



# City of Wimberley

221 Stillwater Drive, Wimberley, Texas 78676

## **SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING** **THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2020 – 4:00 P.M.**

### **MINUTES**

In accordance with order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the City Council of the City of Wimberley will conduct a teleconference/video conference meeting in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called “social distancing”) to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 14, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.**

The public may participate in this meeting via the following toll-free numbers 888-475-4499 or 877-853-5257 and/or using the Zoom meeting ID 894 9046 1568 and using the password 025141.

The public will be permitted to offer comments via teleconference or video conference, as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting.

Anyone wishing to offer public comments or offer written questions or comments must notify City Secretary, Laura Calcote, at [lcalcote@cityofwimberley.com](mailto:lcalcote@cityofwimberley.com), at least two hours before the meeting.

A recording of the meeting will be made and will be available to the public in accordance with the Texas Public Information Act upon written request.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor, Gina Fulkerson, called the meeting to order on May 14, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

### **CALL OF ROLL**

Council Members Present:	Gina Fulkerson	Mayor ( <i>via teleconference</i> )
	Rebecca Minnick	Place One ( <i>via teleconference</i> )
	Teresa Shell	Place Two ( <i>via teleconference</i> )
	Christine Byrne	Place Three ( <i>via teleconference</i> )
	Jim Chiles	Place Four ( <i>via teleconference</i> )
Council Members Absent:	Bo Bowman	Place Five
City Staff Present:	Shawn Cox	City Administrator ( <i>via teleconference</i> )
	Laura Calcote	City Secretary ( <i>via teleconference</i> )
	Sarah Griffin	Deputy City Attorney ( <i>via teleconference</i> )

## PRESENTATIONS

3.1. Presentation by Barnabas Connection regarding fundraising, hotline call volume and community volunteers during the COVID-19 pandemic. *(Kate Sowell)*

Ms. Sowell provided an update pertaining to Barnabas Connection's increased number of calls on the organization's helpline during the COVID-19 pandemic. She also reported on the recent success of the fundraiser for The Barnabas Connection's Emergency Fund, which raised around \$31,000. There was discussion among Council and Ms. Sowell concerning Barnabas's continued support for the community during the crisis.

3.2. Presentation by the Crisis Bread Basket regarding food distribution and fundraising during the COVID-19 pandemic. *(John Urban)*

Mr. Urban provided an update regarding the increase in clients at the Crisis Bread Basket, and noted more families than usual were utilizing the organization's services during the COVID-19 pandemic. There was discussion between Mr. Urban and Council on how to donate to the organization and the need for volunteers.

*(Council Member Bo Bowman joined the meeting via teleconference at 4:15 p.m.)*

## CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

City Administrator, Shawn Cox, reported on the number of current, active, COVID-19 cases within Hays County and the recent testing that had taken place over the weekend in Wimberley. Furthermore, Mr. Cox provided an update on the COVID-19 task force calls and the back to business task force meetings. He noted the phased reopening of City buildings and facilities, and stated summer camps would be cancelled at Blue Hole Regional Park, but the swim lawn would be open at a limited capacity.

## DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

5.1. Discuss and consider possible action regarding an application for a temporary structure. *(Wimberley Café)*

This item was not heard, due to the applicant withdrawing the application before the meeting.

5.2. Discuss and consider possible action regarding an application for a temporary structure. *(Cactus Coffee)*

Cactus Coffee owner, Brooke Burnett, spoke regarding her request to move her food trailer next to the business, Shop the Tree House.

**Motion to approve an application for a temporary structure to operate a food trailer at 13615 Ranch Road 12 was made by Council Member Christine Byrne. Motion was seconded by Council Member Rebecca Minnick. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).**

5.3. Discuss and consider possible action regarding increased cleaning services, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, including a proposal from Mariposa Cleaning Services, LLC for increased restroom cleaning services at the Wimberley Square and at Blue Hole Regional Park. *(Mayor Gina Fulkerson)*

There was discussion among Council, City staff and Mariposa Cleaning Services owners, Michael and Sara Aragon, pertaining to the need for additional cleaning at the downtown and Blue Hole Regional Park restroom facilities during the COVID-19 crisis. Mr. and Mrs. Aragon advised on the company's cleaning practices and products. Additionally, there was

discussion on the number of times the restrooms would need to be cleaned during the weekdays and on the weekends.

**Motion to approve a proposal from Mariposa Cleaning Services, LLC for increased restroom facility cleaning at the Wimberley Square and at Blue Hole Regional Park was made by Council Member Rebecca Minnick. Motion was seconded by Council Member Jim Chiles. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).**

- 5.4. Discuss and consider possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-12, further extending a Declaration of Local Disaster; establishing rules and regulations for the duration of the disaster unless superseded by executive order of the Governor or further executive order as may be enacted or extended; incorporating the mandates of Executive Order GA-14, GA-18, GA-21 or any further executive order as may be enacted or extended; providing a savings clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date. *(Mayor Gina Fulkerson)*

**Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2020-12, further extending a Declaration of Local Disaster; establishing rules and regulations for the duration of the disaster unless superseded by executive order of the Governor or further executive order as may be enacted or extended; incorporating the mandates of Executive Order GA-14, GA-18, GA-21 or any further executive order as may be enacted or extended; providing a savings clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date, was made by Council Member Christine Byrne. Motion was seconded by Council Member Bo Bowman. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).**

- 5.5. Discuss and consider possible action regarding the development of an action plan to reopen Wimberley. *(Place One Council Member Rebecca Minnick)*

There was discussion regarding the City's plan to reopen in phases, and to encourage the wearing of face coverings and the additional use of hand sanitizer in businesses and restaurants around town, especially in the Wimberley Square.

**Motion to authorize the City Administrator to expend up to \$3,000 in order to procure hand sanitizer stations was made by Council Member Bo Bowman. Motion was seconded by Council Member Teresa Shell. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).**

- 5.6. Discuss and consider possible action regarding the status of the Central Wimberley Wastewater Project. *(City Administrator Shawn Cox)*

There was lengthy discussion regarding the status of the Project, including Capital Excavation's schedule, available funding and the completion date, set for November or December 2020. There was also discussion among Council and Mr. Cox pertaining to communication methods with system users. A workshop to discuss and review user rates was set for Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.

No action was taken on this item.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 p.m. was made by Council Member Christine Byrne. Motion was seconded by Council Member Rebecca Minnick. Motion carried unanimously (5-0).**

**RECORDED BY:**

Laura J. Calcote  
Laura J. Calcote, City Secretary



**APPROVED BY:**

Gina V. Fulkerson  
Gina Fulkerson, Mayor