



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 5, 2026 - 6:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jim Chiles called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM on Thursday, February 5, 2026.

2. CALL OF ROLL

City Secretary Tammy Heller called the roll. Present were: Mayor Jim Chiles, Place 1 Rebecca Minnick, Place 2 Bo Bowman, Place 3 Chris Sheffield, Place 4 Bob Clark, and Place 5 David Cohen. A quorum was present.

3. INVOCATION

Scott Tidwell from Fellowship of the Crossroads led the invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/SALUTE TO THE TEXAS FLAG

The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas flag were recited.

5. PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

5.1 Proclamation of the City of Wimberley, Texas proclaiming the month of February 2026 as Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month for teens and young adults.

Mayor Chiles read the proclamation recognizing February 2026 as Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month, highlighting that one in three adolescents experience dating violence, and acknowledging the Hays-Caldwell Women's Center's work, including 102 prevention presentations reaching over 2,500 teens and young adults last year.

Nicole Preston and Andrea Chance from the Hays-Caldwell Women's Center (HCWC) were present and provided information about their services, including their 24-hour shelter and hotline, advocacy services for legal assistance, and specialized services for children who have witnessed violence.

5.2 Proclamation of the City of Wimberley, Texas proclaiming February 2026 as "Black History Month."

Mayor Chiles read the proclamation recognizing February 2026 as Black History Month, acknowledging the historical significance of the month and the contributions of African Americans to the community, state, nation, and world.

6. CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

Marcia Sanderson spoke about the 25th anniversary celebration of the Wimberley Village Thrift Store on March 28th. She noted that the thrift store provides significant funding to five local organizations: Keep Wimberley Beautiful, the Wimberley Players, Emily Ann Theater, Habitat for Humanity, and the Paws Animal Shelter. She mentioned that the store has 80 volunteers and only one paid employee, and she invited the mayor and mayor pro tem to participate in the ribbon-cutting ceremony with the Chamber of Commerce.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 Consider approval of Minutes from the January 15, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting.

Council Member Sheffield moved to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Bowman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND POSSIBLE ACTION

8.1 Hold a Public Hearing and consider approval of the City of Wimberley's application for the 2025–2026 Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG), administered and funded by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Tim Patek, City Administrator, introduced Jessica Acosta from Grant Works, who presented information about the Texas Community Development Block Grant. She explained that the grant would be for \$750,000 with a street reconstruction priority, requiring a 5% city match of \$37,500. The project area would be determined after an engineer is hired.

Acosta noted that Wimberley is second in line for funding within the Capital Area Council of Governments region, and funding seems likely, though official invites from the Texas Department of Agriculture haven't been issued yet. She mentioned that the city has already started the RFQ process for engineering services with a deadline of February 13th.

Mayor Chiles opened the public hearing at 6:22 PM. There were no public comments, and the hearing was closed at 6:23 PM.

Council Members discussed whether drainage work could be included with the street reconstruction. Acosta indicated she would double-check this point, but emphasized that complete street reconstruction would be required, not just an overlay.

Mayor Pro Tem Minnick moved to approve the City of Wimberley's application for the 2025-2026 Texas Community Development Block Grant administered and funded by the Department of Agriculture as presented. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

9.1 Receive a presentation from the Director of Tourism, following a recommendation from the Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Advisory Committee, on the disbursement of HOT funds and consider action on a reimbursement grant agreement between the City of Wimberley and Jen Ober with Vacation Wimberley.

Michelle Woods, Director of Tourism, presented the Hotel Occupancy Tax Advisory Committee's recommendation regarding the reimbursement grant request from Jen Ober with Vacation Wimberley. Woods explained that while the application was well-prepared, the committee recommended not funding the reimbursement grant, citing concerns about allocating a significant portion of their \$60,000 annual discretionary budget to a single entity, particularly with 125 different lodging establishments in the city and ETJ.

Jen Ober, the applicant, acknowledged the committee's decision but suggested that the city should establish clearer criteria and guidelines for applications, including information about the total available funds and reasonable request amounts. She proposed that the city might consider larger financial requests that would make applicants ineligible for a few years afterward.

Council discussed potential approaches to support marketing efforts, including potential matching grant programs or collaborative models that could serve multiple lodging establishments. Woods mentioned she was working on a new packet with clearer guidelines and scoring criteria for future applicants.

