



# City of Wimberley

221 Stillwater, Wimberley, Texas 78676

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

WIMBERLEY CITY HALL – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
221 STILLWATER, WIMBERLEY, TEXAS 78676

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023 - 6:00 PM

## MINUTES

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

November 2, 2023, at 6:00 PM

Mayor Pro Tem Rebecca Minnick called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### 2. CALL OF ROLL

#### Council Members Present:

Rebecca Minnick, Place 1  
Teresa Shell, Place 2  
Chris Sheffield, Place 3  
Jim Chiles, Place 4  
David Cohen, Place 5

#### Council Members Absent:

Gina Fulkerson, Mayor

#### Staff Members Present:

Tim Patek, City Administrator  
Tammy Heller, City Secretary  
Nathan Glaiser, Director of Planning & Public Works  
Richard Shaver, Director of Parks & Recreation  
Bryce Burkhalter, Natural Resource & Maintenance Manager  
Erica Flocke, Park Operations Manager  
Leanne Kirby, Tourism Director  
Charlie Zech, City Attorney

### 3. INVOCATION

Kevin Schubert, St. Stephens Episcopal

### 4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/SALUTE TO THE TEXAS FLAG

Mayor Pro Tem Minnick led the pledges of allegiance.

### 5. CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

No comments this evening.

### 6. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Cohen, seconded by Council Member Sheffield to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

- 6.1. Consider approval of the October 19, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes. (*Tammy Heller, City Secretary*)

### 7. PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- 7.1. Receive an update from Greg Webb on the Dark Sky International Award. *(Richard Shaver, Parks and Recreation Director)*

Greg Webb, Chair of Wimberley Valley Dark Sky Committee, provided a short history of the committee and stated that Wimberley was designated a dark sky community in 2018. The annual "Under One Sky" Global Conference will be held this week and he announced that Wimberley would receive the International Dark Sky Community of the year award at this event. He explained the process and effort that was put in to become a designated dark sky community and he expressed his appreciation to the committee for their hard work in this process. Mr. Webb also expressed his appreciation to the Wimberley Valley Radio Station and the Wimberley View for their help with marketing and partnering with their organization. Mr. Webb stated the committee would begin a weekly night sky forecast on the radio. The council expressed their appreciation to the committee.

- 7.2. Discuss and consider possible action regarding a new logo and vision statement for the Wimberley Parks and Recreation Department. *(Richard Shaver, Parks and Recreation Director)*

Richard Shaver, provided the proposed vision statement and logo for the Wimberley Parks and Recreation Department. The proposed vision statement: Wimberley Parks and Recreation CARES - - We build Community! We ensure Accessibility! We provide Recreation! We support Education! We promote Sustainability!

The council members expressed their support of the new logo and statement and expressed their appreciation for the work staff has put into this project. Council Member Cohen suggested adding stars or a dark sky within the logo.

A motion was made by Council Member Chiles, seconded by Council Member Shell, to approve the new logo and vision statement for the Parks and Recreation Department as presented. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

- 7.3. Receive an update and hold discussion on current water conservation efforts in the City. *(Rebecca Minnick, Mayor Pro Tem)*

Mayor Pro Tem Minnick introduced this item and noted that the City of Boerne won the Excellence Award at the Texas Municipal League Conference for their Water Data Dashboard project. She provided a brief update on the Boerne Water Data dashboard and illustrated the features. The dashboard allows citizens to see utility, surface water, rain & drought, groundwater and reclaimed water data on a daily basis. Mayor Pro Tem Minnick spoke about the One Water Conference in Boerne last week and their efforts in conserving and re-using water. She stated that one development will have 2500 homes built, so the City of Boerne is working with the developer and a side by side reclaimed and potable water system will be built for this subdivision. Mayor Pro Tem Minnick went on to explain that the platform Boerne uses may be accessible to other communities, like Wimberley, and discussions will continue with various stakeholders and partners for possible implementation. This will help get the word out about conservation and for our citizens to be aware of our current water situation. She stated that Mayor Fulkerson and Nick Dornak provided a presentation on the Blue Hole Primary School One Water system. She stated there is a lot of awareness about conservation and all the communities in our area need to work together. Mayor Pro Tem Minnick attended the Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA) Summit in San Antonio and stated the EAA has more jurisdiction and authority than we do in our area. We could use this as a guide to help our communities work together and be more proactive in our conservation measures.

