



City of Wimberley

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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WIMBERLEY CITY HALL-CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
221 STILLWATER, WIMBERLEY, TEXAS
OCTOBER 19, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor McCullough called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. CALL OF ROLL

Mayor McCullough called the roll:

Council Present: Mayor Mac McCullough, Mayor Pro Tem Steve Thurber, Councilmembers Craig Fore (Place Two), Allison Davis (Place Three), Gary Barchfeld (Place Four), and Roberta Holland (Place Five)

Council Absent: None

Staff Present: Interim City Administrator Paul Parker and Interim City Secretary Janet Rogers

3. INVOCATION

Councilmember Barchfeld gave the invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/SALUTE TO THE TEXAS FLAG

5. CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

THE CITY COUNCIL WELCOMES COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS ON ISSUES AND ITEMS OF CONCERN, NOT ON THIS AGENDA. THOSE WISHING TO SPEAK MUST SIGN IN BEFORE THE MEETING BEGINS AND OBSERVE A THREE-MINUTE TIME LIMIT WHEN ADDRESSING COUNCIL. SPEAKERS WILL HAVE ONE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK DURING THE TIME PERIOD. SPEAKERS DESIRING TO SPEAK ON AN AGENDA ITEM WILL BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK WHEN THE AGENDA ITEM IS CALLED. INQUIRIES ABOUT MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA WILL EITHER BE DIRECTED TO STAFF OR PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION. COMMENTS FROM SPEAKERS SHOULD NOT BE DIRECTED TOWARDS ANY SPECIFIC MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL OR CITY STAFF. COMMENTS SHOULD NOT BE ACCUSATORY, DEROGATORY OR THREATENING IN NATURE.

The following person was present to speak:

Deborah Koeck, Citizen of Wimberley, asked to be heard, asked for justice, and to speak to process. She stated that on March 16, 2017, she filed a complaint with the Wimberley Ethics Commission and waited 60 days before the City had a hearing. She said she then waited one-hundred days until a final hearing was scheduled. Ms. Koeck said the process is supposed to take only six weeks or less and currently is at eight months. She asked Council to keep the membership of the Ethic Commission as it stands and not replace members till after the final hearing is over.

6. PROCLAMATIONS

PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017 AS BIJAL & ALEXANDER'S CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE. (MAYOR MAC MCCULLOUGH)

The above proclamation was not read.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SUBCHAPTER D, THE CITY COUNCIL MAY CONVENE IN A CLOSED SESSION. AFTER THE EXECUTIVE SESSION, DISCUSSION ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS, ANY FINAL ACTION OR VOTE TAKEN WILL BE IN PUBLIC.

- A. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE FOR CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE ABOUT LITIGATION IN CAUSE NO. 16-2419; RISOLI V. CITY OF WIMBERLEY AND WIMBERLEY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT; 207TH DISTRICT COURT, HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS.
- B. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE FOR CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE ABOUT LITIGATION IN CAUSE NO. D-1-GN-17-003757; EX PARTE CITY OF WIMBERLEY; 419TH DISTRICT COURT, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS AND RELATED MATTERS.
- C. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE FOR CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE ABOUT LITIGATION IN CAUSE NO. 17-1397; CEDAR STUMP, L.P. AND JOAN BYRNE VS. CITY OF WIMBERLEY IN THE 428TH DISTRICT COURT, HAYS COUNTY, TEXAS AND RELATED MATTERS.

There were no Executive Sessions held.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MAY BE ACTED UPON IN ONE MOTION. NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OR ACTION IS NECESSARY UNLESS REQUESTED BY A COUNCIL MEMBER OR CITIZEN, IN WHICH EVENT THOSE ITEMS WILL BE PULLED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION.

- A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 5, 2017.

B. APPOINTMENT OF PAM SHOWALTER TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT.
(PLACE FIVE ROBERTA HOLLAND)

C. APPOINTMENT OF JOHN MEYER TO THE CITY OF WIMBERLEY ETHICS
COMMISSION. (PLACE FIVE ROBERTA HOLLAND)

D. APPOINTMENT OF GREG DOUGLAS TO PLANNING AND ZONING
COMMISSION. (PLACE FOUR COUNCILMEMBER GARY BARCHFELD)

Councilmember Barchfeld stated that with respect to Deborah Koeck's comments made tonight during Citizen Communications, he would suggest that Council reconsider whether we should be making any changes to the Commission.

