

City of Wimberley
City Hall, 221 Stillwater
Wimberley, Texas 78676
Minutes of Emergency Meeting of City Council
June 3, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

City Council meeting called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Mayor Steve Thurber.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Steve Thurber, Councilmembers Bob Dussler, Cindy Anderson, Mac McCullough, Pam Showalter, and John White.

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

Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Discuss and consider approval of an interlocal agreement between Hays County, Texas and the City of Wimberley, Texas, regarding disaster relief response and authorizing the mayor to execute the subject agreement. (*City Administrator*)

City Administrator Ferguson reviewed key provisions of the subject agreement to include debris management and curbside removal, payment arrangement between the City and Hays County, possible FEMA reimbursements that may help defray City costs, and revisions to clarify language regarding indemnification and the agreement's effective date.

Discussion addressed possible total debris cleanup costs, future collections, separate efforts to focus on tree/river recovery, and use of transfer points and cost-effective dumpsites.

Councilmember McCullough moved to approve the interlocal agreement, as presented, including authorizing the mayor to execute the subject agreement. Councilmember Anderson seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

- B. Discuss and consider approval of a proposal to waive the City's portion of the fees required for building permits relating to 2015 Memorial Day Weekend flood repairs and reconstruction. (*City Administrator*)

City Administrator Ferguson reviewed the existing permitting procedures implemented for the purpose of reinstating electrical service as quickly as possible (with no fees charged) and recommended waiving the City's portion of permitting fees for rebuilding. He explained the bifurcated, expedited process for flood-related repairs and reconstruction, and elevation requirements for properties that were "substantially damaged," meaning they sustained damage equal to or exceeding fifty percent (50%) of their market value.

City Administrator Ferguson noted types of work that may be "fast-tracked," including sheetrock, insulation, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, door/window repair or replacement, exterior lighting, minor deck repair, siding, re-roofing, and stone/brick veneers. He detailed examples of work requiring inspection by the City or subject to the City's normal building

permit process, such as addition of living space, major structural rebuilds, and new foundations. He clarified that the proposed waiver applies to the City's permit fees and not to pass-through fees the City must pay to ATS for inspection services. He stressed that all flood damage-related permits requested that are subject to the City's normal building permitting process will be expedited.

Discussion addressed the definition and application of the aforementioned "50% Rule" relating to rebuilding of "substantially damaged" properties and associated elevation requirements; determination/verification of "substantially damaged" properties; enforcement of elevation requirements; and possible future floodplain re-mapping.

Councilmember McCullough moved to approve waiving the City's portion of fees required for building permits relating to the 2015 Memorial Day Weekend flood repairs and reconstruction. Councilmember Showalter seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

Mayor Thurber thanked Council for its assistance in dealing with flood survivors and City Administrator Ferguson reminded Council of the Community Flood Recovery Meeting to be held June 4, 2015 at the Wimberley Community Center and noted major issues the meeting is intended to address.

Adjourn

Mayor Thurber called the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Recorded by:


Cara McPartland

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



APPROVED:


Steve Thurber, Mayor