

Village of Wimberley
Specially Called City Council Meeting Minutes
City Hall, 14500 RR 12, Suite 22
Friday, September 14, 2001 – 7:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order:** the meeting was called to order by Mayor Linda Hewlett.
2. **Roll Call** Present were: Mayor Linda Hewlett
Councilmember Walter Brown
Councilmember Steve Klepfer
Councilmember Martha Knies
Councilmember Matt Manis
Councilmember Tony McGee
3. **Invocation** was delivered by Reverend Ted Knies, St. Stephens Church
4. **Consent Items:** The minutes of September 6th were approved as presented.

Presentation of Citizens:

Jim Sheffield expressed two concerns: 1) the deteriorating septic system that served seven businesses on the Square, and 2) additional parking for businesses on the Square. He pointed out that the septic system was over thirty years old and was one of the worst offenders in polluting the creek. Council stated that they understood these problems but could not actually enter into dialogue unless the item was included in the agenda. Councilman Klepfer said that there were two organizations and several persons that were actively working trying to solve both of the problems brought up by Mr. Sheffield.

5. **Old Business**

A. Receive a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission on approval of a proposed conceptual design of entry plaza to the proposed preserve and nature trail. Discussion & Possible Action by Council.

Chairperson of the Planning and Zoning Commission, Glenn Fryer, was unable to attend the meeting, however, Councilman Brown presented a written report that had been submitted by Chairman Fryer. He said that Chairman Fryer had expressed the wish that the P&Z Commission had been involved in the project earlier but did anticipate being consulted as the project moves forward. Special attention was called to the #1 flood plain b (iii) The placement of public toilets will need special attention to make sure we comply with all federal, state, county, and local laws.

Councilmember Walter Brown made the motion that this conceptual design be included in the grant application to LCRA in order to serve the purpose of providing a general idea of what is in mind for the area. Seconded by Councilmember Steve Klepfer. The motion was approved 4-1, Councilmember Manis voting no.

B. Discussion & Possible Action to adopt the Village of Wimberley 2001-2002 Budget.

Mayor Hewlett opened the Public Hearing and Review of the proposed 2001-02 budget.

Councilman Manis distributed copies of the proposed budget and the items were discussed individually. Councilman Manis stated that, currently, it looks like the carry forward amount will be around \$50 – \$70,000. He stated that most of the city's revenue comes mainly from sales tax; some comes from franchise fees from PEC, Warner Cable, Verizon, and from permit fees. Councilman Manis noted that we have more than one private trash company in the community and will be asking for bids from them during the coming year to add revenue to fix the roads that, in part, are damaged by wear and tear caused by their heavy vehicles. The personnel budget is being increased and although salaries are not specified individually in the budget, that information is available to the public upon request. Professional services include an audit, which is required by law. Legal expenses are costing around \$80,000 right now. The Village survey must be started and will cost around \$250,000 when completed, and we hope to start now to save funds for this expenditure. Water testing of Cypress Creek and the Blanco is in the budget since the county no longer does this testing. Councilman Brown pointed out that it was important that the city be able to distinguish between city and county roads and that the budget will include an allocation for a computer database. Councilman Manis stated that all budget categories will be kept as low as possible while making sure the city can provide necessary city services, such as part time code enforcement personnel, particularly with regard to enforcing the sign ordinance. Councilman Manis cautioned the council that carry forward dollars will go quickly if too many items are added to the budget and that it is very important that there be some contingency funds for emergency purposes.

After considerable discussion regarding the budget, it was determined that proposals brought up at this meeting would be carefully assessed with the possibility of adding them to the budget, then they would be reviewed in another workshop, and the final budget would then be approved by council vote. Councilman Manis complimented the mayor and council for holding the line on city expenses. Councilwoman Knies made the motion that the public hearing be closed. Seconded by Councilman Manis, the motion was approved 5-0.

C. Discussion & Possible Action to reconsider the Council's understanding of what pledged support information can be included in the LCRA PIP Funds Application.

Mayor Hewlett stated that the grant application to the LCRA would be due on Monday at 5 p.m. She informed council that the Village has been encouraged to apply for the full \$200,000 even though we do not have the dollar-for-dollar match at this time. Kirk Cowan (LCRA) informed the mayor that we could turn in pledges and letters of support until early December. Council had previously voted not to turn in an application that did not include monies already in hand or pledged. The decision for council was whether or not to comply with Cowan's suggestion to continue to try and raise the required matching funds by December 1 - or - should

council apply for the LCRA grant, that she clarified as being for land acquisition funding only.

