



# City of Wimberley

221 Stillwater, Wimberley, Texas 78676

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

## **MINUTES**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Pro Tem Rebecca Minnick called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

### **2. CALL OF ROLL**

City Secretary Tammy Heller called the roll.

**Present:** Mayor Pro Tem Rebecca Minnick, Place 2 Anne Ulfelder, Place 3 Chris Sheffield, Place 4 Sam Werner **Absent:** Mayor Jim Chiles and Place 5 David Cohen.

A quorum was present.

### **3. INVOCATION**

Mayor Pro Tem Minnick invited those in attendance to observe a moment of silence.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance and the Salute to the Texas Flag were recited.

### **5. CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS**

No citizens signed up to speak. Mayor Pro Tem Minnick confirmed there were no citizen comments for the evening.

### **6. CONSENT AGENDA**

**6.1.** Consider approval of minutes from the July 16, 2026 City Council Regular City Council Meeting.

**6.2.** Consider the appointment of Courtney Mecklenburg to the Ethics Review Commission, appointed by Place Two Council Member Anne Ulfelder.

*Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Council Member Sheffield and seconded by Council Member Ulfelder. The motion carried unanimously (4-0).*

## **7. PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

### **7.1. Receive an update from a representative of Wimberley Independent School District regarding anticipated traffic impacts associated with the start of the 2026–2027 school year, including traffic in the area of Carney Lane related to construction at Danforth Junior High School and Wimberley High School.**

Tim Patek, City Administrator, introduced Christi Moeller, Safety Director for Wimberley ISD, and Ryan Rosborough, Project Manager for the construction project, who presented updated traffic patterns for the coming school year.

Ms. Moeller provided an update on traffic changes related to ongoing bond-funded construction at Danforth Junior High. The previous vehicle access from Carney Lane has been eliminated, and student drop-off and pick-up traffic will be redirected through Texan Boulevard. Bus traffic will continue to use Carney Lane. The private road behind the scoreboard will be restricted to school and construction traffic.

Traffic patterns at Wimberley High School will remain generally unchanged; however, vehicles leaving the high school should not use Carney Lane toward Danforth, as that route is reserved for buses.

Drop-off is expected between approximately 7:15 and 8:00 a.m., with afternoon pick-up from approximately 3:00 to 3:45 p.m. Increased congestion is anticipated during the first several weeks of school as drivers adjust to the changes. The traffic configuration is expected to remain in place during construction, potentially for more than one year.

The construction-related changes are primarily associated with the new performing arts building. Upon completion, Danforth access and parking are expected to be restored, with additional parking spaces provided.

Ms. Moeller also discussed improved, dedicated pedestrian pathways developed with the school district and local public safety agencies to improve student safety. Updated information and videos are available through Wimberley ISD's website at [\\*\\*www.wimberleyisd.net\\*\\*](http://www.wimberleyisd.net), under the bond projects and community sections. The City also indicated it would share those resources on its own website and community channels.

### **7.2. Receive a presentation and provide direction regarding the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation to amend the zoning classification of certain properties along River Road from Rural Residential (R-3) to Commercial Low-Impact (C-1), in advance of a future public hearing and Council consideration.**

Nathan Glaiser, Assistant City Administrator and Director of Development Services, presented the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation to rezone three small properties at the corner of River Road and Lange Road from Rural Residential (R-3) to Commercial Low-Impact (C-1). The item was prompted by a prior short-term rental

application for a four-unit structure on one of the middle lots, which spurred the Commission to examine whether the zoning of those parcels was appropriate given their location adjacent to established commercial uses.

Mr. Glaiser noted that all three lots are under 0.25 acres, that two currently contain residences, and that the middle lot is slated to become a four-unit short-term rental pursuant to an existing conditional use permit. The properties sit at the boundary of Planning Area 3 in the Comprehensive Plan, which designates the area primarily for commercial services, supporting the proposed change. Staff identified no objections to the reclassification.

Council discussion acknowledged practical constraints on development under C-1, specifically the lack of a sewer connection and limited lot sizes, which would restrict the range of commercial uses achievable on these parcels. Council Member Ulfelder, who had previously served as Chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission when the item was discussed, noted that the Commission had considered impacts on existing property owners and concluded the rezoning was unlikely to negatively affect property values — and might in fact benefit them. The consensus was that reclassifying these lots to C-1 would bring them into conformity with the rest of the street's commercial corridor and better signal to prospective buyers what uses are permissible, provided any sale discloses the septic and parking constraints.

The Council also briefly discussed the longer-term possibility of extending a sewer line along that corridor, given water quality and stormwater considerations, though no action on that front is anticipated in the near term. Mr. Glaiser confirmed this action is separate from any forthcoming comprehensive zoning update associated with the comprehensive master planning process.

The Council directed staff to proceed with the required public notification and to bring the formal rezoning ordinance back for a public hearing and Council consideration in September.