Council Member Cohen attended a virtual meeting hosted by David Baker and it was stated the Blue Hole Primary School One Water System collects 1,000 gallons of water per day from air conditioning condensate. He also stated the City needs to work on steps that can be taken to get AquaTexas into compliance and to be a better partner. Mayor Pro Tem Minnick stated the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District and the Trinity Edwards Springs Protection Association are working on addressing some of these concerns.

Council Member Sheffield stated the water data dashboard could be managed by the Cypress Creek Watershed Coordinator position that was recently funded by the City of Wimberley, Hays County, the City of Woodcreek, the Watershed Association and the Meadows Center for Water and the Environment.

## **8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- 8.1.** Hold a Public Hearing and consider action on Ordinance 2023-32, repealing Ordinance 2009-053 On-Site Sewage Facility Regulations and providing for findings of fact, savings, severability, repealer, effective date, and property notice and meeting. (*Nathan Glaiser, Director of Planning & Public Works*)

Nathan Glaiser, Director of Planning and Public Works, provided an update on the proposed amendment to the On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) Regulations and the desire to repeal this ordinance in its entirety. He provided the differences and similarities within the City and County Ordinance and stated repeal of this Ordinance will grant Hays County the authority to take over and enforce their regulations moving forward.

Questions were posed by the Council related to enforcement, violations reporting, lot size requirements, and the ability for citizens to access county services.

Mayor Pro Tem Minnick opened the Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m. There being no comments, Mayor Pro Tem Minnick closed the Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Sheffield, seconded by Council Member Chiles to approve Ordinance 2023-32, as presented. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

## **9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- 9.1.** Consider possible action on Ordinance 2023-33, amending Chapter 2, Article 2.04 – Boards, Commissions and Committee, Section 2.04.005 - The Hotel Occupancy Tax Advisory Committee of the Wimberley City Code of Ordinances; and providing for findings of fact, savings, severability, repealer, and effective date, and proper notice and meeting. (*Tim Patek, City Administrator*)

Tim Patek, City Administrator, provided an update on the proposed revisions to the Hotel Occupancy Tax Advisory Committee Ordinance. This proposed change helps the city come into compliance with best practices and provides a clearer charge for the committee. Council Member Sheffield identified a discrepancy in the ordinance and asked that (C) *Responsibilities* (4) be updated to read biannually instead of quarterly. The council concurred.

Upon completion of discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Minnick, seconded by Council Member Chiles to approve Ordinance 2023-33, as presented and with the proposed change as recommended. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

- 9.2.** Consider possible action on Resolution No. 13-2023, authorizing the submission of a Solid Waste Program Grant application to the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG); and authorizing the City Administrator to act as the authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the city's participation in the Solid Waste Grant Program.

Mayor Pro Tem Minnick introduced this item and stated she approached Keep Wimberley Beautiful about this grant and ideas were discussed regarding this grant. City Administrator, Tim Patek met with Keep Wimberley Beautiful as well and discussed the possibility of a tire disposal event. However, the minimum for the grant is \$10,000 and to meet this threshold it would require at least three containers. The consensus from Keep Wimberley Beautiful was to continue with the Spring Clean Up event that is happening next year and discuss if something different is needed.

Discussion was held on eligible projects, minimum grant limits, and community needs.

Upon completion of discussion, a motion was made by Council Member Cohen, seconded by Council

Member Sheffield to approve Resolution No. 13-2023 as presented. The motion failed with a vote of 1 in favor (Cohen) and 4 in opposition.

**10. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

**10.1. Announcements**

The following announcements were made:

1. Progress on Sidewalk Grant
2. Progress on Resilient Communities Grant
3. Reminder of Historic Preservation Training

**10.2. Future Agenda Items**

None.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Council Member Cohen, seconded by Council Member Chiles, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:17 p.m. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

**RECORDED BY:**

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**Tammy Heller, City Secretary**

**APPROVED BY:**

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**Rebecca Minnick, Mayor Pro Tem**

