

City of Wimberley
 City Hall, 221 Stillwater
 Wimberley, Texas 78676
Minutes of Special Meeting of City Council
 May 26, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

City Council meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Mayor Steve Thurber.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Steve Thurber, Councilmembers Bob Dussler (arrived at 6:00 p.m.), Cindy Anderson, Mac McCullough, and Pam Showalter. Councilmember John White was absent.

Staff Present: City Administrator Don Ferguson, City Secretary Cara McPartland, and City Attorney Emily Rogers

Executive Session

After it convenes in Open Session, the City Council will recess into an Executive (closed) Session for the following:

Consultation with legal counsel, pursuant to Chapter 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, regarding legal issues relating to City of Wimberley, SOAH Docket No. 582-15-3337, TCEQ Docket No. 2015-0482-MWD Permit No. WQ0013321001.

Upon completion of the Executive Session, the City Council will reconvene in Open Session before taking action, if necessary.

Mayor Thurber adjourned Open Session and convened Executive Session at 6:02 p.m., pursuant to §551.071 of the Texas Local Government Code for consultation with legal counsel.

Mayor Thurber adjourned Executive Session and reconvened Open Session at 6:55 p.m.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

Discussion and Action

- A. Discuss and consider action authorizing legal counsel and City staff to proceed with matters discussed in Executive Session.

No action was taken.

Addendum to Agenda

- B. Discuss and consider possible action regarding imminent threat to public health and safety arising from the Memorial Day Weekend 2015 floods.

City Administrator Ferguson spoke on the unprecedented severity of this flood event, public notifications, emergency operations, search and rescue efforts, loss of lives, evacuations, debris load, infrastructure/tree damage, and number of destroyed/damaged homes. Details were provided on coordination of volunteers and various resources for flood survivors and volunteers. He stated property damage assessment is underway, with teams deployed in flood-damaged areas to visit onsite with affected property owners. He reported on debris management and collection efforts, status of low water crossings, road closures, utility outages, and state and federal assistance. He commended Pedernales Electric Cooperative (PEC) for its prompt post-disaster response in restoring power. He expressed appreciation for local churches that provided sheltering and other disaster assistance services after the flood and advised that the Bridges Gym at Wimberley High School is packed to capacity with donated items and will become a donation distribution center. Future donations should be taken to the old Target store location in San Marcos. He reported on the status of repairs to the Ranch Road 12 Blanco River Bridge and noted it has been deemed structurally sound.

City Administrator Ferguson remained positive on rebuilding efforts and associated issues that will face Council as the City recovers from the flood. Discussion addressed security in flood-damaged areas; temporary storage facilities; volunteer/donation management; recognition of Brookshire Brothers and H-E-B stores for their donations; appreciation for local churches providing support; central call center phone number established by Hays County for flood relief questions (512-754-2275); media relations; successful coordination of disaster response among various entities; free tetanus shots; ongoing search efforts; and the tremendous community response to flood survivors' needs.

No action was taken.

Adjourn

Mayor Thurber called the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Recorded by:

Cara McPartland

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These minutes approved on the 18th of June, 2015.



APPROVED:

Steve Thurber

Steve Thurber, Mayor