

Village of Wimberley

Minutes of City Council Meeting

City Hall, 13210 Ranch Road 12, Wimberley, Texas
Thursday, March 6, 2003, 6:30 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order - Mayor Tony McGee called Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

Invocation - Fr. Everett Trabtoske of St. Mary's Catholic Church offered Invocation.

Mayor Tony McGee led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Mayor Pro Tem led Matt Manis led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

Roll Call: Present were Mayor Tony McGee and Council members John Graddy, Martha Knies, Matt Manis and Carolyn Nichols. Council member Steve Klepfer was excused.

Presentations of Citizens – No comments were received from the public.

A. Consent Items.

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Amendments to Fence Ordinance No. 2001-028 to Provide for Handling of
Variance Requests (Second Reading)

Council member Knies moved that the consent items be approved as presented. Councilman Graddy seconded motion. Motion passed 4 (Ayes) to 0 (Nays).

B. Reports from Boards/Committees/Staff:

1. Update on May 3, 2003 Election:

Adelle Turpen, City Secretary, said there has been no real change from the last report, and there have been no new filings of candidates for Council positions. Notices have been translated into Spanish and City is ready to post notices for the election in newspapers.

2. TxDOT Bridge Subcommittee:

Bert Ray reported on discussions the City committee on the Cypress Creek Bridge has had with TxDOT. Committee members are Bert Ray, Craig Payne and Council member Graddy. The group's charge was to work with TxDOT to ensure the community's aesthetics concerns are considered as TxDOT prepares the final design of its Option 2 and that the bridge is appropriate

for downtown Wimberley. Elements of concern identified by Council were the railing, lighting, the sidewalk, the sub-structure, and keeping two-way traffic flowing across the Creek during construction. The committee consulted with two resource people, Dr. DeeAnn Story and Kay Henderson-Leyh. Mr. Ray summarized the discussions the committee had with TxDOT. The committee is waiting for TxDOT's response to its proposals on railing design and lighting. Mr. Ray said TxDOT said it would schedule another public meeting in Wimberley sometime in April and that they hope to have a construction contract signed in October.

Mayor McGee thanked Bert for his efforts, and Council member Graddy acknowledged the large amount of research Bert did for the City on this project.

3. Historic Preservation Committee:

Council member Knies said the Historic Preservation Committee has drafted a Historic Preservation Ordinance, with considerable guidance and leadership by Dr. DeeAnn Story. Committee membership has fallen off over time, and rather than try to reconstitute its full membership, she said Dr. Story is capable of moving forward with review of the ordinance by the City attorneys. She, Dr. Story, and City Administrator Steve Harrison will continue to work with the attorney on refining the draft ordinance.

Consider & Act

1. Selection of Election Judges and Officials:

City Secretary Adelle Turpen read the list of election judges and officials the City has agreed on with Hays County election officials, and information on locations for both early voting and regular voting.

Council member Manis moved that the list of election judges and officials read by City Secretary be accepted. Council member Graddy seconded. Motion approved 4 Ayes to 0 Nays.

2. Acceptance of Resignation of Cecil Gibson as member of Planning and Zoning Commission:

Mayor McGee said Cecil Gibson has submitted a letter of resignation from the Planning and Zoning Commission for health reasons and ordered that the City accept his resignation. Mayor McGee thanked Cecil for his service on the Commission and read a Letter of Commendation signed by himself and Planning & Zoning Commission chair Dr. Pamela Showalter.

Mr. Gibson thanked the Mayor and Council and said he hopes to be able to return to volunteer service to the City in the future.

3. Appointment of Linda Hudson to Planning and Zoning Commission:

As Cecil Gibson's position on the Planning and Zoning Commission was the Mayor's appointment, Mayor McGee announced that he has selected Linda Hudson as his appointee. He introduced her to Council, reviewed her background as a practicing psychologist and real estate agent, and administered the Oath of Office to her as a Planning and Zoning Commission member.

