

City of Wimberley
City Hall
221 Stillwater
Wimberley, Texas 78676
Minutes of Regular Meeting of City Council
August 15, 2013 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, Matt Meeks, and John White. Councilmembers Mac McCullough and Steve Thurber were absent.

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

Citizens Communications

Wimberley Water Supply Corporation (WWSC) Board member Scott Johnson advised that Stage III restrictions continue due to ongoing drought conditions. He noted significant reductions in pumpage, efforts to address certain spikes in usage, and effectiveness of conservation measures taken by customers.

Wimberley Merchants Association President Peggy Honaker asked that Council consider appointing Steve Klepfer to serve as her organization's chosen representative member to serve on the independent stakeholder group, which will participate in the planning and design phase of the Central Wimberley Wastewater Project.

Madonna Kimball provided details on the upcoming annual Blanco River clean-up event scheduled for September 14, 2013, including areas slated for clean-up, provision of dumpsters, and signage. She supported community involvement asked that the City consider seasonal clean-up events.

1. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of August 1, 2013
- B. Approval of the minutes of the Special City Council meeting of August 6, 2013

Councilmember Meeks moved to approve both Consent Agenda items, as presented. Councilmember Talcott seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 3-0.

2. City Administrator Report

- Status report on sales tax collections for the City of Wimberley

City Administrator Ferguson reported that the August sales tax check, representing June collections, totaled \$76,516.79, which is down from the same period last year due in part to the loss of sales tax collections from Ace Hardware. He noted that if Ace Hardware reopens in December 2013, the City can expect to see the impact of renewed sales tax collections in February 2014.

- Status report on the development of interim measures to address central Wimberley wastewater concerns during the design and development of a central Wimberley wastewater system

City Administrator Ferguson reported that a development policy will be presented to Council at its next meeting on portable restroom facilities in the central Wimberley area. Various options and associated pricing were presented for different types of restroom facilities. He noted that a Request for Qualifications will be drafted for exploration of septic systems to help determine sources of pollution.

- Status report on reconstruction of the Ace Hardware store

City Administrator Ferguson reported on recent steel work at the building site to be completed within the next two weeks.

- Status report on central Wimberley water quality issues

City Administrator Ferguson reported that test results continue to show elevated bacteria levels in the downtown area. He noted that ongoing target testing yielded satisfactory levels upstream and at Blue Hole.

- Status report on the operation of the Blue Hole Regional Park

City Administrator Ferguson reported on record attendance to date this season (in excess of 27,000 visitors), and post-Labor Day operating dates/times. He reported on recent interest in Blue Hole Park as a location for various film/commercial shoots, positive effects of media exposure, and an upcoming announcement on recognition of the Park as a sustainable site.

There was brief discussion of tank sizes of various types of portable restroom facilities available for lease /purchase and possible locations for such facilities.

3. Ordinance

Discuss and consider approval of an ordinance of the City of Wimberley, Texas authorizing the issuance of \$650,000 “City of Wimberley, Texas Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Anticipation Notes, Series 2013”; authorizing the sale thereof; enacting provisions incident and related to the issuance of said notes. (*City Administrator*)

Mayor Flocke requested that this item be continued until all Council members are present for discussion and action.

After discussion of potential dates/times and scheduling issues, Councilmember Meeks moved to continue this item until Council's special meeting scheduled for Monday, August 19, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. Councilmember White seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 3-0.

4. Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Discuss and consider possible action approving a mission statement for the independent stakeholder group that will be involved in the Central Wimberley Wastewater Project and appointing members to said committee. (*City Administrator*)

Mayor Flocke asked that Council take action to appoint the stakeholder group before taking action on the group's mission statement. He recommended that Council reject the Wimberley Merchants Association's appointee, Steve Klepfer, and asked the Merchants Association to nominate another appointee who has not been affiliated with the Wimberley Central Improvement Area (WCIA). Mayor Flocke stated the City's indebtedness to WCIA for its hard work, however, he felt that despite Mr. Klepfer's recent resignation from WCIA, his appointment would effectively give WCIA two voices on this committee and violate the public's trust in the appointment process. Mayor Flocke favored separate Council action to remove the Wimberley Merchants Association nominee before voting on all other nominations.

Councilmember Talcott moved to remove Wimberley Merchants Association's nominee, Steve Klepfer, from the list of nominations. Councilmember White seconded. Discussion addressed public trust issues and the need for broad representation. Motion carried on a vote of 3-0

Mayor Flocke recommended the list of remaining nominees, as follows:

Wimberley Central Improvement Area, Inc.	John David Carson
Residents for Community Stewardship	Gail Pigg
Central Wimberley Property Owner	Mike Stevens
Property Owner north of Cypress Creek	Chris Nichols
Downstream Property Owner	Sheila Wollam
Non-downtown Property Owner	Grady Burnette

Discussion established that any potential conflict issues could be addressed via executed affidavits relating to non-compensation during tenure on the stakeholder committee.

