



City of Wimberley

221 Stillwater, Wimberley, Texas 78676

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WIMBERLEY CITY HALL – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
221 STILLWATER, WIMBERLEY, TEXAS 78676
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026 - 6:00 PM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jim Chiles called the regular city council meeting to order on Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 6:00 PM.

2. CALL OF ROLL

City Secretary Tammy Heller called roll with the following members present: Mayor Jim Chiles, Place 1 Rebecca Minnick, Place 2 Bo Bowman, Place 3 Chris Sheffield, and Place 4 Bob Clark. Council Member Place 5, David Cohen was absent. A quorum was established.

3. INVOCATION

Susan Rang, of Wimberley United Methodist Church provided the invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/SALUTE TO THE TEXAS FLAG

The council recited the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags.

Note: Item 9.2 was discussed and considered after pledges and prior to proclamations.

5. PROCLAMATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

5.1. Proclamation of the City of Wimberley, Texas recognizing the Daughters of the American Revolution and the dedication of an America 250 Patriot Marker

Mayor Chiles read the proclamation recognizing the Daughters of the American Revolution and their dedication of an American 250 DAR Patriots marker at Emily Ann Veterans Memorial Plaza on April 25, 2026, to commemorate the service and sacrifice of revolutionary war patriots. Representatives, Cherie Dawson and Laura Worsham, from the Jacobs Well Chapter DAR were present to receive the proclamation.

5.2. Proclamation of the City of Wimberley, Texas recognizing April 13-20 as "Wimberley Valley Night Sky Awareness Week"

Mayor Chiles read the proclamation recognizing International Dark Sky Week and acknowledging Wimberley Valley's designation as an international dark sky community in 2018 and 2023 international night sky place of the year. Louis Parks, Vice Chair of the

Wimberley Valley Dark Sky committee, spoke about their continued work and thanked the city council for their ongoing support. He mentioned their collaboration with the Parks Department for star parties and invited council members to attend future events.

5.3. Proclamation of the City of Wimberley, Texas recognizing April as "Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month"

Mayor Chiles read the proclamation recognizing Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month, highlighting statistics showing that 6.3 million Texans have experienced sexual assault and that the Hays Caldwell Women's Center provided services to 471 adult victims in the past year.

5.4. Proclamation of the City of Wimberley, Texas recognizing April as "Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month"

Mayor Chiles read the proclamation recognizing Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month, noting that over 51,985 cases of child abuse were confirmed in Texas in 2025, with 388 children confirmed as victims in Hays County.

Nicole Preston, Program Director for Counseling at HCWC, spoke about both proclamations, providing specific statistics for their center's services. In 2024, they served 529 children for child abuse and 671 people for sexual assault, with 11 children and 13 people from Wimberley specifically. She noted that numbers decreased in 2025, indicating that prevention efforts are working. Preston also promoted upcoming awareness events including Blue Sunday on April 26 and Denim Day on April 29, encouraging community participation and social media engagement.

6. CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS

No citizens signed up to speak during the public comment period.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 Consider approval of minutes from the March 19, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting.

7.2 Approval of the February 2026 Revenue and Expenditure Report for the City of Wimberley.

Motion: Council Member Clark moved to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Sheffield seconded. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

8. PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

8.1. Presentation and possible action regarding the City of Wimberley, annual Financial and Compliance Report for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2025, completed by Nefendorf & Blocker, P.C

City Administrator Tim Patek explained that the audit presentation was postponed and will be presented at the next meeting.

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

9.1. Receive a presentation from the Director of Tourism, following a recommendation from the Hotel Occupancy Tax Advisory Committee (HOTAC), on the disbursement of HOT funds and consider action on a reimbursement grant agreement between the City of Wimberley and the Chamber of Commerce Venue Crawl event

Michele Woods, Tourism Director, presented a Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) grant request from the Wimberley Chamber for their Venue Crawl event. The Chamber requested \$13,400 for professional advertising and marketing for their third annual event. Woods explained that over the past two years, the event directly resulted in 12 weddings being booked, with the broader impact being that each wedding brings approximately 150 people to Wimberley.

The Venue Crawl is described as one of the largest events of its kind in Texas, featuring 10-12 venues over a weekend. The venues open their doors to wedding planners and couples, allowing them to see multiple options efficiently. The organizers have reached capacity for what they can accomplish with volunteer efforts alone and need professional marketing assistance to grow the event further.

Helena Hauk, the HOTAC chair, provided detailed statistics supporting the request. She noted this was the first presentation with actual data showing historical production of hotel occupancy tax revenue. The event generated approximately 65 attendees the first year and 125 the second year. Using an average nightly rate of \$210 and assuming 70% of lodging requires a two-night minimum stay, they calculated significant HOT revenue generation both from the event itself and the subsequent weddings booked.

The 12 weddings booked over two years had a combined guest count of 1,200 attendees. Assuming 95% of wedding guests are from out of town and stay overnight, the projected HOT revenue from these weddings was calculated at approximately \$28,000.

Cherri Maley, venue manager at Messina Inn and organizer of the event, explained the concept was to make Wimberley known as a wedding destination similar to Dripping Springs. The event helps couples see multiple venues in one weekend rather than making multiple trips. She mentioned that while Messina Inn is outside city jurisdiction, she advocates for HOT tax participation and has been working with Woods about opting in.

Council members discussed concerns about venues that have dis-annexed from the city not being able to participate, viewing this as a benefit of paying HOT taxes. They emphasized that only HOT tax-paying establishments would be promoted in any funded marketing efforts.

Woods noted that HOTAC had two meetings to thoroughly review this request and found it represented a much larger opportunity compared to smaller one-time events they typically fund. The tourism budget has awarded \$15,000 to date this fiscal year out of a \$60,000 budget, so this request would still leave approximately \$10,000 available for other grants.

