

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
VILLAGE OF BEAR CREEK COMMISSIONERS  
And  
PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING  
VOBC BUDGET 10/1/2015 - 9/30/2016  
August 17, 2015**

**1) Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order 7:05 pm.

**2) Roll Call**

Mayor Upham and Commissioner Bohm are present. Commissioner Brushwood is absent.

**3) Citizens Comments will be taken from the audience on Non-Agenda related topics. No action may be taken by the City during Citizens Comments.**

Mayor Upham shared the BCOPOA sign at the south entrance (Bear Creek Dr) has been vandalized. Someone wrote in the word "NOT" in front of the word enforced. Implying BCOPOA doesn't enforce the deed restrictions.

**4) Approval of Minutes from June 15, 2015 Commissioners Meeting.**

Commissioner Bohm makes a motion to approve the June 15, 2015 minutes with one correction on page 2 # 8.B. Change the sentence to read Mayor Upham 'called' a special meeting to be held ...” Mayor Upham seconds. Motion approved is approved unanimously.

**5) Approval of Minutes from July 13, 2015 Commissioner Meeting.**

July 13, 2015 meeting minutes are complete. Item tabled to next month, as no quorum is present to approve the July 13, 2015 minutes.

**6) Discussion and possible action in regards to reviewing 2014 – 2015 budget and actual expenditures.**

Discussed that the \$81.00 expense for recording fee doesn't have a corresponding budget allocation. Mayor Upham makes motion to move \$100.00 from contingency to "Engineering Fees/Recording Fees". Then move the \$81.00 expense to Engineering/Recording Fee. Commissioner Bohm seconds. Motion approved is approved unanimously.

**7) Consent Agenda – the following may be acted upon in one motion. A**

**Commissioner, Mayor or a Citizen may request items be pulled for separate discussion and/or action.**

**A.** Approve payment to The News Dispatch \$28.17 for posting the public notice for budget hearing. Invoice dated 7/30/15.

**B.** Approve payment to Knight & Partners \$1,860.0 for legal fees June 2015.

**C.** Approve to reimburse Kathryn Rosenbluth \$81.00 in fees to record Final Plat to subdivide Lot 11, Sec 2, Bear Creek Oaks.

**D.** Approve to reimburse Bruce Upham \$8.44 for hardware to install VOBC entrance signs.

Commissioner Bohm makes a motion to approve the consent agenda as submitted.

Mayor Upham seconds. Motion approved is approved unanimously.

**8) New Business**

**A. PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING: VOBC BUDGET 10/1/2015 – 9/30/2016**

Mayor Upham reviews the proposed budget, budget is discussed in detail. Next year's fiscal budget has no significant changes from the current year.

**B. Discussion and possible action to approve VOBC Budget 10/1/2015 – 9/30/2016, Ordinance #150817.001.**

Mayor Upham makes motion to approve the VOBC Budget 10/2015 to 9/30/2016, Ordinance #150817.001. Commissioner Bohm seconds. Motion approved is approved unanimously.

**C. Discussion regarding the proposed VOBC tax rate for the 2015 – 2016 fiscal year.**

The VOBC budget is based off a tax rate of \$0.092 per \$100.00 valuation, no change from last year. Council reviews 2015 effective tax rate (\$0.868 per \$100.00 valuation and roll back tax rate (\$0.0937 per \$100.00 valuation), provided by the Hays County Tax Assessor office. Mayor is of the opinion a more efficient way to address revenue is to consider a tax rate of \$0.090 per \$100.00 valuation. This will be discussed in further detail next month when action is taken on the tax rate. The mayor is exploring a VOBC tax deduction for homesteaded properties, and is getting additional information from Hays County. Commissioner Bohm feels our tax rate is nominal compared to Hays County and Dripping Springs ISD, and does not support a VOBC homestead exemption.

**9) Old Business**

**A. Discussion and possible action on improvements to the low water Crossing. (Upham)**

Commissioner Bohm has no response to his questions sent to Daniel Harris with Halff. The Mayor will follow up with Daniel Harris and also include Wes Birdwell. Item tabled.

**B. Discussion and possible action regarding an automated digital speed limit detection and warning sign. (Bohm)**

Commissioner Bohm provides update of readings from the new location on S Madrone Trl and found: the highest speed recorded is 93 mph on 8/3/15 at 10:10 pm and Monday is the peak day for speeding with Saturday/Sunday close behind. Hays Co Sherriff, traffic control supervisor to find out who we transmit the data to and in what format. Council would like to assist the Sherriff in targeting the best time to be in the village.

**C. Discussion and possible action regarding Village of Bear Creek Right-of-Way; including but not limited to ditch work. (Upham)**

Commissioner Brushwood is in the process of obtaining bids for Right of Way clearing. One bid is in from Garcia's Tree Trimming. Mayor Upham contacted Garcia and clarified they are charging a \$120.00 disposal fee to remove all they cut down. They will not pick up or remove any existing plant material in the ROW or left by residents in the ROW. Item tabled to next month when we should have additional bids and Commissioner Brushwood will be in attendance.

**10) Announcements**

**A. Next VOBC Commissioners Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 21, 2015 7:00 PM**

**11) Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM

Submitted on September 19, 2015 by Kathryn Rosenbluth.

Approved on 9/2.115

By Kathryn Rosenbluth, City Secretary Kathryn Rosenbluth