

**City of Wimberley**  
 City Hall, 221 Stillwater  
 Wimberley, Texas  
**Minutes of Special Meeting of City Council**  
 November 19, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

City Council meeting called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Mayor Steve Thurber.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Steve Thurber and Councilmembers Bob Dussler, Cindy Anderson, Matt Meeks, Pam Showalter, and John White.

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

**Workshop Session**

Discuss and consider issues relating to the Pedernales Electric Cooperative (PEC) Transmission Line Project.

City Administrator Ferguson reviewed the Project's history and introduced PEC Vice President of Engineering and Energy Innovations Brad Hicks who advised that Engineering Consultant Lance Pettigrew will make a presentation to be followed by answers to questions submitted on the Project.

Mr. Pettigrew's presentation included information on the following:

- Project need overview
- Electric system overview
- Area transmission sources
- Transmission deficiencies
- Alternatives considered
- Project status, including contacts with landowners and public input
- Possible need to apply for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN), should negotiation with landowner(s) prove unsuccessful
- Original Project milestones compared to current Project milestones
- Projected area growth

Mr. Pettigrew provided information on the following topics during the question and answer period of his presentation:

- PEC's next planned upgrade project
- Current lines and possible future alternate lines that would require studies
- Long-range planning/load growth models
- Factors to consider when comparing upgrade of existing lines versus alternate routes
- City of Wimberley as part of a grid system with existing transmission line nearing capacity
- Possible relocation of substation and associated funding considerations

- How Project is to be funded, including details on statewide allocation and sharing of costs
- Circumstances that might trigger the need to seek regulatory approval from the Public Utility Commission (PUC) for a CCN and the impact of the CCN application process (if needed) on the Project and its timeframe for completion
- Administrative law/public comment/mediation procedures, should a CCN application prove necessary
- Inconclusiveness of electromagnetic field (EMF) testing related to health effects
- Use of case-by-case basis evaluations of the Project's impact on specific properties and associated concerns about property valuations
- PEC's intent to work with landowners on easement widths and tree preservation
- Height, sizing, and types of utility poles
- PEC's focus on improving distribution lines and delay of transmission line upgrade due to community response
- Importance of Project in improving reliability of service

Mr. Pettigrew noted various scenarios that would affect the Project moving forward, including lack of total landowner consent regarding easements, and its impact on Project timeframe for completion. He advised that if all affected landowners provided consent, Project designs could be finalized, easements acquired, and materials ordered, with construction to begin around October 2016.

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

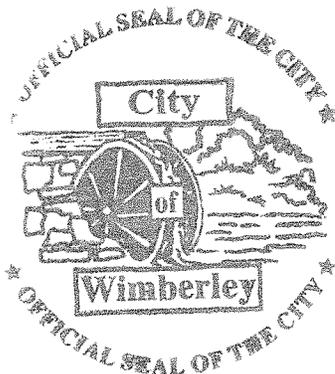
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Mayor Thurber called the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Recorded by:

  
Cara McPartland

These minutes approved on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December, 2015.



**APPROVED:**

  
Steve Thurber, Mayor