MAYOR PRO TEM THURBER MADE A MOTION SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS, TO ACCEPT CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS A, B, AND D, AND TO PULL ITEM C FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION PASSED WITH A (4-1) VOTE WITH COUNCILMEMBER BARCHFELD VOTING AGAINST, SAYING THE COUNCIL SHOULD DO NOTHING ON THIS ITEM UNTIL THE FINAL HEARING IS OVER.

AT 6:07 P.M., MAYOR MCCULLOUGH RECESSED THE MEETING SO COUNCIL COULD GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PER SECTION 551.071 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE TO CONSULT WITH CITY ATTORNEY REGARDING ITEM 8C, WHICH WAS TO REPLACE CHARLES ROCCAFORTE ON THE ETHICS COMMISSION WITH JOHN MEYER, A PLACE FIVE NOMINEE.

AT 6:14 P.M., MAYOR MCCULLOUGH RECONVENED THE MEETING AND NO ACTION WAS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.

MAYOR PRO TEM THURBER MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HOLLAND, TO APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN MEYER TO THE CITY OF WIMBERLEY ETHICS COMMISSION (PLACE FIVE NOMINEE), EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2017. MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS (5-0) VOTE.

9. MAYOR/ PARKS DIRECTOR REPORTS

STATUS REPORT ON LAWSUITS, ETHICS COMPLAINTS, HIDDEN VALLEY LOW WATER CROSSING RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, 40-YEAR HISTORY LOOKBACK, TREEFOLKS PRESENTATION.

Parks Director Manning gave a report on last weekend's Cross Country event which was a success. She also gave details of the scheduled October 28th Halloween event; the November 17 training event; and said they are planning the Blue Christmas event which will have the Wimberley Chorus present to sing as well as other local musicians.

Mayor McCullough announced to Greg Douglas in the audience that he had been appointed to Planning and Zoning Commission tonight, will need to come to the next meeting and to get with Staff Member Sandy Floyd.

Mayor McCullough announced that TreeFolks would be at the next Council meeting on

November 2nd to give an update report on the ongoing tree reforestation (Trees for the Blanco project).

Mayor McCullough stated that Don Wheeler contacted him to make a twenty minute presentation about guardrails. He said his son passed away on Devil's Backbone and he wants a task force formed to come up with some ideas to make the road safer and then bring those ideas to TXDot. He wants to make Wimberley the base of their outreach program. Mayor McCullough said he would like overview on this from Council.

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CASE ZA-17-004, A REQUEST FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE WIMBERLEY PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (WPDD) WITH BASE ZONING OF COMMERCIAL-MODERATE IMPACT (C-2) AT 14501 RR 12. THIS AMENDMENT PROPOSES TO INCLUDE CURBSIDE PICK-UP AND ASSOCIATED SIGNAGE. (H.E.B. APPLICANT)

Planning and Development Coordinator Sandy Floyd gave a brief report on this item, saying that during the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, an exchange between the applicants and the Commission members resulted in the understanding that the plans for the automatic car wash would be abandoned and the request for the 3,500 square foot addition would not be limited to curbside pick-up and would be considered acceptable for grocery expansion as well. The Planning and Commission recommended approval based upon the following:

- 1) Up to 7 directional signs with acceptable size as presented in application
- 2) Up to 20 one and a half (1.5) square foot signs for parking space designation for curbside pick-up
- 3) One illuminated sign with a maximum size of 50 square feet
- 4) 3,500 square feet of grocery expansion to utilize curbside pick-up
- 5) Abandon future plans for the car wash facility

HEB Representative Mr. O'Brien was present to speak. He said they are pleased with the Wimberley store and that a new segment of business (curbside pick-up) didn't exist when they did the original store. He stated that customers are asking for the curbside pick-up and that competitors are doing it; therefore they are asking for the additional square footage to support this service and in return will be giving up the car wash facility.

Elevations, signage and parking were briefly discussed. When Council asked about outdoor display area, the applicant said they would back down on some of the outdoor display.

When Council asked if the illuminated sign conformed to the dark sky criteria, the applicant said they were well within the ordinance.

Mayor McCullough opened the Public Hearing.

Vice Chair Lewis of the Wimberley Valley Dark Committee said he was glad there would not be a car wash and regarding the illuminated sign asked if the sign could have a focus light instead of internal illumination and be turned off at night in order to be more pleasing with the Dark Sky Ordinance. In response, HEB Representative said that the face of the underneath the canopy will block the light and that the fuel station lights stay on for safety but that those could be

dimmed.

Mayor McCullough closed the Public Hearing.

