

Village of Wimberley **City Council Meeting Minutes**

City Hall, 14500 RR 12, Suite 22
Thursday, March 1, 2001 – 7:00 PM

A REGULAR MEETING of the village of Wimberley City Council was held on Thursday, March 1, 2001, a notice of said meeting having been posted at least 72 hours in advance and in accordance with Section 551, Texas Government Code, in the Wimberley City Hall, *Wimberley Mountain Plaza #22*.

1. **Call to Order** Mayor Linda Hewlett called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.
2. **Invocation** was delivered by Reverend Jim Denham, Chapel of the Hills Church.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor Hewlett.
4. **Roll Call** Present were: Mayor Linda Hewlett
Council Member Walter Brown
Council Member Steve Klepfer
Council Member Martha Knies
Council Member Matt Manis
Council Member Tony McGee
5. **Consent Items**
 - a. **Minutes** of the February 15, 2001 meeting were approved as presented.
6. **Presentations of Citizens**
 - a. **Eagle & Flag Carving**

Councilwoman Martha Knies introduced Doren Teague and wife, Dawn. Doren had offered last Fall to carve an eagle for the Council to hang in City Hall. The eagle will be on permanent loan to the Village of Wimberley. In case the Council – at some time in the future – decided they did not want the carving, it would be returned to Doren's family. So, the Council would accept the eagle carving with that understanding. Councilwoman told the audience that Doren had been carving for over fifty years, having started whittling on sticks at an early age, making "Popeyes". He participates with a group of Wimberley carvers who meet at the Senior Citizen Center. She expressed the opinion that it was a wonderful gift to the Village and she was happy to receive it on behalf of the Council.

Doren informed the group that he felt that the eagle is a very important symbol of democracy for Americans. This one is modeled in a style practiced by John Bellamey, a New England carver, who lived 1836 – 1914, and carved many eagles - his masterpiece being a huge masthead of a gilded eagle that was nearly lost because of neglect and deterioration but it was restored and is currently in a North Carolina museum. This is the sixth eagle Doren has carved, the fifth of this style. Mayor Hewlett, Councilwoman Knies, and Doren Teague unveiled the eagle carving. Mayor Hewlett stated the Village of Wimberley was honored to have the wood carving in its City Hall and thanked Doren Teague for his beautiful handiwork.

7. Reports from Committees

a. Roads Advisory Committee

John Graddy, Committee Chairman. The committee has passed on to the Council the roads database, produced by Carolyn Nichols; that all the roads in the city are contained in it, and the committee is about ready to turn it over for the first stage of their work. Carolyn is now working on the roads in the ETJ. Work on the traffic survey for the Square is still being worked on by Frank Austin and his sub-committee; a report is expected at the next board meeting on March 7th and the only thing to be discussed is this report. After that, it will be turned over to Council. They are tentatively considering a traffic ordinance (especially as refers to parking in the Square). The committee has drafted a request form which is in use now whereby citizens can come to the City Hall and make a request for roadwork.

In response to a query from the Mayor regarding action on the stop sign at River Road and Wayside, John stated that they had no action from the county, he will call the county roads man himself. The first recommendation of the board was to move the stop sign out about five feet to see if that would alleviate the problem; there was a cedar tree at the top of the mound that was cut out which should help. The other issue that was passed through from the committee was the cut-through at Cawley's. Carolyn Nichols stated the committee was working on an agreement with the county which should be ready in 30 to 60 days to establish the items the county is willing to continue doing for the city. The Mayor thanked the committee for their continued efforts on behalf of the Village, especially thanking Carolyn Nichols for the incredible number of hours she has spent working on the road surveying.

John Graddy reported on the Wimberley Valley Alliance Meeting on February 26th when several law enforcement officers were present and one of the topics of conversation was the traffic speed through the Square. He outlined the method required by TXDOT to change this speed and that it was not an easy process; one that could result in a higher speed instead of a lower one.

Councilman Klepfer suggested that council members review the minutes of various committee meetings so they might be informed as to the overall activities that are underway and thus be able to respond to citizen inquiries.

8. **Old Business.** There was no Old Business to be discussed.

