

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE OF BEAR CREEK COMMISSIONERS
February 17, 2020**

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order 7:04 pm.

2) Roll Call

Mayor Upham, Commissioner Brushwood and Commissioner Burns are in attendance.

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.

Kathryn Rosenbluth shared with council a post on Bear Creek Oaks Facebook page Sunday evening, 2/16/19 reporting rapid gunfire on S Madrone (near N Madrone) and shortly thereafter a speeding road rally up and down the streets.

4) Approval of Minutes from January 27, 2020 Commissioners Meeting.

Commissioner Brushwood makes a motion to approve the January 27, 2020 minutes as submitted. Commissioner Burns seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.

5) Discussion and possible action in regard to reviewing 2019- 2020 budget and actual expenditures.

No changes required.

6) 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 We Love Trees \$5,500.00 for Oak Wilt Road Cut in conjunction with Oak Wilt Trench on S Madrone Trl/Bear Creek Dr. Invoice dated 2/4/2020.

B. Approve payment to Knight Law Firm \$60.00 for December 2019 attorney services. Invoice dated 2/12/2020.

Commissioner Brushwood requests to pull 6.A for discussion. Commissioner Brushwood makes motion to approve the Consent Agenda 6.B. Commissioner Burns seconds. Motion is approved unanimously. Consent Agenda 6.A opened for discussion. Commissioner Brushwood notes the last Oak Wilt trench had 2 road cuts at a cost of \$7,500.00; granted that was a couple year ago. This road cut cost \$5,500.00 and was approved by council. We Love Trees cut was to go deeper and filled using the same specs used on the previous cuts.

No council member witnessed the work being performed but trust they packed under the road. Council agrees it looks like We Love Trees did a good job. Commissioner Brushwood makes motion to approve the Consent Agenda 6.A. Commissioner Burns seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.

7) Old Business

A. Discussion and possible action regarding Village of Bear Creek roads and Right of Way. Including PEC light at intersection of Bear Creek Dr and S Madrone Trl

In regard to the PEC light on Pole #412542 at Bear Creek Dr and S Madrone Trl; City Secretary provided status to property owner Michelle Martinez; and has had no response. Council has open discussion regarding the completed Oak Wilt trench along Bear Creek Dr/S Madrone Trl. We Love Trees didn't hit any utility lines they back filled the trench. Ground on top of trench is loose; but should settle over time. Mayor Upham talked to Johnny who does have equipment to push gravel toward trench and compact; but not worth him bringing equipment out here unless we have him do ditch work at the same time. Council has open discussion regarding the complexities of improving the ditch/culvert at 9000 N Madrone Trl. Overall feel it's easier to get access it with a backhoe rather than a skid loader. Mayor Upham is contacting a concrete guy, Steve Wenzel, will ask him to look at the low water crossing and culvert at 9000 N Madrone Trl.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding VOBC participation with BCOPOA in the Oak Wilt Prevention Trench project in the Bear Creek Dr and S Madrone Trial area.

No decision or action required. BCOPOA Oak Wilt Prevention Trench project is complete.

C. Discussion and possible action regarding an automated digital speed limit detection and warning sign. (Brushwood)

Commissioner Brushwood has is working on downloading data other than that nothing new to report.

D. Discussion and possible action regarding VOBC plaque or another symbol to memorialize first mayor, Erin Foster.

City Secretary emailed John Hudson for information and details Dallas Hudson used to make the plaque on the N Madrone monument.

E. Discussion and possible action regarding Village of Bear Creek web site maintenance.

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F. Discussion and possible action regarding VOBC Franchise fee from Spectrum Gulf Coastal LLC (Charter Spectrum).

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Commissioner Brushwood requests reopen Old Business 7.A. Mayor Upham reopens

7) Old Business

A. Discussion and possible action regarding Village of Bear Creek roads and Right of Way. Including PEC light at intersection of Bear Creek Dr and S Madrone Trl

A couple weeks ago Council received email from Tom Ardis, 8000 Bear Creek Dr, concerned that a political sign he posted on his fence line facing FM 1826 was removed. Email asked if the removal was an act by VOBC. Commissioner Brushwood responded to him that VOBC did not remove his political sign and confirmed the sign was not violation of VOBC Sign Ordinance. If he had any questions, he should contact the campaign and/or the Sheriff. Mayor Upham asked City Secretary to follow up with Mr Ardis and let him know is email was discussed at tonight's meeting. If signage blocks view or is a safety concern Council would request its removal. That wasn't the case here; VOBC wasn't involved in the removal of his sign. If happens again he should contact the Sheriff or political campaign manager.

8) Announcements

A. Next VOBC Commissioners Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2020 7:00 PM.

B. Next VOBC/TDS Annual Trash Clean Up Day is Saturday, April 18, 2020.

9) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM

Submitted on March 15, 2020 by Kathryn Rosenbluth.

Approved on 3/16/2020

By *Kathryn Rosenbluth*
Kathryn Rosenbluth, City Secretary