



City of Wimberley

221 Stillwater, Wimberley, Texas 78676

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

WIMBERLEY CITY HALL – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

221 STILLWATER, WIMBERLEY, TEXAS 78676

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024 - 6:00 PM

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** January 4, 2024, 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, Mayor Pro Tem
Teresa Shell, Place 2
Chris Sheffield, Place 3
Jim Chiles, Place 4
David Cohen, Place 5

Staff Members Present:

Tim Patek, City Administrator
Tammy Heller, City Secretary
Nathan Glaiser, Director of Planning & Public Works
Leanne Kirby, Tourism Director

Council Members Absent:

Gina Fulkerson, Mayor

3. **INVOCATION**

Susan Rang, Wimberley United Methodist Church

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

Mayor Pro Tem Minnick led the pledges of allegiance.

5. **PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

- 5.1. Proclamation of the City of Wimberley, Texas proclaiming January 15, 2024 as "Martin Luther King, Jr. Day."

Mayor Pro Tem Minnick read a proclamation recognizing January 15, 2024 as Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

6. CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

Randy Myers, spoke about the trails project bid award that was postponed by council a couple of months ago. He asked that, when this comes back for consideration, the council award it to the lowest bidder.

Nancy Heintz, Point-In-Time (PIT) Count Committee member, provided a handout regarding the point-in-time count event occurring on January 25, 2024 and the benefits of this program. She noted that she will return on January 18, 2024 to provide a presentation and additional information.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Sheffield, seconded by Council Member Chiles to approve the consent agenda, with an amendment to item 7.1, December 7, 2023 City Council Minutes. The amendment is to add the motion and vote that was taken on item 8.2 that evening. Tammy Heller, City Secretary, stated this amendment would be made prior to the minutes being executed. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

7.1. Consider approval of Minutes from the December 7, 2023 Regular City Council Meeting. *(Tammy Heller, City Secretary)*

7.2. Consider approval of the November 2023 Revenue and Expenditure Report for the City of Wimberley. *(Time Patek, City Administrator)*

8. PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

8.1. Review TxDOT Delineator Plan to increase pedestrian/vehicle safety on RR12 at Wimberley Square. *(Rebecca Minnick, Mayor Pro Tem/TxDOT)*

Mayor Pro Tem Minnick presented this item and stated the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will install delineators along RR12 at the Square. She presented images and is seeking guidance on what the council would like these to look like.

Willie Zamora, TxDOT Engineer, will put in the work order upon the council's recommendation.

Upon completion of discussion, consensus is to move forward and allow TxDOT to provide a recommendation on the color and height of the delineators.

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

9.1. Discuss and consider possible action regarding the closure of the downtown square and Old Kyle Road during the April 2024 Eclipse. *(Leanne Kirby, Director of Tourism)*

Leanne Kirby, Tourism Director, asked the council to consider closing the downtown Square and Old Kyle Road during the weekend of the Eclipse. Discussion was held on the influx of people the City will see during this event and this closure would help with traffic and pedestrian safety concerns in that area. The suggestion is to close Old Kyle Road and the square from the morning of April 6th to the evening of April 8th. Ms. Kirby has met with many of the property/business owners in this area, and they have all been supportive of the closure. Mayor Pro Tem Minnick also noted the Hays County Sheriff's Office and Constables office expressed their support of this closure.

Discussion was held on possible parking areas, additional signage and ensuring these areas are properly publicized. Ms. Kirby stated additional information would be provided on the eclipse event at the next City Council meeting during her quarterly report.

Upon completion of discussion, a motion was made by Council Member Chiles, seconded by Council Member Sheffield to close Old Kyle Road and the Downtown Square during the eclipse event this April. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

9.2. Discuss and consider possible action regarding Chapter 4, Article 4.05 - Flood Damage Prevention of the City Code of Ordinances. (Nathan Glaiser, Director of Planning & Public Works)

Nathan Glaiser, Director of Planning & Public Works, is seeking guidance on updates to the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. There are new Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) maps that should be ready in the coming months, and we want to ensure any changes the Council would like to see would be reflected. Mr. Glaiser stated the Ordinance could be left as is or be made more restrictive in regard to raising the freeboard requirements, like Hays County. Mr. Glaiser also stated he recommends adding a section that addresses the policy on stairs and walkways within the floodway, as the City does receive numerous requests for access down to the water.

