

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
VILLAGE OF BEAR CREEK COMMISSIONERS
January 18, 2021**

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order 7:06 pm.

2) Roll Call

Mayor Bohm and Commissioner Brushwood in attendance. Commissioner Burns 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.

Jim Bellevue expressed his disappointment that tonight's VOBC Commissioners meeting is being held on a holiday. Today is Martin Luther King's birthday, a national observed holiday. Said it's inappropriate to have a meeting on a national holiday. Mayor Bohm commented VOBC Commissioner meetings are held every 3rd Monday; accidental oversight this fell on a national holiday.

Mark Bohm following up on comment made last month about 8011 Niles Cove (5 acre tract w/ house) listed at \$1,175,000.00 and sold for \$1,320,000.00.

4) Approval of Minutes from September 21, 2020 Commissioners Meeting.

Item tabled. September 21, 2020 meeting minutes are not available.

5) Approval of Minutes from December 21, 2020 Commissioners Meeting.

Mayor Bohm noted spelling correction on page 2 #9A last sentence correct TD cot to TX Dot. Commissioner Brushwood makes motion to approve December 21,2020 minutes with spelling correction to #9A. Mayor Bohm seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.

6) Discussion and possible action in regard to reviewing 2020 -2021 budget and actual expenditures.

This month's payment to Rolland Williams for web site services pushes the \$150.00 budgeted amount over. Commissioner Brushwood makes motion to move \$750.00 from contingency fees to web site services for a total of \$900.00. Commissioner Bohm seconds. Upon discussion Commissioner Brushwood amends motion to moving \$600.00 from contingency fees to web side services for a total of \$750.00. Mayor Bohm seconds. Motion 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 Knight Law Firm \$585.00 for October 2020 attorney fees. Invoice dated 12/29/2020.**
- B. Approve reimbursement to Allen Brushwood \$75.76 for purchase of new battery for VOBC Speed Radar/Detection sign. Receipt dated 1/6/2021.**
- C. Approve payment to Rowland Williams \$350.00 for rebuilding VOBC web site including PHP upgrade. Invoice dated 1/15/2021. Mayor Mark Bohm for reimbursement of Cisco WebEx Teleconference annual subscription of \$175.37. Invoice #161-00100783 dated 12/8/2020.**

Mayor Bohm makes a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Brushwood seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.

8) New Business

- A. Action to appoint Commissioner Allen Brushwood to Mayor Pro-Tem. (Bohm)**

Mayor Bohm makes a motion to appoint Commissioner Allen Brushwood to Mayor Pro-Tem. Commissioner Brushwood seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.

- B. Discussion and possible action to select potential dates for 2021 VOBC/TDS Annual Trash Collection Day.**

Open discussion to select potential dates for the 2021 TDS Trash Collection Day.

Dates are listed in order of preference. 1) Saturday, 9/18/2021 2) Saturday, 9/25/2021 3) Saturday, 10/2/2021. City Secretary will communicate these dates to TDS. Request their availability in booking one of the three dates, in order of preference. If none of these dates are available; next month council will discuss other date options.

9) Old Business

A. Discussion and possible action regarding improving traffic safety at the two FM 1826 intersections (N Madrone Trl and Bear Creek Dr). (Brushwood)

Open discussion regarding traffic on FM 1826. The majority of FM1826 has 50 mph speed limit. The stretch from JD's to our intersections increases to 55 mph speed limit. Commissioner Brushwood suggests adding flashing lights or some type of indicator to so drivers reduce speed at our two intersections. Mayor Bohm will contact our County Representative, Erin Zwiener and discuss our issues and concerns. January 11,2021 there was a Zoom meeting regarding traffic/safety concerns at FM1826 and 45W intersection. Over 200 people attended the meeting including TX Dot Engineer Epi Gonzales, TX Dot Rep Morgan Cotton, State Rep Vikki Goodwin and Travis Co Commissioner Ann Howard. City Secretary shared with Council notes from the meeting and will continue to share updates. At the meeting 15-minute drone footage documented numerous traffic violations and near miss collisions. Epi Gonzales said shortly there will be a work order to procure the equipment and materials to construct a signal at the JD's intersection with additional striping. Construction to begin by summer.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding updating the Subdivision Ordinance #180820.002. Include but not limited to modifying Section 10 General Requirements g.5 changing Driveway Ordinance #060821.002 to Driveway Ordinance #190218.001.

Mayor Bohm followed up with legal counsel. Legal counsel has not exhausted their search; but as of now hasn't found another city's Subdivision Ordinance that we can model ours off of. They are still looking; Bohm forewarned us that we may have to do more of the heavy lifting ourselves in designing/writing a simplified, straightforward, easy to use/apply Subdivision Ordinance that meets Texas Legislative requirements.

Discussion and possible action regarding Covid-19 Hays County Disaster Order and VOBC.

Council has general discussion of Covid-19 activity in Hays County. January 8, 2021 Hays County implemented mandatory restrictions reducing occupancy at restaurants, etc. There will be several Covid-19 testing locations in all the Hays County major cities. Hays County should be receiving vaccinations soon.

C. Discussion and Possible action on how to address non-permitted driveways. (Bohm)

Mayor Bohm tables item.

D. Discussion and possible action regarding Village of Bear Creek roads and Right of Way.

In regard to the pending bid for Right of Way concrete work; Mayor Bohm reached out Sharon Quinn's concrete referral. A week and a half ago they met on site; currently waiting to receive a bid. He'll follow up with them. He'll also contact our Civil Engineer and request concrete referrals asked the City Secretary to forward our engineer's contact information. In regard to Right of Way at 8901 N Madrone. Mayor Bohm spoke with the Owner this morning. They've removed dirt in the Right of Way so that water will flow. Next weather event will determine how will it works.

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

Commissioner Brushwood reports with a new battery the sign is working 100%. He hasn't had an opportunity to pursue the data download issue.

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

Open discussion regarding the updated web site; upgrading our version of PHP. City Secretary said in order to do the update the VOBC web site was down for a few days. Back in action 1/15/21 and January 18, 2021 Commissioners meeting agenda was posted on the web site. Roland Williams said the site still needs some tweaking and he would like to add more photos. Council requests the following actions:

- Remove the "Contact Us" section on the home page. City Secretary and all Council Members contact information is in the home page. People can easily contact us individually.
- Activate the Calendar page
- Confirm the information regarding VOBC Utilities is correct
- Maps page disappeared. Add it back and provide links to VOBC Map and Hays County Appraisal District Map web site.
- Check status of "Well Data"

10) Announcements

A. Next VOBC Commissioners Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 15, 2021 7:00 PM. Possible Webex Meeting or Location To Be Determined.

Mayor Bohm points out February 15, 2021 is Presidents Day, a national holiday. To avoid conflict with a national holiday Mayor Bohm moves the meeting to the following Monday, February 22, 2021. Commissioner Brushwood is in agreement.

11) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM

Submitted on February 21, 2021 by Kathryn Rosenbluth.

Approved on 2/22/2021

By *Kathryn Rosenbluth*
Kathryn Rosenbluth, City Secretary