



City of Wimberley

221 Stillwater, Wimberley, Texas 78676

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024 - 6:00 PM

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** February 1, 2024, at 6:00 PM

Mayor Gina Fulkerson called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **CALL OF ROLL**

City Council Present:

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

City Staff Present:

Tim Patek, City Administrator
Tammy Heller, City Secretary
Nathan Glaiser, Director of Planning & Public Works
Charlie Zech, City Attorney

3. **INVOCATION**

A moment of silence was observed this evening.

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

Mayor Fulkerson led the pledges of allegiance.

5. **CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS**

No citizen comments this evening.

6. **PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

- 6.1. Proclamation of the City of Wimberley, Texas proclaiming the month of February 2024 as Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month for teens and young adults. (*Hays-Caldwell Women's Center*)

Mayor Fulkerson read a proclamation recognizing February as "Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month for Teens and Young Adults".

Micaela Aranda, of Hays Caldwell Women's Center, provided information about the programs offered by the Shelter. She stated that presentations are given to teens and young adults on healthy relationships in an

effort to prevent dating violence. She expressed her appreciation to the City Council and to everyone for helping advocate for the center.

- 6.2.** Proclamation of the City of Wimberley, Texas proclaiming the month of February 2024 as Spay/Neuter Awareness Month.

Mayor Fulkerson read a proclamation recognizing the month of February as "Spay/Neuter Awareness Month."

Sharri Boyett, Animal Welfare Advisor for Hays County, expressed her appreciation to the Council for this proclamation. She spoke on the Positive Alternative to Shelter Surrender (P.A.S.S) program and she also promoted Prevent a Litter (PALS), which is a program that spays/neuters animals for those that may need financial assistance.

Marsha Sanderson, Director of PAWS Wimberley, spoke on the Trap Neuter and Return (TNR) Program. This program provides spay/neuter surgery along with vaccinations and flea prevention for community and feral cats in the Wimberley area. She encourages the Council to let the community know they can reach out to her for more information on this program.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 7.1.** Consider approval of Minutes from the January 18, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting. (*City Secretary, Tammy Heller*)

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- 8.1.** Discuss and consider possible action regarding a request to permit temporary structures located at 14210 Ranch Road 12, Wimberley, Texas. (Tim Patek, City Administrator)

Tim Patek, City Administrator, stated this request is for temporary structures to be placed in the parking lot at King Feed, so business can resume as soon as possible. The council expressed their support of this business and how much it means to the community.

Bill Ward, owner of King Feed, spoke about the history of the building and expressed their need for assistance. He thanked the Council and the community for their support.

A motion was made by Council Member Minnick, seconded by Council Member Shell to approve the request for temporary structures located at 14210 Ranch Road 12. The motion carried unanimously (5-0). The City Council stated that Mr. Ward could reach out to the City Administrator for any additional assistance that may be needed.

- 8.2.** Discuss and consider possible action regarding Ordinance No. 2024-04, ordering a General Election to be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and at-large Council members for Place Two and Place Four for the Wimberley City Council; including polling locations, dates, and times for voting on Election Day and for Early Voting by personal appearance; making provisions for conducting the election; and providing an effective date. (*Tammy Heller, City Secretary*)

Tammy Heller, City Secretary, stated the General Election scheduled for May 4, 2024, must be called no later than February 16, 2024. She noted that polling locations have not yet been finalized but will be included with this Ordinance as soon as it is received by the Elections office.

A motion was made by Council Member Minnick, seconded by Council Member Sheffield to approve Ordinance 2024-04, as presented. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

- 8.3.** Discuss and consider possible participation in a Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) Grant application for a City-Wide Drainage Master Plan. *(Tim Patek, City Administrator)*

Tim Patek, provided information on a possible Drainage Master Plan that was presented to staff last week. Mr. Patek introduced Daniel Harris of Scheibe Consulting to provide additional information on the proposal for a city/county plan. He explained the importance of a plan which would assist in identifying drainage problems and ensuring water is treated properly before going into the rivers. Mr. Harris explained the Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) which would provide financial assistance in the form of loans and grants for flood control, flood mitigation, and drainage projects. The Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) is working with the Texas General Land Office (GLO) and the Texas Division of Emergency Management to assist communities in determining which of the available funding sources is the best fit for them. The application is currently open and due by April 15, 2024. Mr. Harris provided a handout to the Council that outlined a detailed cost study of the plan which stated a 50/50 cost share as opposed to the 75/25 that was stated in the packet.

A discussion was held on the impact on staff time, and they were confident a substantial amount of time would not be needed in the process as Scheibe would handle the application process.

Discussion continued on potential matching funds and the implications of the plan. David Baker, expressed his support of the plan and the Watershed and Meadows Center is willing to be of help in this plan and will bring a match to the table if necessary. He stated looking at the large watersheds is important in planning and projects could be identified during the process.

Upon completion of discussion, the City Council is seeking more information. Mr. Patek stated an item will come forward at a future date with additional information, a summary, and proposal of what Scheibe can offer, prior to the application deadline.

- 8.4.** Discuss and consider appointments to the Resilient Communities Program (RCP) Comprehensive Plan Stakeholder Committee and discuss optional chapters to the plan. *(Tim Patek, City Administrator)*

A list of potential members for the Comprehensive Plan Stakeholder was discussed, and the consensus was to bring back and appoint members once they indicated interest in serving.

David Baker spoke briefly on the importance of water and that a collaborative measure is necessary in the planning process. He is happy to participate in the plan and be a resource for council and city staff.

Discussion was held on the optional chapters of the plan and upon completion of discussion, a motion was made by Council Member Cohen, seconded by Council Member Sheffield to include the Water Conservation/Sustainability Study as an optional chapter. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

Any additional chapters, if necessary, will be discussed at a future date.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

9.1. Announcements

Tammy Heller, City Secretary, stated a request for a speed limit reduction on Ranch Road 12 was submitted by TxDOT and an agenda item will come forward at a future meeting.

Tim Patek, City Administrator, provided the following updates:

1. Fish Weir - approved for the next round and additional information to follow
2. FM 3237 Paving and lane closure will occur Sunday, February 4 - Friday, February 9 from 8PM to 5AM each night.

Mayor Fulkerson mentioned a State of the Hill Country Address, regarding Eclipse information, that will be held at the community center in late February and hosted by our Tourism Director and staff.

9.2. Future Agenda Items

No items were added.

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Council Member Cohen, seconded by Council Member Chiles, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:58 p.m. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

RECORDED BY:

Tammy Heller, City Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Gina V. Fulkerson, Mayor