Discussion was held on potential decreases in flood premiums for residents with a higher freeboard requirement. Mr. Glaiser stated this does make it easier to get into the FEMA Community Rating System (CRS) and there are many activities that a community can do to receive credits. The number of credits determines the amount of the reduction in premiums for citizens. The staff is encouraging people to build at the elevation that the preliminary maps indicate. Discussion continued on the permit process, unintended consequences due to an increase in elevation related to increased height of homes, and zoning issues that may be reviewed during the comprehensive planning process.

Upon completion of discussion, consensus was to bring an Ordinance amendment forward at a future date with the freeboard increase and a section that outlines how stairs and walkways within the floodway are addressed.

Mr. Glaiser stated additional research would be completed regarding the freeboard, and he could bring Eric Van Gaasbeek, from Hays County, to provide additional information. Mr. Glaiser stated he would work on a section that outlines the policy relating to access and this would be reviewed by the Texas Water Development Board prior to council action.

9.3. Discuss and consider possible action regarding Chapter 4, Article 4.10 - Antenna Facilities of the City Code of Ordinances. (Nathan Glaiser, Director of Planning & Public Works)

Nathan Glaiser, Director of Planning & Public Works, provided an update to council regarding a conditional use permit request, by KVVH Radio, for a transmitter tower. This tower would allow them to increase their broadcast throughout the Valley, and they would not have to rely on an internet connection in the event it goes down. Their signal would be transmitted from their station to the water towers at Wayside.

This item will be brought to the Planning and Zoning Commission on January 11th for their recommendation and then to the Council again on January 18th. Our current regulation states that any tower within an overlay district can only be 25 feet in height. The current request is for a 40-foot tower. Mr. Glaiser is seeking guidance from the Council regarding this current regulation and if they would like to see an amendment to our current Ordinance.

Upon completion of discussion, consensus is to bring back an Ordinance that amends the current regulations related to towers that are involved in emergency communications.

9.4. Discuss and consider possible action regarding a Contract for Election Services with the Hays County Elections Administrator to conduct the May 4, 2024 General Election for the City of Wimberley. (Tammy Heller, City Secretary)

Tammy Heller, City Secretary stated this is the contract for election services between the Elections Administrator of Hays County and the City of Wimberley. The City has previously contracted with Hays County for these services. A motion was made by Council Member Minnick, seconded by Council Member Sheffield to approve the election services contract. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

- 9.5.** Discuss and consider possible action regarding a Joint Election Agreement between Hays County and the City of Wimberley. *(Tammy Heller, City Secretary)*

Tammy Heller, City Secretary, stated that the Joint Election Agreement between the City of Wimberley and Hays County is required in addition to the Contract for Election Services. This allows for cost sharing among entities and that formula is included in the agreement. The City has budgeted \$6,500 for the May 2024 General Election. A motion was made by Council Member Sheffield, seconded by Council Member Chiles to approve the Joint Election Agreement. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

10. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

10.1. Announcements

Tim Patek, City Administrator, provided the following information:

1. Texas Department of Emergency Management Funding was received for Winter Storm Mara
2. An Emergency Fair Planning Meeting will take place next week
3. Upcoming American Rescue Plan Compliance Meeting
4. Upcoming Region 7 Meeting
5. Continuing Eclipse Discussion Meetings
6. Upcoming Texas Municipal League (TML) Leadership Academy

10.2. Future Agenda Items

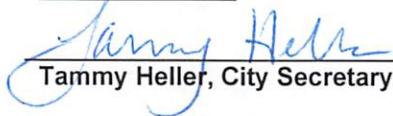
The following items will be placed on a future agenda:

1. Point In Time Count Presentation - Next Meeting
2. Community Excellence Award
3. Update on Sidewalk Project

11. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Cohen, seconded by Council Member Sheffield, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:09 p.m. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

RECORDED BY:


Tammy Heller, City Secretary

APPROVED BY:


Rebecca Minnick, Mayor Pro Tem

