



City of Wimberley

221 Stillwater, Wimberley, Texas 78676

ROAD MAINTENANCE COMMUNITY TOWNHALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024 - 6:00 PM

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** November 13, 2024, at 6:00 PM

Mayor Jim Chiles called the Special Townhall Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **CALL OF ROLL**

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

Staff Members Present:

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

3. **PRESENTATION**

- 3.1. Observe and participate in a Townhall meeting related to the Road Maintenance Plan for the City of Wimberley.

Mayor Jim Chiles provided a presentation, including but not limited to road maintenance within the city limits, the city's financials, the history of our city sales tax, the use of restricted and unrestricted income as it relates to road maintenance, and results of the road maintenance surveys.

Mayor Chiles introduced Ryan Bell, of Gilpin Engineering, to discuss how the road condition survey was conducted and the recommended improvements they feel are needed. He also introduced Jorge Delgado, of Hilltop Securities, to discuss potential general bond obligations, the financing scenario of a potential bond, the projected amount, and the annual tax levy for residents, if this bond were to pass an election.

Upon completion of the presentation, Mayor Chiles and the City Council allowed questions from citizens. The following speakers had questions or made comments:

Ken Strange, provided information on the condition of Masonic Lodge Road. He also provided an informational sheet with the estimated number of drivers that utilize this road to visit the Med Spa and the Spoon Mountain Glamping vacation rental. He spoke about the temporary fixes that have occurred over the years, but when it rains, the repairs are completely washed away. He stated this is a highly utilized road that needs attention and asked that the Council look at repairing this road or to do something to provide some relief.

Craig Fore, spoke about the cost of a potential bond, and he inquired about the amount spent on the roads in the last ten years. He expressed opposition to a property tax.

Andrew Weber, inquired about roads located just outside the city limits, as many of these residents use city roads every day.

Cliff Strickland, asked if this meeting addresses anything in the transportation plan regarding new thoroughfares that were proposed within that plan. The mayor stated the thoroughfares in the Transportation Plan are within the county's jurisdiction. This specifically addresses city road improvements and maintenance.

Michael Trentel, inquired about the possibility of increasing the city's sales tax, the credit rating for the City and how bond disbursements would be made. Mayor Chiles stated the sales tax is unable to be raised. Mr. Delgado stated the City does not have a credit rating, as they have never gone out for a road bond previously, and he also explained how funds would be disbursed in tranches.

Sharon Carter, spoke about the repairs needed on Mesa Drive. She expressed her appreciation to our Public Works Manager for his work on filling potholes, but she would like to see a crew come complete repairs.

Tom Buse, asked if there is anything else that can be done so those that live just beyond the city limits can assist with paying for roads. He wants to alleviate the financial burden this will create for the small portion of residents that will pay for the entirety of this project. He also expressed support of improvements to the square as they provide a lot of income for the City. He also expressed his appreciation to the City Council for their work.

Sean Dobbs, inquired about mitigating how much is going to be spent on maintenance of roads the next time they require repairs.

Teresa Pick, District Director for State Representative Carrie Isaac, spoke on her behalf. She expressed concern about increased taxes and fears these increases will tax people out of their homes.

Rob Norcross, resident of Mesa Drive, inquired about the cost to repay the bond and length of the term. He inquired about growth in the community, increased traffic, and the need for maintenance after the roads are repaired.

Gerald Benard, representing Wimberley Christian Church, inquired about the sidewalk on Ranch Road 12 and asked if this project is competing for road funds. The mayor stated this project is funded by a grant through TxDOT. There will be additional information at public meetings in the upcoming year.

Alan Basinger, spoke about an open record request he submitted earlier this year pertaining to the last 12 years of road maintenance, road maintenance schedules, vendors used for road maintenance and how much money was collected and appointed to road maintenance over the last 12 years.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Upon completion of questions and comments from participants and City Council, Mayor Jim Chiles adjourned the Townhall Meeting at 7:43 p.m.

RECORDED BY:

Tammy Heller, City Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Jim Chiles, Mayor