*No formal vote was taken on this item; direction to proceed was given by consensus.*

## **8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

### **8.1. Discuss and consider possible action on a request for Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) grant reimbursement funding for Wimberley Village Library "Open your Imagination" Mural Project in an amount not to exceed \$6,420.**

Michele Woods, Tourism Director, presented a HOT grant application from the Wimberley Village Library for a large-scale mural to be painted on the library's rainwater collection tank, visible from FM 2325. The mural, designed by artist Drew Audas, is intended to celebrate Wimberley's history, culture, and natural surroundings and would serve as a permanent public art installation.

Ms. Woods explained that the Hotel Occupancy Tax Advisory Committee (HOTAC) reviewed the application and voted to recommend full funding at \$6,420, concluding the project supports Wimberley's identity as an arts destination and adds a year-round cultural asset for visitors. She also noted that the Tourism Office and Wimberley Arts are collaborating on the

concept of a mural trail guide, similar to the existing boot trail, which would consolidate public art installations into a mapped, visitor-friendly attraction.

A question was posed regarding public art and the "heads in beds" standard for HOT expenditures. Mayor Pro Tem Minnick and Council Member Sheffield affirmed that permanent public art is a recognized eligible use under state HOT law and that developing a cohesive arts identity contributes to overnight visitation over time. Council Member Werner encouraged the artist to ensure the final rendering reflects the full diversity of the Wimberley community. Don Minnick, representing Wimberley Arts, confirmed that artist Drew Audas had proposed tailoring the specific book imagery on the mural to reflect local themes, and that the concept rendering is not the final product. He also noted that Audas works exceptionally quickly, estimating completion within a week to ten days.

*Motion to approve the request for Hotel Occupancy Tax grant reimbursement funding for the Wimberley Village Library "Open Your Imagination" Mural Project in an amount not to exceed \$6,420, as presented, was made by Council Member Sheffield and seconded by Council Member Werner. The motion carried unanimously (4-0).*

**8.2. Discuss and consider possible action on a request for Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) grant reimbursement funding for the Wimberley Film Festival in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.**

Michele Woods, Tourism Director, presented a HOT grant request from the Wimberley Film Festival for its third annual event, scheduled for November 7, 2026, at Blue Hole Regional Park. The festival combines short film screenings, live music, food, and environmental themes centered on the Texas Hill Country. Last year's event drew approximately 600 attendees, which is near the comfortable capacity of the swim lawn venue.

Ms. Woods noted that the event organizers were not present at the meeting. The requested amount had been reduced from an initial \$7,000 request to \$3,000 following HOTAC discussion. The festival received \$5,000 in HOT funding the prior year but did not provide any lodging data or verified metrics in return. HOTAC expressed that while it sees significant long-term promise in the festival, particularly if it expands to a multi-day format with a Friday night event to encourage overnight stays, the current lack of data and the venue's capacity constraints gave the committee pause. HOTAC voted to recommend a reduced award of \$1,500, viewing it as an investment in the festival's future while communicating the expectation of improved data collection and lodging impact going forward. Ms. Woods indicated that the City has connected the organizers with lodging partners for promotional codes and encouraged ZIP code tracking through ticket sales to begin building that dataset.

Council discussion supported the reduced funding amount and echoed the suggestion that expanding to a two-day format and potentially utilizing additional venues in town could help grow the event's lodging impact.

*Motion to approve the HOT grant reimbursement funding for the Wimberley Film Festival in the amount of \$1,500, as recommended by the HOTAC committee, was made by Mayor Pro Tem Minnick and seconded by Council Member Sheffield. The motion carried unanimously (4-0).*

**8.3. Discuss and consider possible action on a request for Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) grant reimbursement funding for the Jacob's Well Classic Cycling Event in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.**

Michele Woods, Tourism Director, presented a HOT grant request from Camp of Lamps on behalf of the Jacob's Well Classic cycling event, scheduled for August 15–16, 2026. Event organizer David Comer was present to address questions. The event is expanding from one day to two days of racing this year, with a welcome dinner at the Leaning Pear on Friday evening, competitive road racing on Saturday on a course beginning at the VFW on Jacobs Well Road, and a hill climb time trial on Fulton Ranch Road on Sunday. Post-race swimming at Cypress Falls is also planned. The event expects approximately 100–200 attendees per day and projects approximately 40 room nights, with confirmed hotel bookings already underway. The requested \$1,000, a modest portion of the roughly \$19,000 event budget, would fund graphic design, digital advertising, posters, police and traffic security for the second day of racing, and a small amount for event staff meals.

Mr. Comer noted that Wimberley offers the second-hardest competitive cycling course currently active in Texas and that the terrain naturally attracts cyclists from Austin, Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio. He expressed that the event has potential to establish Wimberley as a year-round cycling destination, with cyclists likely to return for training camp weekends in the off-season. HOTAC voted to recommend funding the full requested amount of \$1,000 and strongly encouraged Mr. Comer to continue organizing events in Wimberley. Discussion also touched on the potential for a separate winter event in January or February, which Mr. Comer indicated he was exploring.

