

**City of Wimberley**  
City Hall, 12111 Ranch Road 12, Ste. 114  
Wimberley, Texas 78676  
**Minutes of Special Meeting of City Council**  
March 30, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

City Council meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Tom Haley.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Haley and Councilmembers Charles Roccaforte, Bob Flocke, Jeri Xiques, and Steve Thurber. Councilmember Dick Larson had an excused absence.

Staff Present: City Administrator Don Ferguson and City Secretary Cara McPartland.

**Discussion and Action:**

Discuss and consider action on the possible development of a Joint Governmental Services Facility in Wimberley (*City Administrator*).

Mayor Haley introduced Hays County Precinct Three Commissioner Will Conley, who reviewed Hays County Commissioners Court's past discussion and actions supporting ownership of existing and future county facilities. He outlined short- and long-term strategies to accomplish the goal of ownership, including the findings of a stakeholders group to examine future needs of various Hays County offices. Commissioner Conley stated considerations favoring the selection of the former site of Wimberley's First Baptist Church, due diligence efforts, and requested Council's input in more detail, including the possibility of obtaining an expression of interest and/or support from Council to present to the Hays County Commissioners Court.

Discussion included various financing options, available Hays County funding, position of Hays County Commissioners Court regarding the First Baptist Church site, projected costs for expansion of Hays County offices in Wimberley, other possible building sites, the need for more detailed information on costs and financing, and preferred timetable for actions of both Hays County Commissioners Court and the City of Wimberley. General agreement was expressed favoring ownership rather than rental of needed space. Subsequent discussion addressed whether or not to include the First Baptist Church property in a motion favoring a joint facility, pros and cons of the First Baptist Church site, and projected costs for various scenarios of ownership such as renovation versus new construction.

Councilmember Flocke moved that Council provide a resolution to Hays County Commissioners Court in favor of proceeding with pursuing a joint governmental facility on the First Baptist Church property site as long as it remains the most cost-efficient option. He felt that organizations (such as the YMCA) might be interested in leasing the facility, which would benefit the community while relieving some of the financial burden on Hays County and the City of Wimberley.

City Administrator Ferguson suggested that staff develop a letter stating Council's position supporting the concept of the joint facility with the First Baptist Church as the option of choice. Discussion addressed the inclusion of the First Baptist Church site in the motion and/or letter versus deleting any reference to a specific site.

Councilmember Xiques seconded Councilmember Flocke's motion. City Administrator Ferguson recommended including a deadline for a response from Hays County in the proposed letter. After brief discussion, Councilmember Flocke amended his motion to include a deadline of sixty (60) days for Hays County to respond. Councilmember Xiques accepted the amendment and seconded the motion as amended. Motion carried on a vote of 3-1 (Councilmember Thurber voted nay.)

Discussion between Commissioner Conley and Wimberley resident Craig Reitz addressed size requirements for Hays County/City of Wimberley offices and compared cost projections of various alternatives. Subsequent discussion included leasing opportunities, future uses for the proposed facility, and positive aspects of the First Baptist Church site.

In response to an inquiry from Hays County resident Charles O'Dell, Mayor Haley replied that he did not participate in the earlier vote on Councilmember Flocke's motion and that Place Five Councilmember Larson is absent from tonight's meeting.

Hearing no further comments, Mayor Haley called the meeting adjourned.

**Adjournment:** Council meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

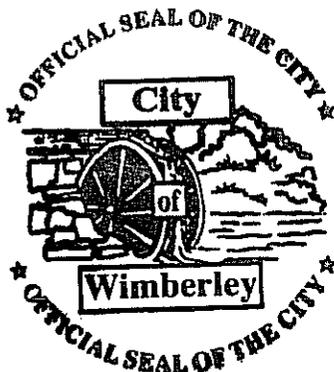
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These minutes approved on the 16th of April, 2009.

**APPROVED:**



*Tom Haley*  
Tom Haley, Mayor