9. New Business

a. **Discussion & Possible Action to authorize Mayor to sign an agreement between the Village of Wimberley and the Texas Department of Transportation to set road maintenance responsibilities of the State and the Village of Wimberley.**

Councilman Klepfer made the motion that Ordinance No. 2001-008, as written, be accepted by the Council. The agreement is straightforward and outlines specific maintenance duties of both the Village and TxDOT. Both the city attorney and the Roads Advisory Board have reviewed the agreement and recommend approval. Seconded by Councilman Brown, the motion was approved 5 – 0.

b. Discussion & Possible Action to order a Village of Wimberley election on May 5, 2001 to fill three seats on the City Council.

Councilman McGee made the motion that Council adopt the Ordinance No. 2001-009 setting out the specifics regarding the election. It sets out the early voting dates, establishes the polling places as St. Mary's Catholic Church and the school administration building as well as the specifics of the agreement with Joyce Cowan, with whom the Village entered into a contract at the last Council meeting, Ms. Cowan who will be actually conduct the mechanics of our election. She conferred with the Village as to the proper content of the ordinance to assure it contained all the items necessary for her to carry out the election. Seconded by Councilman Klepfer. The motion was approved 5 – 0. Councilman McGee also made a motion that Council authorize the Mayor to sign an Order of Election for the Village of Wimberley. This order being the official "election notice" that we are compelled by statute to post in both English and Spanish and will also be published in the newspapers. Seconded by Councilman Klepfer, the motion passed 5 – 0.

c. Discussion & Possible Action to accept Road Advisory Board recommendations on Village of Wimberley Roads Council Member relative to scenic roadways

Councilman Klepfer made a motion that the Village of Wimberley designate the following five roads as "Scenic Roadways": River Road, Little Arkansas Road, MillRace Lane, Flite Acres Road and Spoke Hollow Road. Seconded by Councilman McGee. Councilman Brown stated that these roads will be coordinated with the scenic road overlay that the Planning Commission is developing, in that the Commission is giving consideration to some other additional roads for such designation.

In response to Mayor Hewlett's question, Councilman Klepfer clarified the meaning of being designated a "scenic road". He stated that in Planning and Zoning, there are certain categories of designations for roadways, such as "scenic" and that ordinances tied to that type of roadway might have different regulations, i.e., if a house is to be built, the setbacks from the road might be somewhat different as well as entries into the property and other issues in taking care of those roads. And, in so designating these roads, the Village would have some authority to grant or prohibit changes to and near them even when they are being maintained by other entities, such as the county. He also said that these roads were brought in at this time because they have certain historic value that makes them a priority and that the Planning Commission will have the opportunity to bring others to the Council when they are ready to do so. The motion was passed 5 – 0.

10. Items from Council

Councilman McGee informed the Council that he has been advised that a violation of the Open Meeting Act can occur when we begin to make a specific reference to a topic that might be discussed in the future or that we convey information about city business in that section of our meeting in that those items are not listed on our agenda. This would not apply to items like announcements but if applied to city business, it would require it to be an agenda item in order to be covered by our comments, otherwise, it would violate the Open Meetings Act.

Councilman Brown commented he had always considered this section to be items for the next meeting's agenda. Councilman McGee stated that if there is a factual item of information relating to a question from the audience, you can speak to that fact, or if there has already

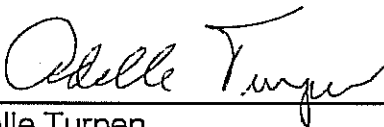
been a decision concerning that matter in previous council meetings, you can convey that information to the questioner but cannot enter into a general discussion.

Councilman Walter Brown suggested that the item designated as "items from council" be amended to read "Agenda items from Council" and it was agreed upon by all present. Brown stated he would have some items on the agenda regarding some necessary special council meetings.

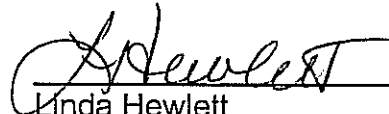
11. Announcements

Councilman Manis stated that we should be getting a check very soon from PEC,

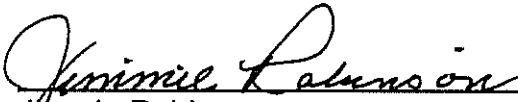
12. Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Adelle Turpen
City Secretary



Linda Hewlett
Mayor



Jimmie Robinson
Assistant City Secretary

Next council Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 15, 2001.