

**City of Wimberley**  
 City Hall, 221 Stillwater  
 Wimberley, Texas 78676  
**Minutes of Joint Meeting of the City Council**  
**& Wimberley Budget Advisory Board**  
 August 29, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

City Council meeting called to order at 5:14 p.m. by Mayor Bob Flocke.

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

Budget Advisory Board Members Present: Chair Rick Milliner, 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 2013 City of Wimberley Operating Budget

City Administrator Ferguson noted a correction to the Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 Budget column on page 3, changing the amount listed under the Wastewater Special Revenue Fund/Expenditures/Capital Outlay Facilities from \$25,000 to \$31,250.

Councilmember Thurber conveyed concerns about administrative expenses, expenditures for iPads, and the lack of funding for items such as roads (including Mill Race Lane repaving), sidewalks, and parks.

Discussion among City Council/Budget Advisory Board members and City Administrator Ferguson addressed:

- Practice of transferring unspent funds (such as Mill Race Lane improvements budgeted for FY 2012) into the City's Fund Balance
- Expenditures for speed humps on Las Flores Drive
- Minimal temporary improvements to the City-owned public parking lot on Oak Drive
- Basis and reasoning for conservative sales tax revenue projections
- Contributions to social service non-profit organizations serving Wimberley citizens (to come from funds originally allocated for landscaping associated with the delayed Ranch Road 12/Old Kyle Road Improvement Project) and a proposed application process for future funding requests
- Need for future alternative funding sources, including possible ad valorem taxation, for large capital expenditures such as roads, bridges, and drainage improvements
- Misperception among some citizens who erroneously believe that the currently City

collects an ad valorem (property) tax

- Debt financing, including issuance of bonds, and the difficulty of obtaining such financing without a tax base
- Interim drainage improvements to Hoots Holler as a top priority
- Importance of the central business district to the local economy and the need for a downtown centralized wastewater system
- Limited available road funds and long-term economic impact of lack of road maintenance due to compounded repair/replacement costs
- Burden of postponed infrastructure improvements shifted to future generations
- Need to clearly identify and communicate intended uses for expenditures of public funds
- Obligation of funds for specific purposes (such as roads and sidewalks)
- Determining public demand for services and/or ad valorem taxation and need for citizen feedback
- Delaying certain types of expenditures pending completion of a downtown master plan
- Updated cost estimates and associated plans for possible future road improvement projects

Mayor Flocke called the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

**Adjournment:** Joint Council/Budget Advisory Board joint meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Recorded by:

*Cara McPartland*

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These minutes approved on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September, 2012.



**APPROVED:**

*Bob Flocke*

**Bob Flocke, Mayor**