



CITY OF HONDO

Annual Report 2007

Infrastructure & Utilities

- City of Hondo Water Utility System was recognized by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality as an “Outstanding Public Drinking Water System”
- City of Hondo Wastewater Treatment Plant received the 2007 “Total Coliform Rule Program Award”
- Both water and wastewater divisions have conducted engineering studies to plan for necessary improvements and expansion.

Street Division

- Implemented a curb and gutter program to address drainage and erosion issues and enhance streets
- Completed Phase I of water meter replacement with automated meter reading system
- Developed aggressive leak repair methods
- Water meter program and leak repairs have significantly reduced City’s water loss
- Engineering study to enable City Electric Division to plan for improvement and expansion projects

Hondo Municipal Airport

- Acquisition of 8 open hangar buildings from USAF used for rental space to aircraft owners
- Completion of aircraft refueling facility funded by \$200,000 grant from TxDOT Aviation that allows 24-hour aircraft refueling. First-year anticipated profits are expected to exceed \$45,000.
- Secured \$7.7 million grant from FAA and TxDOT Aviation to rehabilitate main runway providing stability for next 30 years. Completion 2009
- Designed and bid new Airport Terminal Building with offices, passenger waiting area, pilots’ lounge and flight planning area, ADA restrooms, and a conference room are to be completed Fall 2008
- New runway markings and ramp lighting
- Marketing Industrial Air and Rail Park, a multi-modal inland port facility

Parks & Recreation

- Began site preparation of 20-acre Nature Trail and Park
- Hosted Annual Easter Egg Hunt - City staff prepared and hid over 4000 eggs for more than 300 participants
- Began construction of Phase I of Youth Baseball and Softball Sports Complex scheduled to be completed by Spring 2008
- The City’s flag football league had 14 youth teams and the girls’ volleyball league had 6 teams competing
- The Hondo Garden Club provided materials and labor to beautify the Swimming Pool area

Public Safety

- Initiation of early **Emergency Warning System** to provide advance notice for natural weather events which is tested 1st Saturday of each month
- Expansion of police force by one additional officer
- Active canine unit for traffic and narcotics control
- Special Operations Unit for drugs and controlled substances
- Creation of Traffic, Narcotics, and Criminal Investigation Units utilizing officers from within the Department

Code Compliance

- Established Fire Safe House training at elementary and intermediate school for 1000 youths in fire safety and prevention
- Reviewed 636 permits
- Conducted 239 building inspections and issued 82 warnings for violations
- Streamlined permit process to provide better customer service and satisfaction

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*A community respecting its heritage
while providing an outstanding quality of life*

Introduction

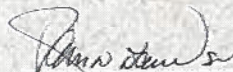
Dear Citizens of Hondo:

The current administration has been very proactive and responsible in promoting growth and economic development for the City of Hondo. This past year, the citizenry of Hondo voted overwhelmingly for a Home Rule Charter. This accomplishment speaks highly of our community in establishing governance on how the City will be managed and operated.

The City of Hondo, as an organization, is committed in its mission to instill a sense of community, safety and neighborhood integrity for its citizens. The City is also committed to a goal of not only providing customer service, but also providing customer satisfaction for its citizens.

The following information is a snapshot of the various projects the City is undertaking. It is our way of keeping you informed and thanking you for your part in the tremendous growth the City has experienced.

Respectfully,



James W. Danner, Sr.
Mayor



Robert T. Herrera
City Manager

Economic Development

- Issuance of \$3,850,000 in Certificates of Obligation to Fund proposed 2007/2010 capital improvement projects:
 1. Extension of 22nd Street and Veterans' Blvd., including improvement and rail crossing
 2. Infrastructure development of Industrial Air and Rail Park that is part of Hondo Municipal Airport
 3. Expansion and improvements to City Hall and Police Department
 4. Improvement to City Parks (particularly City Youth Baseball/Softball Complex and T. A. Lopez Park)
 5. Improvement to drainage facilities throughout the City



Councilmember Terry Teague, Mayor James W. Danner Sr., Mayor Pro-Tem Ann-Michelle Long, (Back row) City Manager Robert T. Herrera, Councilmembers: J. Gruber, Vance Tomey, Sammy Nooner

6. Improvement to water and sewer utility system with construction of two lift stations
7. Restoration and improvements to City's alleyways
8. Improvement and expansion of electric utility system
9. Acquisition of railroad spur and switch

Citizen Service

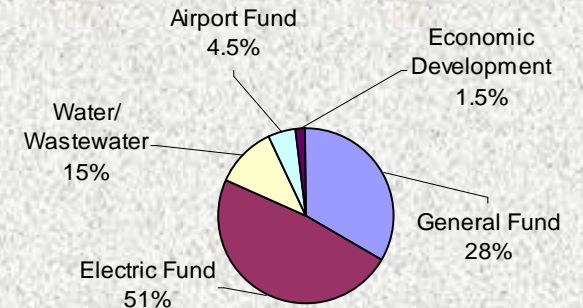
- The following Boards and Commissions serve the citizens of Hondo: Planning & Zoning/Zoning Board of Adjustment; Library Board; Hondo Economic Development Corporation; Parks Advisory Board; Hospital Authority Board; Airport Advisory Board; Construction Board; Downtown Advisory Board
- Hondo Public Library offers an extensive book, video, and audio book collection for all ages with help from the Lone Star Libraries grant. The Library offers computer access for all members, Storytime for young children, Baby & Me, Spanish for Kids, ESL, GED classes, and a Summer Reading Program with the assistance of gifts of \$1000 from Wal-Mart, \$500 from Mr. & Mrs. Russell Simpson to the Friends of the Library, and direct support from the Friends of the Library.
- Customer service training for all City Employees
- City Environmental Center and Citizens' Collection Station now accepting intermingled recyclables and discarded computer equipment
- Implementation of scheduled curbside brush and limb pick-up
- Technology improvements throughout City facilities to improve operations and citizen response
- Began construction of new Animal Shelter for improved accommodations for animals and better accessibility to public
- Refurbished Community Center
- Added new playscapes at Sunset Park and the Swimming Pool
- Replaced bridge at City Park #3
- Completed Phase I of painting at City Hall
- Improved bunkers, new yardage signs, flag poles, and tee box markers at the Hondo Golf Course

Local Taxes in Fiscal Year 2006-2007

- City Property Tax Rate: \$0.3689
- Medina County: \$0.5486
- Medina County FM/Lateral Road: \$0.0764
- Medina County Groundwater Conservation District: \$0.0085
- Independent School District Tax Rate: \$1.46
- Homestead Exemption
- Economic Development Sales Tax: \$.005

Revenue Collected by Source for Fiscal Year 2006-2007

\$19,896,966.00-Unaudited



Expended Funds by Source for Fiscal Year 2006-2007

\$16,515,008.00-Unaudited