Councilman Klepfer made the motion that the Village apply to the Lower Colorado River Authority PIP program and include both pledged items to date and the potential pledges that may be confirmed by December 1st. Seconded by Councilmember Brown. It was pointed out that if council passed this motion, adjustments would be made in the resolution (previously passed and presented to LCRA) that certified that the funds were available at the time the application was submitted. Since it is not on the agenda, an amended resolution will be enacted at the next council meeting and sent to LCRA to replace the previously passed resolution that accompanied the application.

The motion was approved 4-0-1, with Councilman Manis abstaining.

Council adjourned to an Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. and re-convened at 9:50 p.m. No action was taken during the Executive Session.

D. EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss litigation involving AquaSource and to confer with Village of Wimberley City Attorney pursuant to TX Government Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).

No action was taken during the Executive Session, and did not require any council action in the regular meeting.

E. EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss the requested release of a portion of the Village of Wimberley ETJ to the proposed Jacob's Well Village, pursuant to TX Government Code Section. 551-072 (Deliberations about real property).

No action was taken during the Executive Session and discussion and action regarding this matter was taken when Item F was presented.

F. Discussion & Possible Action on Citizen's request for release of Village of Wimberley ETJ land for a proposed Jacob's Well incorporation effort.

The following citizens asked to speak on this agenda item:

Liz Sumter spoke in favor of council approval of this item pointing out that the proposed Village of Jacob's Well would be willing to formulate collaborative agreements between the two cities in the form of a "Joint Venture." She reminded council members that both cities operate primarily by rules and regulations set by the state and she believed consolidation agreements would be easily agreed upon.

Barbara Knoll spoke in favor of council approval and said that the vision of both cities is similar.

Barbie Reinhart spoke in favor of council approval. MS. Reinhart stated that her area is fast growing and needs rules and regulations. She said that both communities share the same viewpoint and need each other's support for the good of the entire Valley.

Marilyn Trent spoke in favor of council approval. Having been a candidate for mayor of the referenced area during the last incorporation move, she feels that everyone will benefit if Jacob's Well Village and Wimberley are joined.

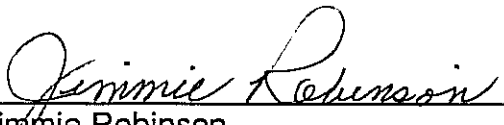
Tom Davis spoke in favor of council approval of the agenda item stating that the citizens living in the Jacob's Well area believe that their incorporation and possible joining with the Village of Wimberley is important to the Valley and that the citizens who live in the Jacob's Well area believe in municipal authority which will be enhanced when the two areas become consolidated.

Councilman Walter Brown made the motion that council approve this agenda item. Seconded by Councilman Matt Manis. Members of the council expressed their appreciation to the citizens of this area in assisting the Village of Wimberley in their incorporation efforts but felt that this matter should be considered further after Jacob's Well became a municipality in their own right and had officials that would be able to enter into signed agreements with the Village. Councilman Manis stated that he felt that council should discuss this option but that it needs to be investigated further. Councilman Brown stated that from a planning view, it makes a lot of sense and that consolidation would be a plus for both cities. He said that as Wimberley continues to grow there might be development issues that are just out of the reach of Wimberley authority that might not be in keeping with the citizens' vision of the area. However, he further stated that council might need more time to consider this issue. Councilman Klepfer said in his opinion, it would be easier to take two cities and work together over time since there is no municipality with which to make an agreement; that the area should go through incorporation and then begin a public process looking at common goals with citizen input from both entities. Councilman McGee stated that future merging of these two areas is certainly an option but that it is premature at this time. Councilwoman Knies stated that it is a difficult issue because of the folk who live out there who have been supportive of Wimberley and who have shared the commonly held vision of the Valley. Mayor Hewlett echoed the hope that this matter might be resolved to everyone's benefit once there are two cities and, that at that time it could be considered again.

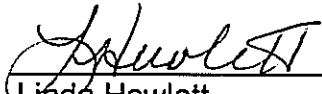
Councilman Walter Brown requested that the item be withdrawn until this area is incorporated. Councilman Klepfer said he agreed with this idea. Mayor Hewlett stated that this expressed the thoughts of all the council and they would support the Village of Jacob's Well in their incorporation effort with the hope that some time in the future the two cities might be joined.

5. **Announcements:** The mayor will not be present at the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.



Jimmie Robinson
Assistant City Secretary



Linda Hewlett
Mayor

The next regular meeting of the Village Council will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, September 20th, 2001.