

City of Wimberley
City Hall, 221 Stillwater
Wimberley, Texas 78676
**Minutes of Joint Meeting of the City Council
& Wimberley Budget Advisory Board**
January 11, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

City Council meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Bob Flocke.

Council Members Present: Mayor Bob Flocke and Councilmembers Tom Talcott, Mac McCullough, Matt Meeks, Steve Thurber, and John White.

Budget Advisory Board Members Present: Chair Rick Millinor, Members Robin McCullough and Secretary Craig Mooty. Member John Urban was absent.

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

Workshop Session

A workshop to discuss and consider issues relating to current and future operating budgets of the City of Wimberley and the possible development of future funding sources

Mayor Flocke stated the need for Council to provide direction to the Budget Advisory Board in its efforts to consider current and future needs, such as long-term capital improvements, and development of funding sources to help meet those needs.

City Administrator Ferguson provided background information on the Budget Advisory Board's prior discussions, revenue sources and statistics, and budget limitations, given the City's reliance on sales tax collections and franchise fees as primary revenue sources. He summarized handouts, which included Texas Municipal League survey statistics on tax/debt rates, property values, services/facilities provided, and populations of selected cities.

Discussion addressed:

- Comparisons of survey data from selected cities
- Current level of City services and projected future needed services
- Importance of certain types of services to residents
- Ways of obtaining citizen input on important issues such as capital improvements, and associated funding sources
- Need for public education on local government to help citizens make informed decisions and to help prevent misinformation
- Importance of public input and feedback on clearly stated future needs and funding sources
- Updating of the City of Wimberley Comprehensive Plan
- Measuring public opinion, including various types of surveys and polling methods to

- determine and prioritize current and future needs
- Road improvement cost estimates
 - Limited available road funds and long-term economic impact of lack of road maintenance due to compounded repair/replacement costs
 - Obligation of the City to maintain streets and address drainage issues
 - Current and future water/wastewater needs; downtown septic systems
 - Future staffing needs of parks, public works, law enforcement, and municipal court operations and estimated costs
 - Use of surveys to educate and inform, in addition to providing insight on public opinion relating to needed services and ways to fund those services
 - Publication of informational articles
 - Need to clearly identify and state intended uses for expenditures of funds derived from tax revenues
 - Lack of available funds to deal with emergencies such as natural disasters and significant capital improvements, including roads and drainage improvements
 - Actual versus perceived value of downtown business district to overall Wimberley economy
 - Determining public demand for services and/or ad valorem taxation
 - Arguments for and against implementation of a Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT)
 - Lack of infrastructure (particularly downtown) to accommodate growth and demand for services
 - Scheduling of Budget Advisory Board public meeting(s) to discuss needs and future funding sources
 - Ideas for public education programs/forums on governmental processes

Mayor Flocke called the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Adjournment: Joint Council/Budget Advisory Board joint meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

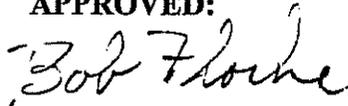
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Cara McPartland

These minutes approved on the 19th of January, 2012.

APPROVED:



Bob Flocke, Mayor