Council discussed lighting briefly.

MAYOR PRO TEM THURBER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE WPDD FOR THE ADDITIONAL 3,500 SQUARE FEET AND SIGNAGE AS PRESENTED, CONDITIONAL ON TAKING OUT THE CAR WASH WHICH IS TO BE TAKEN OUT OF THE WPDD AND SAID HE IS FINE WITH DIMMING THE LIGHTS IN THE PARKING LOT RATHER THAN TURNING THE LIGHTS OFF. HEB REPRESENTATIVE CITED LANGUAGE IN THE WPDD REGARDING THE DIMMING OF THE LIGHTS WHEN THE GROCERY STORE IS CLOSED AND SAID IT APPLIES TO THE PARKING LOT WHEN THE STOCKERS ARE THERE AT NIGHT. SHE SAID THEY CAN MAKE THE CURBSIDE SIGN TURN OFF DURING NON-OPERATING HOURS. MAYOR PRO TEM THURBER SAID HE IS OK WITH THAT. COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR FLOYD ASKED THAT THE MOTION BE CLEAR IN THAT APPROVAL DOES NOT LIMIT HEB TO CURBSIDE PICKUP FOR THE 3,500 SQUARE FEET. MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS (5-0) VOTE.

11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING WIMBERLEY MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION'S REQUEST FOR CITY'S ONGOING SUPPORT FOR WIMBERLEY'S WINTER'S EVE – A CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL! TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2017 FROM 5:00 – 10:00 P.M. (PAST PRESIDENT TRACI FERGUSON)

Applicant Traci Ferguson was present to answer questions. She said this is their tenth year to host Winter's Eve and that in the past the City has supported their event as referenced in her letter. She said this year they need help with electric and barricades.

MAYOR PRO TEM THURBER MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FORE, TO APPROVE THE REQUEST AND SUPPORT IN THE MANNER AS REQUESTED AND PRESENTED TO COUNCIL. MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS (5-0) VOTE.

B. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING HOT TAX AWARDS FOR:

1) REESTABLISHMENT OF WIMBERLEY ARTIST WORKSHOPS AT CREEKHAVEN INN (HOT COMMITTEE CHAIR MARK BURSIEL)

Chair Mark Bursiel was present to answer questions. He said there was a slight change to the Wimberley Artist Workshops application and that they resubmitted and HOT Committee recommended approving the additional funds.

COUNCILMEMBER FORE MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS, TO APPROVE REQUEST FOR WIMBERLEY ARTIST WORKSHOPS AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS (5-0) VOTE.

2) FUNDING OF A DESTINATION MARKETING ORGANIZATION (DMO) FOR

WIMBERLEY VALLEY TOURISM AND LODGING ASSOCIATION. (HOT COMMITTEE CHAIR MARK BURSIEL)

Chair Bursiel stated that on this item, there was some confusion by staff who did not understand that this was a combined application.

Regarding the DMO application, Chair Bursiel stated that it was submitted to HOT Committee over a year ago. HOT Committee recommended approval but Council put it on back burner and tabled it. He said HOT Committee needs to know what to do with this proposal.

City Attorney Young stated that the funding application needs to be on a future agenda and the DMO application can be acted upon tonight.

Mayor Pro Tem Thurber said we have another agenda item later on the agenda, stating we can vote on this item now or come back after discussion of the other item (11G).

Councilmember Fore said he would like to make a decision now.

Councilmember Barchfeld said he wanted Chair Bursiel to explain again what happened.

Chair Bursiel said it has been awhile since it was tabled. He said the DMO is direct marketing which targets traveling and focus website focused on Wimberley to bring visitors to town. He said there have been numerous changes and it needs to be relooked at. At the time it was confusing and a lot of confusion was that it was asking for HOT funds if needed. It is suppose to fund itself but funds would be available if needed.

When Councilmember Holland asked if the private funds were still available, he said probably.

Councilmember Barchfeld suggested that a workshop be held on this application that it would be worth it to analyze.

Chair Bursiel said they would try to keep it local.

Councilmember Fore asked does this create two Visitor Centers.

Chair Bursiel said not necessarily, but it could.

Councilmember Fore said it bothers him that we already have issues with the Chamber and he doesn't think that this solves the problem; therefore, he is not comfortable with it.

Mayor Pro Tem Thurber said it sounds like it is a private venture asking for a public line of credit and was not sure of the legality.

Councilmember Barchfeld said this is the more reason to put a workshop together to review for legality and give it the attention it needs.