4. Discussion of Ordinance Creating the Village of Wimberley Budget, Investment & Finance Advisory Board:

In the absence of Councilman Klepfer, Mayor McGee outlined the functions and responsibilities of the proposed advisory board. It would be composed of seven members, five of whom must be registered voters in the City, and two of whom could reside outside the City. Council members Graddy and Knies asked how this board would relate to the current Investment Committee, composed of Council members Klepfer and Manis and City Administrator Steve Harrison. Council member Manis said he was not privy to the drafting of the ordinance creating the board. He said the functions of the two bodies seem to be similar.

Council member Nichols suggested that during review of the proposed ordinance by the City attorney, there be consideration of changing the ratio of City to non-City residents on the board from five-to-two to four-to-three. This would create a larger pool of available volunteers to serve on the board. No action was taken.

5. Appoint Representative to Serve on Countywide Planning Committee to Develop a FEMA-required Flood Mitigation Plan:

Mayor McGee said the City received a letter from the Hays County Fire Marshall and the Grants Administrator concerning formation of a board required under Federal Emergency Management Administration law to obtain federal funds to help with flood control and emergency relief matters. Hays County decided to create the required board on a countywide basis and is asking for a representative from each city to meet with County officials to work out the basic elements of the flood mitigation plan. The Mayor asked for Council advice and consent to name Eddie Gumbert as Wimberley representative to the committee. The Mayor noted Mr. Gumbert is very familiar with the waterways and water issues of the Wimberley area, and said Mr. Gumbert would not take any actions on behalf of Wimberley, but will provide information on the Wimberley flood situation to the board. If any actions were required, they would come before Council for consideration.

Council member Knies moved that Council appoint Eddie Gumbert as Wimberley's representative to the Countywide planning committee to develop a FEMA-required flood mitigation plan. Council member Nichols seconded. Motion adopted 4 Ayes to 0 Nays.

D. City Administrator Report

- **Municipal Court Rescheduled**
- **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting Rescheduled**
- **Staff Projects**

City Administrator Steve Harrison informed Council that the first Municipal Court hearing has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 25, at 10:00 a.m., in City Hall.

The meeting of Planning and Zoning Commission that was to have taken place on Monday, February 24, was postponed because of the ice storm that evening. All cases that were on the agenda for that meeting have been re-noticed and will be heard at the Commission meeting on Monday, March 10, at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Harrison reviewed for Council the first draft of a list of projects City staff are currently working on, or will be taking up shortly. Projects on the list are divided into the following categories: administrative, financial, infrastructure matters, parks and community center, and committees/boards.

(List filed as addendum to these Minutes.)

Council member Manis commended Mr. Harrison and staff for their work. He noted that City has spent approximately \$40,000 for attorneys' fees in the first five months of the fiscal year. He cautioned that at this rate the City would be spending up to \$100,000 this year for legal advice. He said Council members must learn to be patient and not ask for immediate answers from the attorneys on so many requests. In many cases a delay of a few days would not affect the matter, and could save the City money.

Mayor McGee said the attorneys are aware of the City's concerns and made significant adjustments in their last statement.

E. Announcements and Council Requests for Future Agenda Items:

Council member Nichols complimented the City Building Inspector, saying she has heard from someone who called the inspector with a problem and the inspector responded immediately and took care of the situation.

Council member Nichols said there are six applications so far for appointment to the Economic Development Advisory Board, and asked anyone who is interested in serving on the Board to apply.

Council member Graddy said the City's website has been restructured and is basically finished. He asked everyone to take a look at it and let him know if it needs more work. The



website is: <http://wimberley@govoffice.com>

Council member Knies said Parks and Recreation Board members Kris Cusack and Malcolm Harris gave a presentation to the Wimberley Association for Tourism on Tuesday, which was well received.

Mr. Harrison announced that the County would hold a public meeting on its proposals for a Wimberley by-pass on March 24, at the VFW Hall.

City Attorney Patty Akers said she has received a letter from the Department of Justice giving approval for the City's place system for the May election.

Adjournment - Council adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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By _____
Tony McGee, Mayor


Adelle Turpen, City Secretary

Dell Hood, Recording Secretary