the agenda was to review and consider the Action on Proposed Budget for the City of Wharton, Texas, Fiscal Year October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008. City Manager stated that during the August 27, 2007 regular City Council meeting, a copy of the proposed budget for the City of Wharton, Texas, Fiscal Year October 1, 2007 to September 30, 2008 was presented to City Council. He stated that this item would allow the City Council to