Motion: Council Member Sheffield moved that the city enters into a grant agreement with the chamber for the disbursement of HOT funds for the venue crawl event as presented. Council Member Minnick seconded. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

9.2. Discuss and consider future action on Article 4.04 "Temporary Structures" of the City of Wimberley Code of Ordinances in order to comply with House Bill 2844 and Chapter 437b of the Texas Health and Safety Code

Nathan Glaiser, ACA/Director of Development Services, explained that new state law prevents the city from enforcing temporary structure permits for food trucks the same way they have been doing. Previously, permit applications came to city council for individual approval, but one-off permitting of food trucks is no longer allowed.

Glaiser presented a draft ordinance based on regulations from the City of Lockhart, tailored for Wimberley. The ordinance focuses on mobile food vendors that stay at a location for more than four days. Key provisions include:

- Registration requirement (not a permit, no fees) to verify Department of State Health Services licensing
- Street legal vehicle requirements
- Setback requirements: 5 feet from property lines, 50 feet from residential buildings, 10 feet between vendors and buildings
- Restriction to commercial districts where food establishments are allowed
- Parking requirements (2 off-street spaces, except in city center)
- Surface stability requirements
- No drive-up service
- Mobile requirements (tires and axles must remain)
- Sign regulations (maximum 20% of vehicle surface)
- Utility connection requirements with safety provisions
- Prohibition on connecting to city sewer system due to grease disposal concerns
- Trash receptacle and restroom requirements

Council members discussed density limitations and zoning enforcement. The City Attorney clarified that cities retain regulatory authority over placement locations under the new legislation. Glaiser suggested creating a "food court" conditional use permit for multiple vendors on one property.

The new law takes effect July 1, so the city needs an ordinance by then. Currently permitted food trucks would be grandfathered until their permits expire. Council members expressed satisfaction with the proposed approach, and Glaiser indicated he would return with a formal ordinance, likely in June.

9.3. Discuss and consider possible action regarding the City of Wimberley's Quarterly Investment Report for the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2026

Tim Patek, City Administrator, presented the quarterly investment report, highlighting that the city was able to put an additional \$125,000 into the TexPool investment, which offers higher interest rates. The portfolio is now diversified with 69% in other funds, 20% in TexPool, and 12% in CDs. TexPool currently offers around 3.5% interest, while Texas Regional Bank offers 3%. If TexPool drops below 3%, funds would be moved to Texas Regional Bank.

Motion: Council Member Minnick moved to approve the quarterly investment report for the second quarter of fiscal year as presented. Council Member Bowman seconded. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

9.4. Discuss and consider possible action regarding an amendment to the Water Volume Reporting and Termination Agreement with the Wimberley Water Supply Corporation

Patek explained that Wimberley Water Supply Corporation requested fee increases in their agreement with the city. The following increases are proposed:

- \$600 to \$750 increase for the annual compensation fee
- \$15 to \$25 trip fee increase for disconnection and restoration of service during normal working hours increase
- \$35 to \$50 trip fee increase for disconnection and restoration services after-hours, on weekends or holidays.

Staff believe these increases are reasonable given their good working relationship with the water corporation. The agreement expires in August 2027, so a new agreement will need to be negotiated next year.

Motion: Council Member Clark moved to approve the amendment to the water volume reporting and termination agreement with Wimberley Water Supply Corporation as presented. Council Member Bowman seconded. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

9.5. Discuss and consider possible action to authorize enforcement litigation pursuant to Chapter 54 of the Texas Local Government Code including issuance of statutory notices, initiation of litigation, and pursuit of all remedies available by law

Patek requested authorization to proceed with enforcement litigation for a property on Jewel Street where no progress has been made despite attempts to work with the property owner. He noted that another property on Leveritts Loop is working with the city and going through the proper process, but the Jewel Street property is not cooperating.

Motion: Council Member Bowman moved to approve the enforcement action pursuant to Chapter 54 of the Texas Local Government Code as presented. Council Member Clark seconded. The motion passed unanimously (4-0).

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

10.1 Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 551.072 (Real Property), City Council will meet to deliberate on the value of real property and potential acquisition of land related to future parking needs.

The council entered executive session at 7:00 PM pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072 (Real Property) to deliberate on the value of real property and potential acquisition of land related to future parking needs.

11. OPEN SESSION

11.1. Discussion and possible action resulting from Executive Session.

No action was taken resulting from executive session.

12. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

12.1. Announcements

Tammy Heller, City Secretary, announced the time capsule installation and ceremony is scheduled for next Thursday at 5:00 PM at Oak Park, in conjunction with the Chamber mixer. The time capsule was installed earlier that day. She noted this coincides with a water event at the community center, so attendees might want to participate in both events.

The next regular council meeting is scheduled for May 7, which will include the audit presentation. The oath and swearing-in ceremony for newly elected council members will be May 11 at 5:30 PM.

12.2. Future Agenda Items

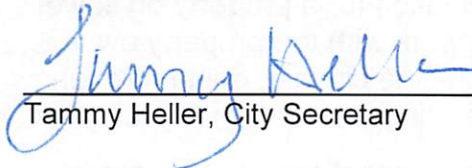
Future agenda items are being worked on by staff.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Council Member Clark moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mayor Chiles.

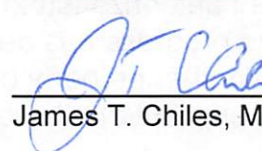
The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 PM.

RECORDED BY:



Tammy Heller, City Secretary

APPROVED BY:



James T. Chiles, Mayor

