

Village of Wimberley
Minutes of City Council Meeting
City Hall, 13210 Ranch Road 12, Wimberley, Texas
Thursday, August 21, 2003

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

Invocation - Rev. Ted Knies offered the Invocation.

Mayor Steve Klepfer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

Council member Matt Manis led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag.

Roll Call: Present were Mayor Steve Klepfer and Council members Carroll Czichos, John Graddy, Matt Manis, Carolyn Nichols, and Marilee Wood.

Presentations of Citizens

Citizen Comments

Steven Thurber said he would like to see the matter of firearms in City buildings addressed, in light of recent events in other cities.

Mayor Klepfer administered the oath of office to the following members of the Budget, Investment, & Finance Advisory Board: Don Kuhs, Patricia Martin, Vicki Estey, Chuck Bursiel, and Jenelle Flocke.

Mayor Klepfer announced that a public work session would be held in City Hall on the proposed master plan for a pedestrian mobility system, on Saturday August 23, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A second session will be held on Saturday, September 13.

A. Consent Items

1. Minutes of City Council Meeting of August 7, 2003
2. Financial Report for July 2003

Council member Graddy asked to pull the minutes of August 7 from Consent Agenda.

1. Council members Graddy and Wood proposed corrections to minutes of August 7, 2003. Motion to accept minutes as corrected approved 5 Ayes to 0 Nays.
2. Jack Clark reviewed the Financial Report for July 2003, noting City continues to be in a good cash position. He projected the City will end the fiscal year with a surplus, and fund balances will increase. Council accepted the Financial Report by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays.

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B. Reports from Boards/Committees/Staff

1. Water/Wastewater Advisory Board:

Liz Sumter gave Council members the Board's report on its study of water and wastewater issues in the Wimberley Valley. She said the study is still in its infancy, having begun six months ago, but it gives indications of the trends affecting the Valley's waterways.

David Baker, member of the Board and Executive Director of the Wimberley Valley Watershed Association, said the purpose of the study is to learn if there are problems with rivers and streams in the area. He noted that water is the lifeblood of the community and is a major part of what draws people to the area. He referred to the rapid population growth in Hays County during the 1990s and the projection that its population could reach 375,000 by 2025. An estimated 400 new wells are being drilled every year in the Hays Trinity Aquifer in the western part of the county, and loss of the high quality of our water will have widespread economic effects throughout the community.

Mr. Baker introduced Jason Pinchback, a water quality specialist for TexasWatch and field technician for this project. Mr. Pinchback gave a PowerPoint presentation on the results of water quality monitoring at selected points on the Blanco River and Cypress Creek over the past several years.

Mayor Klepfer thanked the Board and Mr. Baker and Mr. Pinchback for their work on an important issue for the community.

2. Economic Development Advisory Board:

Board Vice Chair David Estey said the Board's first project was education of the business community on the RR 12 expansion. Approximately 300 businesses were contacted, and the Board will continue to monitor progress on the road project and keep citizens and businesses informed and involved. The Board began a review of the Sign Ordinance at its last meeting; members of the Board will tour the Village next Thursday evening (August 28) to look at all kinds of signs and collect information for a study of the Ordinance and the status of signs throughout the Village.

C. Consider & Act

1. Subdivision Applications and Public Hearing:

C212-03-016, Subdivision of land owned by Wimberley Senior Citizens Association, Inc., at 14050 RR 12 into two parcels so that Parcel 2 may be donated to the Village of Wimberley for development of a Community Center and preservation of a Nature Refuge Area; recommended by P&Z Commission by vote of 7-0:

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City Administrator Steve Harrison presented the item and reviewed the subdivision plat. City Engineer Joel Wilkinson reviewed the plat and recommends it as administratively complete, and the Community Center Steering Committee recommends it unanimously.

Mayor Klepfer opened a Public Hearing; no public comment was received.

Council member Graddy moved to accept the subdivision application. Council member Czichos seconded. Motion approved 5 Ayes to 0 Nays.

2. Amendments to Zoning Ordinance No. 2001-010 and Public Hearing (2nd reading):

- Sections 9.2.A, 9.2.C, 9.2.G, and 9.3.B - To establish places and terms for members of the Planning and Zoning Commission

Council member Graddy proposed the following changes to the proposed amendment.

- a. Section 9.2.D should be changed to read:

Any vacancy(s) on the Commission shall be filled for the unexpired term(s) via nomination by the Council member who nominated the vacating Commissioner, and approval by a simple majority vote of the City Council. If the vacancy is that of a consensus member of the Commission, the position shall be filled by a nomination process determined by City Council and approval shall be by simple majority vote of the City Council.

