

**City of Wimberley**  
City Hall, 221 Stillwater  
Wimberley, Texas 78676  
**Minutes of Joint Meeting of the City Council  
& Wimberley Budget Advisory Board**  
August 29, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Budget Advisory Board Members Present: Chair Rick Millinor, Members Robin McCullough and Secretary Craig Mooty. Member John Urban was absent.

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

### **Workshop Session**

A workshop to discuss and consider issues relating to the Proposed Fiscal Year 2012 City of Wimberley Budget

Mayor Flocke stated procedures for tonight's meeting and explained reasoning used to develop the Proposed FY 2012 Budget, which was based on previous Council actions making street improvements the City's foremost priority. He did not feel that there was a clear mandate from citizens to justify spending approximately \$200,000 per year for street improvements at the expense of other infrastructure improvements or other expenditures. Citing this lack of citizen outcry, Mayor Flocke proposed removing \$200,000 slated for street improvements, and allocate as follows:

- \$50,000 into Road Maintenance Reserve in order build up funds for emergency repairs
- \$25,000 into Capital Outlay Sidewalks
- \$125,000 to reinstate the City Marshal position (higher first-year start-up costs were noted)

Hays County Precinct 3 Constable Darrell Ayres spoke of specific advantages of reinstating the City Marshal position versus contracting with outside law enforcement personnel, which may only be used in a limited enforcement capacity due to jurisdictional issues. He noted cost saving measures such as sole use of a handheld radio (in lieu of using both car and handheld radios); finding donated vehicle(s)/equipment; and inter-agency assistance, including bailiff duties. Discussion addressed dispatching services and radio usage.

Budget Advisory Board Chair Millinor stated that Mayor Flocke's suggestion to remove \$200,000 from Capital Outlay Roads opens the door to use those funds elsewhere. Discussion among Council, Budget Advisory Board members, and City Administrator Ferguson addressed:

- Whether public demand exists for street improvements
- Condition of certain roads
- Prior actions/recommendations of Council/Transportation Advisory Board relating to roads assessment and short- and long-term street improvement plans
- Creation of a Public Improvement District (PID), including timeframe and area covered by PID
- Alternative funding sources for capital improvements
- Other infrastructure needs such as sidewalks, drainage, lighting, and parking
- Ability to enforce City ordinances
- Costs for improvements to specific streets
- Benefits of visible, proactive community policing
- Hays County Sheriff's Office budget/manpower constraints
- Earmarked capital improvement funds
- Certain revenue projections reflecting collection of pass-through fees and alcohol permitting fees
- Re-examination of Municipal Court revenues/expenditures, should the City Marshal's position be reinstated
- Explanation of *Designated Funds* line item in the FY 2012 Blue Hole Operating Fund
- Anticipated amount of FY 2011 Fund Balance surplus
- Building of fund balance to cover unexpected expenditures, such as emergency infrastructure repairs
- Approximate target date(s) for City Marshal hiring

Per Council direction, City Administrator Ferguson will present revisions to the Proposed FY 2012 Budget at Council's meeting on September 1, 2011 to reflect reinstatement of the City Marshal program.

Mayor Flocke called the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Council/Budget Advisory Board joint meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Recorded by:

*Cara McPartland*

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These minutes approved on the 15th of September, 2011.

**APPROVED:**

*Bob Flocke*

**Bob Flocke, Mayor**