Councilmember Talcott moved to approve the abovementioned list, as recommended by Mayor Flocke. Councilmember Meeks seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 3-0.

City Administrator Ferguson advised that the Merchants Association needs to submit its nominee by September 5, 2013. He outlined timeframe/procedures for the stakeholder group committee meetings with emphasis on maximizing public participation and input, and adherence to the Texas Open Meetings Act.

City Administrator Ferguson read the following proposed mission statement, drafted in accordance with Council's prior direction:

“The mission of the Central Wimberley Wastewater Stakeholder Committee is to identify and recommend a high quality, efficient, affordable and reliable wastewater system to serve central Wimberley that values local environmental and community interests. Stakeholder committee members shall work directly with the City’s wastewater project engineer to:

- *Identify community concerns regarding the wastewater project*
- *Examine alternative approaches to wastewater collection and treatment and effluent disposal to address those concerns*
- *Analyze project costs and alternatives for project funding*

Concerns and solutions identified in the stakeholder process shall be incorporated into the Preliminary Feasibility Report on the wastewater project and the Report’s final recommendation. It is important that stakeholders examine their positions with a “fresh eye” and the positions of others with an “open-mind” with a goal of discovering common values among differing views.”

Discussion addressed the need to amend the statement in order to define the service area, identification of concerns, examination of all possible collection/treatment alternatives, and ability of committee members to maintain objectivity and achieve consensus.

Councilmember Talcott moved to approve the mission statement, as amended. Councilmember White seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 3-0.

- B. Discuss and consider possible action authorizing the city administrator to execute a contact with Papa-Dawson Engineers to provide planning, design, and construction management phase engineering services for the Central Wimberley Wastewater Project. *(City Administrator)*

Mayor Flocke requested that this item be continued until Council’s meeting on September 5, 2013.

Councilmember White moved to continue this item until Council’s September 5th meeting. Councilmember Meeks seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 3-0.

- C. Discuss and consider possible action on issues relating to the development of the *Fiscal Year 2014 City of Wimberley Operating Budget. (City Administrator)*

City Administrator Ferguson spoke on specific items in the Proposed Fiscal Year 2014 Operating Budget, including debt service on the City’s loan for development of a central wastewater system, street maintenance, equipment/vehicle acquisition, part-time Community Center personnel, master plan development, social service funding, Code re-publication, sidewalk/park development funding, City parking lot, and acquisition of financial software.

No action was taken.

- D. Discuss and consider possible action setting the date, time and place for the public hearing on the proposed *Fiscal Year 2014 City of Wimberley Operating Budget*. (City Administrator)

City Administrator Ferguson recommended setting Thursday, September 5, 2013, 6:00 p.m. at City Hall as the date, time, and place of the required public hearing on the proposed *Fiscal Year 2014 City of Wimberley Operating Budget*.

Councilmember Talcott moved to approve the date, time, and place for the public hearing on the proposed *Fiscal Year 2014 City of Wimberley Operating Budget*, as recommended by City Administrator Ferguson. Councilmember Meeks seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 3-0.

5. City Council Reports

- Announcements
- Future Agenda Items

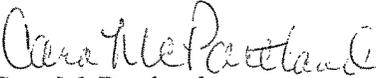
Councilmember Meeks requested an update on the wayfinding signage program. City Administrator Ferguson advised that program funding is included in the proposed budget as a capital expenditure.

Mayor Flocke reminded Council members to submit board/commission appointments to City Administrator Ferguson, in order to fill vacant positions or address expired terms.

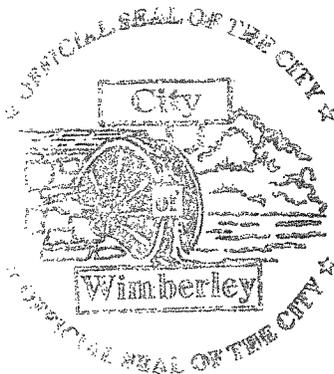
Hearing no further announcements or future agenda items, Mayor Flocke called the meeting adjourned.

Adjournment: Council meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

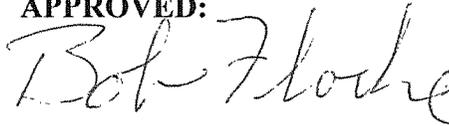
Recorded by:


Cara McPartland

These minutes approved on the 5th of September, 2013.



APPROVED:



Bob Flocke, Mayor