No formal action was taken on this item, but there was general agreement that a guidance document and policy regarding marketing funding requests would be beneficial.

9.2 Discuss and consider possible action on Resolution No. 02-2026, adopting a Mural Policy for Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Grant requests, processing, and approval of applications, making legislative findings; providing for findings; providing for enforcement; providing an effective date; and providing for severability.

Nathan Glaiser, Assistant City Administrator/Director of Development Services, presented the proposed mural policy which would establish guidelines for HOT funds used for murals. The policy addresses eligibility criteria, evaluation standards, application procedures, construction standards, funding disbursement, and maintenance requirements.

Council discussed several aspects of the policy, including the need for complete submissions with finished designs, concerns about mural ownership, and the importance of requiring a minimum duration for displaying funded murals. While some Council Members questioned whether the city would own murals it funds, others emphasized that the duration requirement was more important than establishing ownership.

The policy includes provisions requiring proper maintenance and restoration of surfaces if murals are voluntarily removed, as well as a clawback provision for failure to complete projects as approved.

Council Member Sheffield moved to approve Resolution 02-2026 adopting a mural policy for hotel occupancy tax grant request with a 5-year maintenance duration as discussed. Council Member Bowman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

9.3 Discuss and consider possible action regarding a Temporary Structure Application to place a food trailer at 110 Old Kyle Road Wimberley, TX.

Nathan Glaiser presented a temporary structure application to place a food trailer with a 10x10 canopy at 110 Old Kyle Road. He noted that Council had previously approved this permit for 90 days, but it had expired.

There was significant discussion about the number of food trailers that had been approved for this property, with concerns that it was becoming a food trailer park without proper regulations. Glaiser mentioned that new state legislation taking effect July 1, 2026, would significantly change how cities can regulate food trucks, though zoning authority would remain.

Council expressed concerns about the lack of clear limits on the number of food trailers allowed on a single property and wanted to develop a better policy before approving additional permits.

Mayor Pro Tem Minnick moved to postpone discussion on the renewal of this temporary structure application so that the Council could get a better grip on the number of food trailers and develop a better policy on food trailers downtown. Council Member Cohen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

9.4 Discuss and consider possible action regarding the City of Wimberley Investment Policy.

Tim Patek explained that this was a routine annual update of the city's investment policy with no changes other than updating the date. He confirmed he had completed the required Public Funds Investment training along with Assistant City Administrator, Nathan Glaiser.

Council Member Bowman moved to accept the investment policy as presented. Council Member Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

9.5 Discuss and consider possible action regarding Ordinance No. 2026-01, ordering a General Election to be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026, 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.

City Secretary Tammy Heller presented Ordinance No. 2026-01, ordering the city's general election for May 2, 2026. She noted the filing period had begun and would end on February 13, 2026, at 5:00p.m. Polling locations would be attached to the ordinance once received from Hays County.

Council Member Sheffield moved to approve Ordinance 2026-01 ordering a general election to be held on May 2, 2026, as presented. Council Member Bowman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

10. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

10.1 Announcements

Council Member Bowman announced he would be absent from the next council meeting on February 19th. Mayor Pro Tem Minnick reported attending a Mental Health Coordinating Committee meeting where she brought up the topic of community paramedics, noting that proposed funding on a per capita basis would benefit Wimberley, though larger cities were unhappy with that arrangement.

Tim Patek announced that the emergency preparedness event at the VFW would be held on Saturday, March 28th. He also announced the spring cleanup with TDS would be Saturday, April 11th from 8:00a.m. until noon, with shredding services and metal collection available.

Council Member Cohen reported that his tenure on the Health Advisory Board might be short-lived due to scheduling conflicts, as the director had scheduled meetings for times Mr. Cohen had indicated he was unavailable.

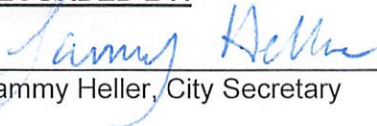
10.2 Future Agenda Items

City Secretary Tammy Heller mentioned they would be addressing the temporary structures ordinance considering the upcoming state legislation at a future meeting.

11. ADJOURNMENT

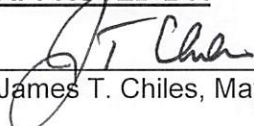
A motion was made by Council Member Cohen to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Minnick seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

RECORDED BY:



Tammy Heller, City Secretary

APPROVED BY:



James T. Chiles, Mayor