MAYOR PRO TEM THURBER MADE A MOTION TO DENY THE FUNDING. COUNCILMEMBER HOLLAND SECONDED THE MOTION. COUNCILMEMBER FORE SAID HE WAS CURIOUS ABOUT BEING A PRIVATE ENTITY, SAYING AREN'T THEY ALL? COUNCILMEMBER DAVIS SAID MAYBE THIS NEEDS TO BE ANOTHER APPLICATION SINCE SO MUCH HAS CHANGED. MOTION PASSED WITH A (4-1) VOTE WITH

COUNCILMEMBER BARCHFELD VOTING AGAINST.

C. 1) PRESENTATION OF ISSUES WITH CURRENT VISITATION POLICY AT BLUE HOLE REGIONAL PARK AND THE FUTURE USAGE OF THE CHECKFRONT RESERVATION SYSTEM. (PARKS DIRECTOR REBECCA MANNING)

Parks Director Manning gave a presentation on the current issues with the visitation policy at Blue Hole. She said right now, it is first come, first serve, with capacity at 250 persons. Once they hit 250, they close down for two hours and have people wait to see if they can be admitted after someone leaves. She said the staff is constantly doing headcounts. They feel the solution is a reservation system. She then went over the proposed reservation system, saying the proposed cost is \$6,000 annually for the system.

2) DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE USE OF A RESERVATION SYSTEM AT BLUE HOLE REGIONAL PARK. (PARKS DIRECTOR REBECCA MANNING)

Council discussed the proposed reservation system and thought the presentation was well done.

MAYOR PRO TEM THURBER MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FORE, TO ACCEPT THE PARK BOARD RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE USE OF A RESERVATION SYSTEM AT BLUE HOLE. MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS (5-0) VOTE.

Mayor McCullough then recessed the meeting at 7:38 p.m. for a short break.

Mayor McCullough reconvened the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

D. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING DIRECTION TO STAFF FOR CODIFYING A COMMERCIAL ON-SITE SEWAGE FACILITY ORDINANCE. (PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR/GIS ANALYST SANDY I. FLOYD)

Planning and Development Coordinator Floyd said P & Z Commissioner Charles Savino was present tonight to discuss this item. The P & Z are wrestling with occupancy limits and it might be advantageous to set a policy on occupancy on vacation rentals so people applying know in advance of occupancy regulations.

Mayor McCullough said he was glad this issue was brought up.

Planning and Development Coordinator Floyd said staff would like to draft an ordinance to bring before Council to codify what we are already doing

MAYOR PRO TEM THURBER MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FORE, TO DIRECT STAFF TO BRING FORTH AN ORDINANCE WITH CURRENT RULES WE ARE USING. CITY ATTORNEY YOUNG REQUESTED THAT THE MOTION BE MODIFIED THAT STAFF AND P & Z PREPARE ORDINANCE AND LOOK AT WHATEVER COUNCIL VOTES ON AND NOT GO THROUGH REVIEW BY TCEQ. MAYOR PRO TEM THURBER AMENDED HIS MOTION TO DO AS ATTORNEY YOUNG SUGGESTED. MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS (5-0) VOTE.

E. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE GILPIN

ENGINEERING COMPANY TO PREPARE BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR ROAD AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS ON LITTLE RANCHES ROAD. (PLACE FOUR GARY BARCHFELD)

Councilmember Barchfeld said a couple of years ago, the Transportation Advisory Board was asked to rate roads and put together a list of roads that needed repairs. Little Ranches needs repairs and drainage improvements. He said none of the work was turned over to an engineering firm and he would like to start to utilize fixing the road and suggested that we start a study with the new City engineer.

Interim City Administrator Parker said if Council went forth, we would get with the engineer and get a price estimate and bring this item back to you. He said you may want to go out for bids.

Councilmember Barchfeld said the original conversation was to do this in phases.

Council directed staff to go forward on this item.

F. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION TO SET A DATE FOR THE CITY SPONSORED HIDDEN VALLEY BRIDGE OPENING. (MAYOR PRO TEM STEVE THURBER)

Mayor Pro Tem Thurber said we have a beautiful bridge and he would like to see the City sponsor a celebration for the bridge opening.

Councilmember Barchfeld said a month after it has been opened, we will have to close for several things, and suggested that the opening be held after the bridge is really opened.

Mayor Pro Tem Thurber said he did not want to do it while construction is going on and said he would postpone action on this item after last agenda item 11J. (See end of Item 11J.)

G. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION TO REVIEW AND POSSIBLY AMEND THE HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX ORDINANCE INCLUDING USE OF FUNDS, HOT COMMITTEE, AND ANY OTHER MATTER CONCERNING THE TAX. (MAYOR PRO TEM STEVE THURBER)

(Note: Item 11G was taken up after Item 11J but is listed in these minutes in agenda order.)

Mayor Pro Tem Thurber stated at the last meeting he told Council he would bring a proposal to Council regarding an agreement with the Visitors Center to fund a Visitors Center. To move forward with that, he would like to keep the HOT Committee but reconfigure the committee to seven members to be composed of:

- (2) Lodging
- (1) Merchants
- (1) Arts
- (1) Chamber
- (1) At large
- (1) Councilmember

The committee would be appointed on an application basis. If you want to be a lodging member, you submit an application for a lodging member slot. We would take all applications

and Council would make the decision who fills that slot and one would be applying for a specific slot not an at large position.

He said he would like to see the committee's responsibility be for administering and taking applications for grants for events. The operations of the Visitors Center tourism would be staffed by a City employee under direction of the City Administrator and the operations would also be with the City Administrator.

Councilmember Fore said he went to Bastrop eight or nine months ago because they had these same issues as that of Wimberley. He talked to the director at their Visitors Center and she said they split the entities; the Visitors Center is one entity under a director and the Chamber is a separate entity under a director. The City funds a portion of the Visitors Center with HOT funds and the rest is through donations or memberships. The Chamber is totally funded through memberships. Their City hired a DMO firm not in their city limits to advertise for the City of Bastrop as a destination and they said it is working great. He said this makes sense to him and that the City of Wimberley should look at doing the same thing.

Councilmember Holland said she agreed that it would be good to separate the two entities and would like to see a neutral marketing firm take care of Wimberley's tourism. She stated she believes we have to amend the ordinance to allow the City to use the HOT funds within the statutes for different things, especially during the sewer project because we need transportation money to bring people in and advertising to keep people coming to Wimberley. She said the HOT funds could pay for part of the expenses of the Visitors Center.

Councilmember Barchfeld said he was in agreement on a couple of these items. Both the Chamber and the Visitors Center serve specific needs. The Chamber serves the businesses and the Visitors Center serves the people while they are here. He said he has a problem with changing the makeup of the HOT Committee because we have in place a mediation agreement. The mediation agreement was something we agreed to and he wants to keep it intact. He said he is worried about driving our legal bills up. Councilmember Barchfeld stated we voted early on with the new Council that we would not have our lawyer here at every meeting. He said we should have a workshop with both the Chamber and the HOT Committee and see if we can work this out civilly. He stated he is not for having the City participate in running the Visitors Center.

Councilmember Davis said we had workshops and there is a lot of diversity of opinion. We listened and got to the heart of the matter. She said she liked what Councilmember Fore said about what Bastrop is doing and having a DMO firm. She stated we do need to balance the committee. She said she liked the idea of people applying for membership to the committee and having staggered terms and also thinks the community should have a say in how the funds are spent.

Interim City Administrator Parker said the City of Lufkin had term limits of two 2-year terms (maximum of four years). He said in regard to having one Council Member serving on the new committee, in Lufkin, that Councilmember would stay on as long as they were serving on Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Thurber thanked the current HOT Committee for their hard work for two plus years.

Regarding Councilmember Barchfeld's comment that the Council was backing out of the

mediation agreement, Mayor Pro Tem Thurber stated the City was not part of that agreement and he facilitated the two parties getting together and they came up with a memorandum consensus for the program. As in life, things change and he is proposing a change because he does not feel the program worked and would like to make a change to make it work better.

