

VILLAGE OF WIMBERLEY
CITY HALL
13210 RR 12, WIMBERLEY, TEXAS
ETHICS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2005 5:30PM

MINUTES

PRESENT: John Meyer, Chair
Jenelle Flocke, V. Chair
Patrick Fain
Lynda T. Morgan
Terri Bursiel

The meeting was called to order by John Meyer.
John stated that Earl McArthur and John Hyink had excused absences.

Lynda Morgan agreed to act as temporary secretary for this meeting.

Minutes of the meeting of May 26, 2005 were read by Lynda Morgan. Motion was made by Patrick Fain to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Terri Bursiel, with all present in agreement.

John Meyer welcomed John Hyink as a new member of the Commission.

Jenelle Flocke stated that a request has been made to Budget and Finance to budget for 10 hours of legal fees for the Ethics Commission. (We had originally submitted a \$0 budget.) Also, a request has been submitted to obtain training for the members of the Ethics Commission. Open Meetings Act training will be provided by the Attorney General's office by the end of the year.

John Meyer stated that a tape of the City Council meeting regarding the subject of the previous charge before the Ethics Commission is available for the members to hear. No one requested to listen to the tape.

At this point, Mayor Steve Klepfer addressed the Commission, as per the agenda. Mayor Klepfer brought forth concerns regarding the procedure and process followed by the Commission, the Commission's interpretation of the Ethics Ordinance, and campaign financing as an ethics issue. Mayor Klepfer felt that the Commission did not give careful and thoughtful deliberation to charges that were brought before the Commission at a recent hearing. He could not perceive that the Commission had followed the correct process or correctly interpreted the Ethics Ordinance. Members of the Commission disagreed with the Mayor on these points, and a discussion followed regarding specifics of the process and the consideration given to the charge. Several comments were made from the audience in support of the process followed by the Commission.

Before adjourning, points to be considered at future meetings were discussed, including
Revision of the Ethics Ordinance and By-Laws
Clarification of "officer" and "official" in the Ordinance
The format for hearings in the By-Laws
Election of Officers
Attorney General ruling on open meetings act violations

The meeting was adjourned by motion of Pat Fain, seconded by Jenelle Flocke, with approval by all present.

John Meyer, Chair

Submitted by Lynda T. Morgan.
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