- b. In Section 9.2.G the first sentence should be changed to read:

From among its members the Commission shall elect its officers, those being the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Parliamentarian.

No further changes to Section 9.2.G.

Council member Graddy moved to approve the amendment with the above changes. Council member Manis seconded. Motion approved 5 Ayes to 0 Nays.

3. Adopt Resolution establishing method for appointment of Planning & Zoning Commissioners, establishing places and terms of appointment.

Council members discussed the draft Resolution and how to establish accountability of City boards and commissions to the public through the Council. They took advice from City Attorney Patty Akers. Council member Graddy moved to adopt the Resolution with the following sentences added immediately after the box designating the place numbers of Commissioners and their terms of office:

Commissioners shall be appointed to a particular place (e.g., Planning and Zoning

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Commissioner Place No. 1). The Planning and Zoning Commissioner appointed to Place No. 6 shall be the appointee of the Mayor. The Planning and Zoning Commissioner appointed to Place No. 7 shall be the appointee nominated by consensus of the City Council.

Council member Nichols seconded. City Administrator Harrison suggested it would be easier to add a fourth column headed "Nominated By" to the right side of the box and in that column indicate which Council member nominated each Commissioner.

Council members Graddy and Nichols accepted Mr. Harrison's suggested change. Motion to adopt the Resolution with the addition of a fourth column to the box approved 5 Ayes to 0 Nays.

4. Accept donation of 4.37 acres of land to be used for development of a Community Center and Nature Refuge;
and Authorize Mayor to Sign Closing Documents and Deed.

Mayor Klepfer said the documents are not ready for closing, and suggested Council could either delay action or go ahead with approval now. Council member Manis moved that the City accept the donation of the 4.37 acres of land, and authorize the Mayor to sign the closing documents and deed, on the condition that the closing documents will be available at City Hall for Council members to examine before the Mayor signs them, and upon recommendation of the Community Center Steering Committee. Council member Graddy seconded. Motion approved 5 Ayes to 0 Nays.

5. Accept Ranking of firms responding to the Request for Qualifications to design improvements to the Cypress Creek Nature Trail and Park Entrance (approved by Parks Board):

Parks and Recreation Board member Horace Wilson presented the item. He said the Board was very pleased with the response to its RFQ, and recommends Council accept the rankings as presented. Council member Graddy moved that Council accept the ranking of firms as proposed and authorize staff to commence negotiations with the number one-ranked firm, Rvi Associates. Council member Wood seconded. Motion approved 5 Ayes to 0 Nays.

6. Adopt Resolution appointing Mayor as Village Representative to CAPCO's General Assembly:

Council member Czichos moved that Council adopt Resolution No. R58-203, appointing the Mayor as Village Representative to CAPCO General Assembly. Council member Manis seconded. Motion approved 5 Ayes to 0 Nays.

7. Adopt changes to Council proposed budget for FY 2003/2004 and set dates for

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public hearings on September 4 and September 18, 2003:

Mayor Klepfer reviewed the development of the City budget for the next fiscal year and thanked Council members and City staff for their work. Council member Manis moved to adopt the changes proposed to the FY 2003/2004 budget, and to set dates for public hearings on September 4 and 18, 2003. Council member Nichols seconded. Motion approved 5 Ayes to 0 Nays.

8. Schedule Review of Sign Ordinance and possible formation of Sign Committee:

Council member Manis commended the Economic Development Advisory Board for initiating a review of the Sign Ordinance and moved to continue this item to the September 4 Council meeting. Council member Czichos seconded. Motion to continue approved 5 Ayes to 0 Nays.

9. Convene into Executive Session to deliberate on Real Property (Texas Local Government Code Sec. 551.072) for wastewater treatment plant:

Council convened to Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.

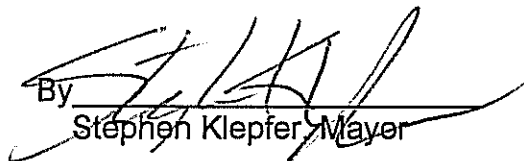
Council reconvened in Public Session at 9:15 p.m.

D. City Administrator Report: Mr. Harrison had nothing to report.


E. Announcements and Council Requests for Future Agenda Items - None proposed.

F. Adjournment - Council adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

VILLAGE OF WIMBERLEY

By 
Stephen Klepfer, Mayor

ATTEST:


Adelle Turpen, City Secretary


Dell Hood, Recording Secretary