



# 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 7, 2024 - 6:00 PM

## MINUTES

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

November 7, 2024, at 6:00 PM

Mayor Jim Chiles called the regular meeting of the City Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

### 2. CALL OF ROLL

#### City Council Members Present:

Jim Chiles, Mayor  
Rebecca Minnick, Place 1  
Bo Bowman, Place 2  
Chris Sheffield, Place 3  
Bob Clark, Place 4  
David Cohen, Place 5

#### City Staff Present:

Tim Patek, City Administrator  
Tammy Heller, City Secretary  
Michelle Woods, Tourism Director  
Stan Springer, City Attorney

### 3. INVOCATION

Jim Denham, Chapel in the Hills

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

Mayor Chiles led the pledges of allegiance.

### 5. PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Chiles proclaimed the month of November as "Turkey's Tackling Hunger" month.

Lisa Young, Executive Director of the Hays County Food Bank, provided information on the food bank and expressed her support to the Council.

- 5.1. A proclamation of the City of Wimberley, Texas recognizing November 2024 as "Turkey's Tackling Hunger" Month.

Mayor Chiles read a proclamation recognizing November 2024 as "Turkey's Tackling Hunger" Month. Executive Director, Lisa Young of the Hays County Food Bank, provided information on the services of the food bank and expressed her appreciation to the City Council for their support.

**6. CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS**

*The City Council welcomes comments from citizens at regular meetings. Citizens wishing to speak must sign up prior to the meeting being called to order. We abide by the Texas Open Meetings Act, so council members are allowed only to speak about items posted on the agenda. All other inquiries will be forwarded to staff and may be placed on a future agenda for discussion. Speakers will have one opportunity to speak during the time period, and they must observe the three-minute time limit. After you state your name, staff will start the timer and you have 3 minutes to speak. We will endeavor to ensure that meetings are conducted in a courteous manner, and in an atmosphere free of defamation, intimidation, personal affronts, profanity, or threats of violence.*

Michelle Woods, introduced herself as the new Director of Tourism for the City of Wimberley. She expressed her excitement and is looking forward to working with the city, community and businesses within our town.

Greg McBride, expressed support of food trailers in the cities, and expressed support of FM Pizza, Neon Armadillo and other food trailers within our community. He cited there is research that indicates an interest in food trailers. Mr. McBride spoke about the ALS Association of Texas and stated the first annual *Ride For The Cure* chose Wimberley as their host city. He also expressed his appreciation to the staff and the City Council for their service and hard work.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- 7.1. Consider approval of minutes from the October 17, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting. (*Tammy Heller, City Secretary*)

**8. PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

- 8.1. Receive a recommendation from the Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Committee Chair on the disbursement of HOT funds and consider action on a reimbursement grant Agreement between the City of Wimberley and the Knights of Columbus for their "Raise the Flag at Eagle Rock" Project. (*Tim Patek, City Administrator*)

Tim Patek, City Administrator, introduced Helena Hauk, Chair of the Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Committee to provide a presentation and recommendation on the HOT grant application received. Ms. Hauk stated the application was submitted by the Knights of Columbus for the "Raise the Flag at Eagle Rock" Project for the amount of \$2000.00. The committee unanimously supported this project and recommended council approve funding. This project meets the requirements of hotel occupancy funding, by promoting art, providing historical restoration, and promoting dark skies in the valley.

A motion was made by Council Member Clark seconded by Council Member Bowman, to approve the application request for HOT Funding Reimbursement to the Knights of Columbus, in the amount of \$2000.00 for their "Raise the Flag at Eagle Rock" Project. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

Mr. Mike Schneider, of the Knights of Columbus, expressed his appreciation to the City Council for their approval.

- 8.2. Receive a presentation and consider possible action on the "Hometown Holiday" event. (*Tim Patek, City Administrator*)

Helena Hauk and Michele Woods of the Merchant Alliance provided information on the Hometown Holidays Event, which will include the "Wishes 4 Wimberley" Parade, Tree Lighting & Toy Drive. This event will occur on November 30th at 5:00 p.m. with the parade starting at 6:00 p.m.

The parade map, press release, information about the tree lighting, and the toy drive were provided. Ms. Hawk and Ms. Woods, stated this event will help create a blueprint for future years.