MAYOR PRO TEM THURBER MADE A MOTION TO DIRECT STAFF TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE CHANGE TO REFLECT CHANGES IN THE HOT COMMITTEE THAT WERE TALKED ABOUT TONIGHT FOR OUR REVIEW AND ATTENTION FOR THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING AND ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE VISITORS CENTER INTO A PROGRAM THAT THE CITY COULD PARTICIPATE IN WHERE FUNDS WHETHER IT BE AGREEABLE TO ALL PARTIES, WHETHER IT BE A TOTAL FUNDING OF THE VISITORS CENTER OR PARTIAL FUNDING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER HOLLAND FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES. COUNCILMEMBER FORE SAID WE HAVE FIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS WITH FIVE DIFFERENT THOUGHTS AND IT SEEMS PREMATURE TO CHANGE THE ORDINANCE UNTIL WE COME UP WITH A PLAN THAT WORKS WITH EVERYTHING. MAYOR PRO TEM THURBER SAID I AGREE WITH YOU, WE HAVE NOT ADOPTED THE ORDINANCE BUT ARE TALKING ABOUT DRAFTING AN ORDINANCE. HE SAID I TEND TO AGREE WITH YOUR IDEA ON THE DMO BEING SEPARATED AND THAT CAN BE PART OF IT, THAT'S PART OF THE AGREEMENT WITH THE VISITORS CENTER AND THE CITY. HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE ORDINANCE CHANGES IN THE HOT COMMITTEE WITH TERM LIMITS, STAGGERING INITIAL COMMITTEE WHERE THREE SLOTS 1, 3, AND 5 ARE FOR ONE-YEAR TERMS AND THE REST ARE FOR TWO YEAR TERMS THAT WAY EACH NEW COUNCIL GETS A VOICE. THIS ORDINANCE DRAFT IS A STARTING POINT. COUNCILMEMBER BARCHFELD STATED WHY DRAFT AN ORDINANCE IF YOU DON'T HAVE A PLAN. HE SAID THIS HOT TAX WAS PUT IN PLACE WITHOUT A PLAN AND THAT IS HOW WE GOT IN THIS POSITION. HE SAID I THINK WE PUT A PLAN TOGETHER FIRST. MAYOR MCCULLOUGH SAID EXPERIENCE SAYS THIS GROUP HAS TRIED AND SOME MEMBERS WON'T LET IT WORK. HE SAID HE HEARS NOTHING BUT CONTESTING BETWEEN THE PREDOMINANT ENTITIES OF THE GROUPS AND WE ARE NEVER GOING TO ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING MEANINGFUL, SO HE IS IN FAVOR OF BUILDING SOMETHING NEW. MOTION PASSED WITH A (3-2) VOTE WITH COUNCILMEMBERS FORE AND BARCHFELD VOTING AGAINST.

H. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SOLICITATION OF A COMPANY TO PERFORM A TOURISM MARKETING STUDY. (MAYOR PRO TEM STEVE THURBER)

Mayor Pro Tem Thurber said this item was part of Item 11G we just discussed so he would roll this item into that program to hire a marketing professional to market Wimberley during the wastewater construction when our streets are torn up.

I. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION TO CANCEL THE DECEMBER 21, 2017 WIMBERLEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING. (PLACE FOUR GARY BARCHFELD)

COUNCILMEMBER BARCHFELD SUGGESTED THAT BECAUSE DECEMBER 21ST IS SO CLOSE TO CHRISTMAS, HE WOULD LIKE TO CANCEL THAT MEETING FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY. MAYOR PRO TEM THURBER SAID IF THAT IS A MOTION, THEN HE WOULD SECOND THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS (5-0) VOTE.

J. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE GILPIN ENGINEERING COMPANY TO PREPARE BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR PAVING THE

HIDDEN VALLEY BRIDGE APPROACH DRIVES. (PLACE TWO COUNCILMEMBER CRAIG FORE)

COUNCILMEMBER FORE MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM THURBER, TO AUTHORIZE GILPIN ENGINEERING TO GO OUT FOR BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR PAVING THE HIDDEN VALLEY BRIDGE APPROACH DRIVES. MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS (5-0) VOTE.

Council then went back to item 11F.

Mayor Pro Tem Thurber suggested that this item be tabled until the next meeting, stating that he would also like to talk about sponsors to help in funding the bridge opening celebration.

12. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

- ANNOUNCEMENTS
- FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor McCullough stated there would be a future agenda item regarding a presentation by Mr. Wheeler.

Mayor McCullough announced that there would be a social at Councilmember Holland's this weekend.

Councilmember Barchfeld stated congratulations were in order for getting the wastewater loan and referenced the ordinance regarding revenue bonds, saying that one should look at the purpose of the loan and consider redoing it so you can use the money for its intentions.

Mayor Pro Tem Thurber announced regarding the search for City Administrator, that Council needs to look at their calendars the last week of December in order to meet with Chris Hartung on December 14th or December 15th. He said this would be a special Council meeting.

Mayor McCullough announced that Interim City Administrator Parker had extended a job offer for the City Secretary position. Interim City Administrator Parker stated that the new City Secretary would be here soon.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McCullough adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Recorded by:

By Laura Calcote - City Secretary
Janet Rogers
Interim City Secretary



APPROVED BY:



Mac McCullough, Mayor