

**City of Wimberley**  
 City Hall, 221 Stillwater  
 Wimberley, Texas  
**Minutes of Special Meeting of City Council**  
 July 11, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

City Council meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Mayor Mac McCullough

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Mac McCullough; Councilmembers Bob Dussler, Craig Fore, Sally Gibson Trapp, Gary Barchfeld, and John White.

Staff Present: City Administrator Don Ferguson

### **Workshop Session**

Discuss and consider issues relating to the Central Wimberley Wastewater Project

Mayor McCullough spoke on the field trip to the existing/proposed plants to occur during this meeting and favored adding a short tour of downtown area to see how a STEP system might be retrofitted. Councilmember Barchfeld felt that it would be prudent to include the downtown area tour. City Administrator Ferguson recommended a 45-minute visit to the existing plant, the proposed plant site, and the downtown area. Mayor McCullough polled the audience as to how many would like to participate in the site visits (*Notice was posted at City Hall Council chambers of the site visits*).

Mayor McCullough directed attention to multiple wastewater-related reports going back to 1985, which are available for review, including conclusions and recommendations. He said there is a lot of wisdom in the referenced reports.

At 10:03 a.m., Mayor McCullough, Council members, City Administrator Ferguson and participating audience members left Council chambers to conduct the aforementioned site visits.

At 10:50 a.m., Mayor McCullough, Council members, City Administrator Ferguson and audience members returned from the site visit to Council chambers in order to resume the meeting.

Discussion included:

- Cost estimates of various system hook-ups to certain downtown locations
- Consequences of exceeding system capacity limits and extra measures to compel the City to not exceed capacity (specifically a deed attachment)
- Parkland conversion process
- Controlling growth
- Answers provided by Orenco representative Patrick Foley to specific questions regarding Orenco's "STEP" collection system
- Re-engineering costs and time delays associated with switching from the proposed gravity collection system to a STEP system

- Problematic aspects of “cluster” systems using shared tanks
- Vacuum or STEP systems as back-up alternatives to a gravity system
- Zero-discharge plant
- Number of days of hold capacity in proposed tank and consideration of an additional storage tank
- Discharge scenarios in extremely heavy rain events
- Negotiations with Aqua Texas for acceptance of treated or non-treated excess effluent by a hired independent party
- Possible trucking of excess effluent to avoid discharge
- Options to re-route “purple pipe” (including sending raw sewage to Aqua Texas)
- Payment of CIAC fees to Aqua Texas regardless of type of effluent received
- Future agenda items for possible action to minimize risk of discharge and project cost: additional storage tank; re-routing of raw or treated effluent to Aqua Texas; explore trucking (use of tank trucks) of effluent in times of extreme rainfall; acquire alternate bid for routing of “purple pipe” along Winter’s Mill Parkway
- Cost savings of eliminating/re-routing “purple pipe” and possible loss of “green” subsidy
- Possible grant funding for “purple pipe” and cost to design alternative route(s)
- Hiring of a project manager to work through bidding to completion and scope of duties
- Use of independent representative to help with issues such as rate-setting and selection of project manager
- Differences in number of users listed in the original feasibility study versus the recent Ad Hoc Wastewater Review Committee’s report and emphasis on volume as a more important factor in estimating gallons per day statistics
- Forwarding of engineering reviews/updates to Council
- Various timelines related to existing project
- Easement acquisition and discussions with property owners and possible lift station location
- Avoiding trespassing issues when surveying property
- Budgeting for future plant-related capital expenditures, including impact on City services

## Adjourn

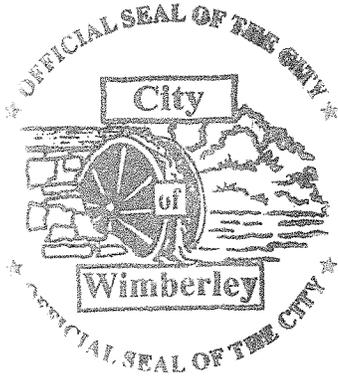
Mayor McCullough called the meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Recorded by:



Cara McPartland

These minutes approved on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August, 2016.



**APPROVED:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mac McCullough".

**Mac McCullough, Mayor**