Questions were posed regarding the square closure and loss of parking spaces during this time. One business owner on the square expressed objection to the closure, but no other objections were received. Further discussion was held about the closure of the route and the Merchant Alliance is encouraging businesses to remain open later on the evening of November 30th.

Upon completion of discussion, council expressed support of the Hometown Holidays event.

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

### **9.1. Discuss and consider possible action regarding a request to permit a temporary structure located at 13620 Ranch Road 12, Wimberley, Texas. (*Nathan Glaiser, Director of Planning & Public Works*)**

Tim Patek, City Administrator, provided an update to Council regarding the request to permit a temporary structure permit for a food trailer located at 13620 Ranch Road 12. This permit was previously approved by Council in August and the applicants are requesting a new permit as they are required to be renewed every 90 days.

John Messina, co-owner of the FM Pizza food trailer and applicant, provided sales numbers since they opened three months ago and expressed his appreciation to the community for their support. He is requesting an extension of his temporary food trailer permit.

Steve Klepfer, spoke in opposition to the extension of this permit, and expressed opposition to all food trailers within the downtown overlay historic district. He expressed the following concerns:

1. These businesses are not part of the Franchise Agreement with PEC, so they are not paying for electricity or into the City's Sewer System.
2. Lack of parking in the downtown area
3. This is an investment in the community, and he believes it is unfair because they are receiving services for free. He said it is not the responsibility of the council to fix a bad business plan.

He asked that the ordinances be changed to remove these food trailers from the city center overlay.

Mr. Messina, addressed the parking concern and stated there is ample parking in that area of downtown. There is limited foot traffic in this area. He also addressed the issue of competition, and he believes there is a need to offer more inexpensive food options in the downtown area. Mr. Messina stated that new entrepreneurs do have financial barriers to obtaining a brick and mortar business, and he believes Wimberley is a community that supports entrepreneurs to be in a business that can invest in this town.

Comments were made by the city council regarding regulations and zoning in the downtown area, reviewing the temporary nature of these permits, and reviewing other options moving forward. However, at this time, the only action is to consider approval of a temporary structure. Upon completion of discussion, a motion was made by Council Member Sheffield, seconded by Council Member Bowman, to approve the temporary structure permit for a food trailer located at 13620 Ranch Road 12. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

### **9.2. Discuss and consider possible action on a sign policy at city-owned facilities, including but not limited to polling location signage. (*Tammy Heller, City Secretary*)**

Tammy Heller, City Secretary, presented a policy that outlines sign usage at city-owned facilities. With the recent elections, a question arose regarding political signage (including tents) and when they could be placed at polling locations. The only document on file was a Sign Policy for the Community Center that was never formally adopted by the City Council. This document stated signage could only be placed out at midnight the night before early voting or election day.

The Texas Election Code authorizes a municipality to enact reasonable rules and regulations regarding campaign practices at polling locations during voting periods. Therefore, staff believe it is favorable to change these hours from midnight the night before to 5:00 p.m. the day prior. This policy also identifies when signage must be removed at the conclusion of the election period. This policy is not only for election signage, but any other event signage for users that have approved facility rental agreements with the City.

Lastly, this policy addresses the number of signs that can be placed at polling locations for each candidate or ballot measure. Staff recommends no more than four (4) political signs per candidate or Political Action Committee on a ballot measure. Personal signs held by individuals will not count towards the maximum number allowed.

Upon completion of the presentation, the Council discussed modification to the size of a single sign.

A motion was made by Council Member Minnick, seconded by Council Member Sheffield to approve the sign policy at city-owned facilities, with the amendment to add the maximum size of a single sign to 3 feet by 3 feet. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

## **10. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **10.1. Announcements**

1. Road Maintenance Townhall - Wednesday, November 13th at 6:00PM
2. City Holiday Closures: Monday, November 11th for Veterans Day and Wed-Fri, November 27-29 for Thanksgiving

### **10.2. Future Agenda Items**

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Council Member Cohen, seconded by Council Member Clark to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:27 p.m.

**RECORDED BY:**

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**Tammy Heller, City Secretary**

**APPROVED BY:**

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**Jim Chiles, Mayor**



