

City of Wimberley
City Hall
221 Stillwater
Wimberley, Texas 78676
Minutes of Regular Meeting of City Council
December 3, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

City Council meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Steve Thurber.

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

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Steve Thurber, Councilmembers Bob Dussler, Mac McCullough, Pam Showalter, and John White. Mayor Pro-tem Cindy Anderson was absent.

Staff Present: City Administrator Don Ferguson

Recognition

Recognition of Ron Weir as part-time Employee of the Year by the Central Texas Region of the Texas Recreation and Parks Society. (*Lauren Shrum, Blue Hole Regional Park Director*)

Park Director Lauren Shrum spoke of the competition for this award and commended Mr. Weir for providing excellent service to Park visitors, for his work skills, and his mentoring of other staff members. She noted Mr. Weir's volunteer work for various local organizations and presented Mr. Weir with his Employee of the Year award.

Mr. Weir expressed appreciation for the award and for the pleasure of working at the Park, which he described as a wonderful treasure.

Mayor Thurber thanked Mr. Weir and his wife for their service to the Park and the community.

City Administrator Ferguson spoke highly of Mr. Weir and expressed his appreciation to both Mr. Weir and his wife for all they do for the Park and for the City.

Citizens Communications

No citizen comments were heard.

1. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of November 19, 2015
- B. Approval of minutes of the Special City Council meeting of November 19, 2015
- C. Approval of the October 2015 Financial Reports for the City of Wimberley

Councilmember White moved to approve all Consent Agenda items, as presented. Councilmember Showalter seconded. Motion carried on a vote 4-0.

2. City Administrator Report

- Status report on the Central Wimberley Wastewater Project

City Administrator Ferguson reported that Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is expected to issue the City's permit shortly. He advised that the City's loan application to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) is under review.

- Status report on the upcoming *Winter's Eve – A Christmas Festival*

City Administrator Ferguson reported that large crowds are expected and advised that an additional street light has been installed by the restroom trailer. He noted that new base material is being applied to the Oak Drive parking lots and an additional restroom trailer will be provided. Brief discussion addressed grading of the parking lot area.

- Status report on the Wimberley Community Center entrance sign project

City Administrator Ferguson reported that the contractor is expected to begin work in early January 2016 and that various grant funding options are being explored. Brief discussion addressed pricing of "slide-in" type signs.

- Status report on operation of the Blue Hole Regional Park

City Administrator Ferguson reported on completion of trail damage repair work and securing a contractor for deck repair. He reported on the first-ever Blue Christmas celebration to be held this Saturday, December 5, 2015 from 5-8 p.m. and highlighted activities.

- Status report on preparation of the *FY 2015 Annual Financial Report*

City Administrator Ferguson reported that site visits are scheduled within the next two weeks, with planned delivery of the audit report in March 2016.

- Status report on Comprehensive Plan update

City Administrator Ferguson reported that a joint workshop among City Council, the Planning and Zoning Commission, and the Comprehensive Plan Review Committee is scheduled for December 8, 2015 at 4 p.m.

3. 2015 Memorial Day Weekend and October 30, 2015 Flood Matters

- A. Presentation of an update regarding recovery efforts relating to the 2015 Memorial Day Weekend and October 30, 2015 floods in the City of Wimberley, Texas. (*City Administrator*)

City Administrator Ferguson reported on the response to public calls for interest in elevation/buy-out assistance for flood-damaged properties. He advised that approximately six (6) forms were submitted indicating interest in elevation assistance and the same number was submitted for interest in buy-out assistance.

In addition, City Administrator Ferguson reported that the Ranch Road 12 Bridge repairs are very near completion. He also noted that no responses were received to the City's Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Hidden Valley low water crossing design. He provided details on the ongoing Private Property Debris Removal Program, including needed forms. He said that cost figures on an upcoming reforestation project will be provided to Council in the near future.

Relating the recent October flooding, City Administrator Ferguson advised that FEMA has opened its resource center at the Wimberley Community Center, which will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday, until further notice, and stressed the importance of registering with FEMA. Discussion addressed ongoing debris removal efforts, including certain trees, and area road/bridge repairs.

- B. Presentation by representatives with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) relating to the development of new floodplain maps for the City of Wimberley. *(City Administrator)*

Mayor Thurber introduced FEMA representatives Larry Voice and Diane Howe.

Diane Howe explained maps showing the study areas and Larry Voice provided details on the following:

- Prioritization of map development
- Boundaries of study area
- Updated data
- High water mark data
- Structure surveys
- Updating regulatory floodways
- Preliminary maps to be presented at community meetings to allow for public comments
- Identification of flow obstructions and associated possible impact on base flood elevations
- Physical map revision as part of Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) development process
- Base level engineering mainly based on topographic data sources
- Inclusion of data on smaller creeks in future maps

Diane Howe presented information on the following:

- Advisory Base Flood Elevation (ABFE) maps as advisory only
- Timeframe/process for development and release of an updated FIRM
- Consultation/coordination meeting following release of preliminary map
- Community outreach, including 90-day appeal and comment period

- Planned open houses following preliminary map release and consultation/coordination meeting
- Addressing and resolving issues raised in public comments
- Anticipated key delivery dates at various stages of map development, including November 2016 as the expected time period for preliminary map release
- Stakeholders' (such as insurance agents, realtors) workshops

Discussion addressed when insurance rates may be adjusted based on the updated FIRM and use of data from the May and October 2015 flood events.

4. Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Discuss and consider possible action confirming the appointment of a city marshal. (*City Administrator*)

City Administrator Ferguson explained benefits to the City of appointing the City's current contract Sanitarian/Environmental Inspector Kyle DeHart to serve as a part-time city marshal. He noted Mr. DeHart's background and recent certification as a peace officer. He advised that Mr. DeHart will now be a part-time City employee with combined environmental and law enforcement duties and is expected to work approximately thirty (30) hours per week.

Discussion addressed Mr. DeHart's start date as city marshal, anticipated work schedule, and possible future consolidation of law enforcement and municipal courts for the City of Wimberley and City of Woodcreek. Councilmember McCullough expressed a high degree of respect for Mr. DeHart, but questioned the need for continuing the city marshal position, given other pressing needs that require City funds.

Councilmember Dussler moved to approve the appointment of Kyle DeHart as city marshal, as presented. Councilmember Showalter seconded.

Mayor Thurber called for a vote as follows: Councilmember White, aye; Councilmember Showalter, aye; Councilmember McCullough, nay; and Councilmember Dussler, aye. Motion carried on a vote of 3-1.

- B. Discuss and consider possible action recognizing long-time City of Wimberley Transportation Advisory Board member Gene Woodruff. (*City Administrator*)

Mayor Thurber stated that this item be continued until Council's next meeting, as Mr. Woodruff could not attend tonight's meeting.

5. City Council Reports

- Announcements
- Future Agenda Items

In response to an audience member's question on sales tax collections reporting, City Administrator Ferguson clarified the timeframe for the reporting schedule and status reports.

Mayor Thurber advised that there will be an update on the City's Hotel Occupancy Tax scheduled for Council's next meeting.

Councilmember Showalter reminded that a memorial service will be held Saturday, December 5th for local resident Jack Hollon.

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

Adjournment: Council meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Recorded by:

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These minutes approved on the 17th of December, 2015.

APPROVED:



Steve Thurber
Steve Thurber, Mayor