



City of Wimberley

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Wimberley will soon have a City Marshal again. Funding for the local law enforcement officer is part of the \$2.7 million *City of Wimberley Consolidated Budget for Fiscal Year 2012* that was approved on September 15, 2011 in a unanimous vote of the Wimberley City Council.

“We were pleased to find the funding needed to reinstitute the City Marshal program for the protection of our citizens,” said Mayor Bob Flocke. “The City Marshal will work in concert with the Hays County Sheriffs Department and Precinct 3 Constable to provide comprehensive law enforcement services for our community.”

The position of City Marshal was eliminated from the City’s budget two years ago to free-up additional funding needed for street improvements.

The \$2.7 million Consolidated Budget is 19 percent less than the City’s Fiscal Year 2011 Budget. General Fund expenditures total \$976,200, operating expenditures for the Blue Hole Regional Park total \$422,662 and \$1,355,656 is budgeted to complete development of the park.

On the revenue side, funds for development of the park will come from donations and grants while user fees will fund park operations. Sales tax revenues along with development fees and franchise fees will fund the City’s General Fund expenditures.

“The FY 2012 budget is balanced and focuses on the City’s core services, addresses City Council budget priorities, and meets community needs while maintaining financial strength,” according to Mayor Flocke. “The budget demonstrates how smarter, more efficient government can provide additional investment in key City services.”

For example, the approved budget includes funding to acquire portable digital data devices for City Council members to use when accessing their meeting agenda packets. This purchase will result in a significant savings in copier and paper costs. Additional savings were found in other areas such as training, postage, drinking water and mowing/tree trimming.

In the coming fiscal year, the City will continue to invest in local infrastructure in an effort to meet the needs of a growing city. In Fiscal Year 2012, the City’s budget directs just over \$82,000 to an on-going pavement preservation program and approximately \$50,000 to street improvements and \$25,000 for new sidewalks.

Funding is also allocated for an emergency notification system and a re-codification of the City Code.

“The FY 2012 budget represents a strong step forward in making City government smarter and more efficient,” said Mayor Flocke. “Despite the challenging economy, the budget is balanced and provides residents an enhanced level of basic services. “

To find out more about the FY 2012 City of Wimberley Consolidated Budget, log on to www.cityofwimberley.com.