

City of Wimberley
City Hall
221 Stillwater
Wimberley, Texas 78676
Minutes of Regular Meeting of City Council
December 1, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

City Council meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Bob Flocke.

Mayor Flocke gave the Invocation and Councilmembers led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

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

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

Citizens Communications

No citizen comments were heard.

1. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of November 17, 2011
- B. Approval of the minutes of the Special City Council meeting of November 17, 2011

Councilmember Thurber moved to approve Consent Agenda items, as presented. Councilmember Meeks seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

2. City Administrator Report

- Status report on the development and operation of the Blue Hole Regional Park

City Administrator Ferguson reported on Phase II construction, including detailed progress on specific amenities such as the pavilion, playground, trail areas, and plans for use of effluent for soccer field irrigation utilizing the existing well on a temporary basis. He advised that a tour of the Park is scheduled for Council on December 15, 2011, immediately prior to the regular meeting. It was noted that Park Manager Doug Carter is working on preparations for the upcoming season, including marketing and the fee structure.

- Status report on the Time Warner franchise agreement

City Administrator Ferguson reported on recently adopted cable industry deregulation legislation that allows companies such as Time Warner to exit franchise agreements negotiated with cities to enter into a single state-issued agreement. Discussion addressed fees to the City under the new

agreement, effect on public, educational, and governmental (PEG, or “public access”) channels, and right-of-way issues.

- Status report on the Ranch Road 12/Old Kyle Road Improvement Project

City Administrator Ferguson reported on allocated funding from various sources for the project such as Hays County, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), and Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO). He advised that discussions with Hays County Precinct Three Commissioner Will Conley will be held regarding the use of funds earmarked for Wimberley. Discussion addressed issues related specifically to \$350,000 of road bond funding allocated several years ago by Hays County as a priority project. Councilmember McCullough stated that he would like to see funds spent on the downtown area. City Administrator Ferguson noted that the downtown area has mobility, beautification, and transportation plans in place.

- Status report on the update of the Hays County Transportation Plan

At City Administrator Ferguson’s request, Mayor Flocke, who attended part of tonight’s public meeting held by Hays County on this issue, provided information on the scope of the meeting, which was well-attended by the public. He stated that Hays County will be conducting meetings on this issue for the purpose of long-range planning and noted the need for coordinated planning efforts between the City of Wimberley and Hays County to best serve the transportation needs of the Wimberley Valley.

- Status report on property values in the City of Wimberley

City Administrator Ferguson reported on the current preliminary net taxable value for the City of Wimberley as \$438,821,113, compared to the previous year’s figure of \$435,399,924.

- Status report on the 2011 community Christmas celebration

City Administrator Ferguson reported on upcoming events, including the lighted Christmas parade, Winter’s Eve – A Christmas Festival, and Breakfast with Santa. He advised that fire pits may be allowed due to lifting of the burn ban. He asked that anyone interested in attending Breakfast with Santa to please register by calling or coming by City Hall.

3. Presentation

Presentation on issues relating to the implementation of a rainwater collection program.
(*City Administrator*)

Jorge Arroyo, P.E., Director of Texas Water Development Board’s Innovative Water Technologies Program, presented information on different types of systems, examples of collection systems, the benefits of rainwater harvesting/collection, rainfall/collection statistics, community outreach programs, training for permitting officials, summary of important rainwater harvesting legislation, uses for collected rainwater, and funding issues.

Discussion addressed differences in commercial versus residential systems and associated regulations, availability of certain types of funding, and incentives to encourage rainwater collection.

4. Ordinance

Consider the second reading of an ordinance of the City of Wimberley, Texas, amending Title IX (General Regulations) to add Chapter 97 (Animal Regulations) to provide for regulations relating to the intentional feeding, confinement in vehicles, tethering and sale of dogs and cats in the City of Wimberley; providing a penalty, findings of fact, a repealing clause, to provide a savings and severability clause and providing for an effective date. (*City Administrator*)

City Administrator Ferguson reviewed changes made to the draft ordinance related to tethering, in accordance with Council's direction on first reading at its November 17, 2011 meeting.

Councilmember McCullough moved to approve the item, as presented. Councilmember Thurber seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

5. Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Discuss and consider possible action regarding the development of a wayfinding signage program for the City of Wimberley. (*Transportation Advisory Board*)

Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) Secretary Bert Ray presented details on the proposed vehicular wayfinding signage program, including visual depictions of proposed designs for signs at various locations. He asked for Council's input on the proposed program and advised that the Board's next phase will be to begin work on a pedestrian wayfinding signage program on the Square, once the vehicular signage program is finalized. Examples of signs incorporating a Wimberley logo (the "water wheel") were displayed. Various materials options were presented. Secretary Ray invited Council's comments as a starting point for discussion at future meetings.

Discussion addressed sign materials, pricing for sign types, possible creation of "mock-up" signs, specific design options, signage for events versus destinations, phasing of sign program implementation, and the need to schedule a joint Council/TAB workshop on this issue.

No vote was taken on this item.

- B. Discuss and consider possible action regarding a change in the date and time of the next Regular City Council meeting scheduled for December 15, 2011. (*Mayor Pro-tem Steve Thurber*)

Mayor Pro-tem Thurber pulled this item from consideration.

6. City Council Reports

- Announcements
- Future Agenda Items

As a future agenda item, Councilmember Talcott requested discussion of guidelines for proper procedures relating to the placement of items on the agenda, including submission of background information.

As future agenda items, Councilmember Thurber requested discussion of implementation of a rainwater harvesting program and establishment of a routine meeting schedule for boards and commissions to provide reports to Council.

Hearing no further announcements or future agenda items, Mayor Flocke called the meeting adjourned.

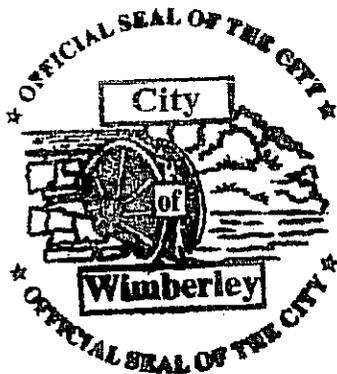
Adjournment: Council meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Recorded by:

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These minutes approved on the 15th of December, 2011.



APPROVED:

Bob Flocke

Bob Flocke, Mayor