

City of Wimberley
City Hall, 12111 Ranch Road 12, Ste. 114
Wimberley, Texas 78676
Minutes of Special Meeting of City Council
July 1, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

City Council meeting called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Mayor Tom Haley.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Haley and Councilmembers Bob Flocke, Bill Appleman, Steve Thurber, and John White. Councilmember Charles Roccaforte had an excused absence.

Staff Present: City Administrator Don Ferguson and City Secretary Cara McPartland. Also present were Wimberley Community Center representatives Kay Henderson, Jimmie Robinson, Jim Thompson, and Dr. Curt Busk.

Workshop Session:

Discuss issues relating to the City of Wimberley assuming operation of the Wimberley Community Center.

Major points of discussion included:

- City's desire to not "micromanage" day-to-day operations
- Details of current operating agreement
- Vision/purpose statements
- Recognition of the importance of volunteerism, particularly in keeping deficits down
- Minimizing or possibly eliminating operating deficits
- Realistic expectations/goals of revenue generated
- Need to keep bureaucracy to a minimum
- Sliding scale user fees
- Exceptional job done by present staff/volunteers and need to maintain continuing positive relationships
- Ongoing fund raising suggestions such as an annual community bazaar and pursuit of grant funding
- Diversifying use of Community Center by attracting larger numbers/types of events/users and expanding public relations efforts such as increased print and website advertisements
- Possibility of shared expenses during transitional period
- Organizational relationships among paid personnel/volunteers, City administration, City Council, Parks and Recreation Board, and possible additional advisory board
- Current use/revenue patterns and potential conflict with private entities offering similar services
- Kitchen/break-out room(s) use and possible division of space in Johnson Hall for certain events

- Long-term staffing needs
- Need to review Community Center policies, procedures, fee structure, current bookings, and overall financial picture

General agreement was reached to meet as necessary during the transition period in order to get community input and to continue serving the public as efficiently as possible. Brief discussion addressed the possible use of a portion of Community Center property as a future City Hall site.

Mayor Haley called the meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Adjournment: Council meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

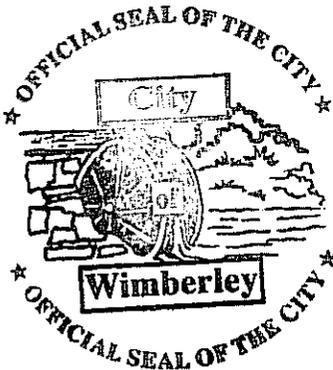
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Cara McPartland

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

APPROVED:



Tom Haley, Mayor