*Motion to approve HOT grant reimbursement funding for the Jacob's Well Classic Cycling Event in an amount not to exceed \$1,000, as recommended by the HOTAC committee, was made by Council Member Ulfelder and seconded by Council Member Werner. The motion carried unanimously (4-0).*

**8.4. Discuss and consider approval of an Interlocal Agreement between Hays County, City of Wimberley, City of Woodcreek, Wimberley Water Supply Corporation, the Watershed Association, and Texas State University regarding cooperation on Water Supply and Water Resource Preservation and Development in the Wimberley Valley.**

Tim Patek, City Administrator, presented the interlocal agreement, explaining that its primary purpose is to formally unite the listed entities as a cohesive group in order to access grant funding opportunities for water supply and resource preservation in the Wimberley Valley. Mayor Pro Tem Minnick noted that a recent State Water Fund allocation of approximately \$1.5 billion represented one such funding opportunity. Mr. Patek confirmed that a grant application connected to that fund had recently been submitted, and that this agreement positions the City and its partners to pursue additional grant opportunities beyond the City's own limits and ETJ.

*Motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement, as presented, was made by Council Member Ulfelder and seconded by Council Member Sheffield. The motion carried unanimously (4-0).*

### **8.5. Discuss, consider and select a bidder for the City of Wimberley 2026 Roadway Maintenance Project (MAINT-2026-002)**

Tim Patek, City Administrator, introduced Ryan Bell of Gilpin Engineering, who presented the results of the Phase 2 bid process for the 2026 Roadway Maintenance Project. Phase 2 covers mill and overlay work on Riverbend Drive and Blanco Drive. Four bids were received, and Brook Paving, the same low bidder from Phase 1, which covered Climbing Way and Valley Drive, again submitted the lowest bid at \$239,414.50. Mr. Bell noted that the favorable bid pricing from Phase 1 had held, and that staff recommends awarding the bid to Brook Paving. He indicated that if awarded, contracts could be executed by mid-month with a notice to proceed issued immediately thereafter, targeting project completion by the end of August or early September 2026. Council members expressed enthusiasm for the competitive pricing and commended staff for moving quickly to capture the favorable market conditions. Mayor Pro Tem Minnick noted the importance of communicating the construction schedule to nearby residents.

*Motion to select Brook Paving as the bidder for the City of Wimberley 2026 Roadway Maintenance Project (MAINT-2026-002) in the amount of \$239,414.50, as presented, was made by Mayor Pro Tem Minnick and seconded by Council Member Ulfelder. The motion carried unanimously (4-0).*

### **8.6. Discuss and consider approval of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement by and between Hays County, Texas and the City of Wimberley, Texas regarding funding and cooperative efforts for the Blue Hole Nature Center.**

Tim Patek, City Administrator, presented the interlocal cooperation agreement with Hays County for the Blue Hole Nature Center. He explained that this agreement is necessary for the City to access the remaining \$2.75 million in county bond funding previously approved by voters in 2020, out of a total \$3 million county Parks and Open Space bond allocation. The County has already disbursed \$250,000, which has been applied toward architectural work. Once the agreement is executed and approved by the Commissioner's Court, the City may submit invoices for reimbursement on architectural and pre-construction costs as they are incurred. The construction bid package is expected to go out in the following year in conjunction with a separate \$1.5 million Texas Parks and Wildlife grant application, with an additional \$750,000 previously awarded through an earlier TPWD grant process.

*Motion to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Hays County, Texas and the City of Wimberley, Texas regarding funding and cooperative efforts for the Blue Hole Nature Center, as presented, was made by Council Member Werner and seconded by Council Member Ulfelder. The motion carried unanimously (4-0).*

## 9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

### 9.1. Announcements

City Secretary Heller announced the following upcoming events:

- **State of the City Address** — Wednesday, August 19, 2026, 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM, at the Wimberley Community Center. The Mayor will deliver the State of the City presentation.
- **Next Regular City Council Meeting** — Wednesday, August 20, 2026, at 6:00 PM.
- **Hog Wild Conference** — Friday, August 7, 2026. This conference, hosted by the City's legal counsel, provides education on legislative updates and best practices for city staff and officials. Mayor Pro Tem Minnick noted the event also serves as a valuable networking opportunity among Texas municipalities and that presentation materials are typically posted on the host firm's website.

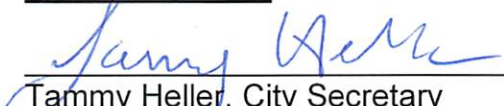
### 9.2. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were requested.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

*Motion to adjourn at 7:14 p.m. was made by Council Member Sheffield and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Minnick. The motion carried unanimously (4-0).*

### RECORDED BY:

  
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Tammy Heller, City Secretary

### APPROVED BY:

  
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James T. Chiles, Mayor

