

**City of Wimberley**  
City Hall, 221 Stillwater  
Wimberley, Texas 78676  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting of City Council**  
June 2, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

City Council meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Bob Flocke.

Mayor Flocke gave the Invocation and Councilmembers led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Bob Flocke and Councilmembers Tom Talcott, Mac McCullough, Matt Meeks, Steve Thurber, and John White.

Staff Present: City Administrator Don Ferguson and City Secretary Cara McPartland

### **Citizens Communications**

After an introduction by *Wimberley View* editor Dave Cadriel, Council welcomed newly hired reporter, Susan Marx, who provided information on her personal and professional background.

#### **1. Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of the minutes of the Special City Council meeting of May 5, 2011.
- B. Approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of May 19, 2011.
- C. Approval of the minutes of the Special City Council meeting of May 19, 2011.
- D. Approval of the minutes of the Special City Council meeting of May 20, 2011.

Councilmember Thurber pulled Consent Agenda Item 1B. He requested changes regarding comments made during Citizens Communications by Craig Reitz and opening/closing of the public hearing for Agenda Item 4B of the regular meeting minutes of May 19, 2011. Mr. Reitz's comment on "maximizing expenditures" was deleted: "He encouraged finding ways to sell more goods and services in order to increase sales tax revenue, but felt that the Council should appoint a second independent committee prior to the July budget process to discuss City spending and ways to maximize expenditures." In Item 4B (last sentence on page 6), the sentence "No public comments were heard" was changed to: "Mayor Pro Tem Thurber opened the public hearing. Hearing no comments, Mayor Pro Tem Thurber closed the public hearing."

Councilmember Thurber moved to approve Consent Agenda Items 1A, 1C, and 1D as presented. Councilmember White seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Councilmember Thurber moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 1B, as amended. Councilmember McCullough seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

## 2. Discussion and Action on Election Related Matters

Consider approval of an appointment of Mayor Pro Tempore for a term of one (1) year.  
(*Mayor Bob Flocke*)

Councilmember McCullough moved to appoint Councilmember Steve Thurber to the position of Mayor Pro Tempore for a term of one (1) year. Councilmember White seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

## 3. Presentation

Presentation on the results of a recent tree survey by the Guadalupe Blanco River Authority (*City Administrator*)

Due to a scheduling conflict with Guadalupe Blanco River Authority representatives, City Administrator Ferguson advised that this item will be presented at Council's meeting on July 7, 2011.

## 4. City Administrator Report

- Status report on the bid process for the 2011 City of Wimberley street improvement projects

City Administrator Ferguson reported that bid specifications have been prepared for improvement of the following streets:

<i>Priority</i>	<i>Street</i>
1	Cliffview Drive
2	Smith Creek Road
3	Twilight Trail
4	Malone Drive
5	Rockwood Road

Bid notices are to be published next week with bid openings scheduled for July 1, 2011. It is anticipated that a contract will be awarded on July 7, 2011, with work to be completed by September 30, 2011.

- Status report on the development and operation of the Blue Hole Regional Park including but not limited to the recent *Plant the Park Day* and preparations for the 2011 summer swimming season

City Administrator Ferguson reported on the Phase One Grand Opening scheduled for June 11, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. at the Park Gatehouse. He reported on park development/construction, staff hiring/training, media coverage, and the successful *Plant the Park* event held on May 21, 2011. He noted that site development work has started on Phase Two of the Blue Hole Regional Park Development Project.

- Status report on the Community C-P-R Project

City Administrator Ferguson reported on the project's training schedule for Council, Blue Hole Park staff, and City board/commission members. He described the benefits of compression-only training and the City's coordination of training efforts with civic clubs, WISD, Wimberley Merchants Association, churches, and the general public.

- Status report on preparations for the annual Wimberley Fourth of July celebration

City Administrator Ferguson reported that all activities will take place on Monday, July 4, 2011, and included details on the Fourth of July parade and Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Jubilee to be held at the Ozona National Bank green space on Ranch Road 12. He stated that there will be no community fireworks celebration this year due to lack of funding.

- Status report on drought conditions in the Wimberley Valley

City Administrator Ferguson reported on rainfall statistics/projections, Wimberley Water Supply Corporation's Water Conservation Plan, and increased water quality testing in public recreation areas. He stated that careful monitoring will continue, with updates to be provided to Council.

Discussion established that no water is being pumped from Cypress Creek and confirmed inclusion of Malone Drive in the list of streets to be improved.

