

City of Wimberley
City Hall, 221 Stillwater
Wimberley, Texas 78676
Minutes of Special Meeting of City Council
November 30, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

City Council meeting called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Mayor Bob Flocke.

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

Staff Present: City Administrator Don Ferguson, City Secretary Cara McPartland and City Attorney Brad Young

Executive Session

After it convenes in Open Session, the City Council will recess into an Executive (closed) Session for the following:

Discuss legal issues regarding street improvements to Mill Race Lane, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 (consultation with attorney).

Upon completion of the Executive Session, the City Council will reconvene in Open Session before taking action, if necessary.

Mayor Flocke adjourned Open Session and convened Executive Session at 5:33 p.m. pursuant to §551.071 of the Texas Government Code for consultation with legal counsel.

Mayor Flocke adjourned Executive Session and reconvened Open Session at 6:25 p.m.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

Discussion and Action

- A. Discuss and consider action authorizing legal counsel and City staff to proceed with matters discussed in Executive Session. (*City Administrator*)

Councilmember Thurber moved to authorize City staff to schedule a meeting with Mill Race Lane property owners to discuss issues relating to improvements of Mill Race Lane as discussed in Executive Session. Councilmember McCullough seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

- B. Discuss and consider action regarding the selection of a contract operator for the City of Wimberley Wastewater Treatment Plant. (*City Administrator*)

City Administrator Ferguson reviewed evaluations of the proposals received from Aqua Texas and Severn Trent. He highlighted each company's qualifications and recommended approval of

Severn Trent, which indicated that it could operate the plant at a base fee of \$5,000 per month, plus any additional expenses, as needed and approved by the City.

Discussion addressed reference checks for Aqua Texas and Severn Trent, the on-site visit, and contract negotiations.

Councilmember Thurber moved to approve selection of Severn Trent as the contract operator for the City of Wimberley Wastewater Treatment Plant and to direct staff to enter into contract negotiations. Councilmember Talcott seconded. Motion carried on a vote of 5-0.

- C. Discuss and consider action regarding the Desired Future Condition (DFC) set by Groundwater Management Area 9 (GMA 9) for the Trinity Aquifer. (*Mayor Pro-tem Steve Thurber*)

Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District (HTGCD) President Jimmy Skipton spoke on the need for specificity on aquifer drawdown figures that are considered acceptable. He found the City's concerns regarding aquifer drawdown at odds with its pumping of groundwater for irrigation use at Blue Hole Regional Park.

Discussion addressed:

- Concerns expressed in the proposed resolution about protection of water resources and the GMA 9 adoption of a DFC that would allow an average drawdown of approximately thirty (30) feet through the year 2060
- Acceptability of specific drawdown levels
- Need for more knowledge of current and projected aquifer levels in order to make informed decisions
- Possible amendment of the proposed resolution to add specific language relating to drawdown levels

Councilmember Thurber moved to approve the proposed resolution, as presented. Councilmember McCullough seconded. Discussion addressed the need for the resolution and its effectiveness, the resolution as a means of expressing the City's concerns about water resource protection, and specific drawdown statistics.

Councilmember Thurber called the question. Mayor Flocke called for a vote as follows: Councilmember Talcott, nay; Councilmember McCullough, aye; Councilmember Meeks, nay; Councilmember Thurber, aye; Councilmember White, nay. Motion failed on a vote of 2-3.

Adjourn

Mayor Flocke called the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Recorded by:

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

APPROVED:

Bob Flocke

Bob Flocke, Mayor

