



# City of Wimberley

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## IMMEDIATE NEWS RELEASE

The City of Wimberley is moving forward with plans to resurface Mill Race Lane – a much talked about city street located along Cypress Creek, just south of the Wimberley Square.

In a unanimous vote, the Wimberley City Council last night directed City staff to seek bids from contractors for the improvement of the Mill Race Lane subgrade and base material, along with the application of a chip-seal driving surface. All improvements will remain within the existing boundary of the roadway and there are no plans for significant drainage improvements in conjunction with the project.

"It is important that we move forward with the planned improvement of Mill Race Lane," said Wimberley Mayor Bob Flocke. "The improvements will help preserve the unique character of the narrow country lane, while minimizing the City's on going maintenance costs."

The process of improving the Mill Race was recently halted when a group of residents along the street, who have questioned the public status of the roadway, submitted a proposal to the City that they pave the street themselves. As part of the City Council's motion to proceed with bidding the road project, City staff was directed to continue efforts to possibly involve the group of residents in the ultimate improvement of the 1,542 foot long roadway.

"The City appreciates the good faith offer by the property owners to pay for repaving of Mill Race Lane," said Mayor Flocke. "The City Council is open to seeking agreement with the owners along those lines."

The bid process is expected to take 30 to 45 days to complete. Upon receipt of the bids, City staff will analyze the submittals and, in late June, recommend to City Council the most advantageous approach for the City.

Mill Race Lane was one of a handful of city streets recently identified as being in dire need of repair in a roadway condition survey of more than 30 miles of city streets.