## **5. Discussion and Possible Action**

- A. Discuss and consider possible action regarding proposed modifications to the construction timeline for various elements in Phase Two of the Blue Hole Regional Park Development Project. (*City Administrator*)

City Administrator Ferguson stated that staff is working with the contractor to finalize cost projections for various Phase Two improvements and anticipated presenting those projections to Council at its next meeting on June 16, 2011. He noted that funding for Park development comes from grants and Friends of Blue Hole fundraising efforts.

- B. Discuss and consider possible action setting the date, time, and location for a Wimberley City Council goals and objectives workshop. (*Mayor Bob Flocke*)

Discussion agreed on scheduling a workshop at the Peter Way Ranch on an upcoming Wednesday at 5 p.m., with the exact date to be determined pending input from individual Council members, who will provide prospective dates to City Administrator Ferguson by Wednesday, June 8, 2011. No vote was taken.

- C. Discuss and consider possible action designating authorized signatories on the City of Wimberley depository bank accounts. (*City Administrator*)

Councilmember White moved to approve the designation of Mayor Flocke, Mayor Pro Tem Thurber, and City Administrator Ferguson as authorized signatories on the City of Wimberley accounts with Ozona National Bank. Mayor Pro Tem Thurber seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

- D. Discuss and consider possible action on a proposed amendment to the current law enforcement interlocal agreement with Hays County to allow the City to hire off-duty officers to enhance existing traffic law enforcement efforts in the City. (*City Administrator*)

City Administrator Ferguson highlighted the existing interlocal agreement and proposed amendments to allow the City to hire off-duty Hays County Sheriff's deputies, at City cost, to supplement the traffic law enforcement efforts of on-duty deputies in the City. Citations written by off-duty deputies would be processed in Wimberley Municipal Court. He expressed concerns with certain provisions of the version proposed by Hays County's legal counsel, including those relating to the setting of weekly budgets and the City's responsibility for any damage incurred to Hays County patrol vehicles used while working for the City of Wimberley. City Administrator Ferguson stated the City's position that use of the deputies' Hays County-owned vehicles would be covered under Article 8 (Billing, Fees; and Payment) of the proposed amendment, which stipulates a per-hour fee for vehicle use.

Discussion addressed reasoning for Hays County's version that rewrites the existing agreement versus the City's proposed amendment to the existing interlocal agreement. Concerns were expressed relating to budgeting specific amounts for hiring of off-duty deputies (as opposed to use on an "as-needed" basis), the City's responsibility for vehicle damage, and lack of enforcement for City of Wimberley ordinances. Per Council's direction, City Administrator Ferguson will continue working with Hays County officials to arrive at an acceptable agreement (or amendment) to be presented to Council at a later date. No vote was taken.

## **6. City Council Reports**

- Announcements
- Future Agenda Items

As a future agenda item, Councilmember White requested that Council revisit the Mill Race Lane vote, with possible action to either rescind or amend.

City Administrator Ferguson encouraged attendance at the Blue Hole Regional Park Phase One Grand Opening on June 11, 2011 and thanked those who took part in the recent Hays County – City of Wimberley Hike & Bike Trail Grand Opening on May 21, 2011.

### **Addendum to the Regular Agenda**

## **5. Discussion and Possible Action**

- E. Discuss and consider possible action on *Change Order No. 1* in the Blue Hole Regional Park Development Project. (*City Administrator*)

City Administrator Ferguson recommended approval of the subject change order in the amount of \$22,506.77, which represents largely the cost of site development changes made during construction to better address on-site drainage and plumbing. Councilmember McCullough questioned why the changes were not incorporated in the original design and the use of cast iron for valves. Discussion addressed the plan review process and established that the additional costs will be paid from the Blue Hole Development Fund, not from the General Fund.

Councilmember Thurber moved to approve the item as presented. Councilmember McCullough seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

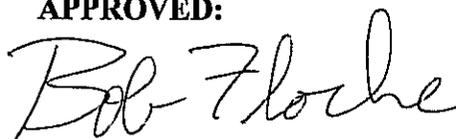
**Adjournment:** (Hearing no further announcements or future agenda items, Mayor Flocke called the meeting adjourned after Agenda Item 6.) Council meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Recorded by:

  
Cara McPartland

These minutes approved on the 16th of June, 2011.

**APPROVED:**



**Bob Flocke, Mayor**

