

# **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF BEAR CREEK COMMISSIONERS December 21, 2021**

## **1) Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM

## **2) Roll Call**

Mayor Bohm, Commissioners Brushwood and Trent Brackenridge are present.

## **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.**

Al Brushwood attended a recent Central Texas Water Coalition meeting. CTWC is a non-profit organization formed in 2011 and committed to protecting the interests of residents and businesses of the Highland Lakes region through ongoing engagement with regulatory agencies that control water policy in Texas. CTWC is committed to working collaboratively with LCRA, TCEQ and other stakeholders to focus on education, hydrology, climatology, and conservation of our limited water supplies. Recognizing Central Texas unprecedented growth along climate change will only increase our water issues and problems.

Trent Brackenridge noticed a lot of broken pavement along the road edges between Bear Creek Drive and S Madrone. Predominately at driveways and/or where people access the road. Curious if that's a homeowner's responsibility or the city's responsibility.

Mark Bohm announced that Jeff Ulmann is no longer with Knight and Associates.

And he received an inquiry from Courtney Oldham regarding the white Honda parked at N Madrone entrance. She's asked if we know if the property owner is aware driver of white Honda frequently parks on his lot; then rides a bike thru the Village. She's seen two vehicles parked there and feels it's a potential liability issue. City Secretary has reached out to the property owner.

## **4) Approval of Minutes from April 19, 2021 Commissioners Meeting.**

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## **5) Approval of Minutes from May 17, 2021 Commissioners Meeting.**

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## **6) Approval of Minutes from November 9, 2021 Commissioners Meeting.**

Commissioner Brushwood makes a motion to approve the November 9, 2021 minutes presented. Mayor Bohm seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.

## **7) Discussion and possible action in regard to reviewing 2021- 2022 budget and actual expenditures.**

Kathryn Rosenbluth pointed out we are expenses exceed the budgeted amount in two categories. 1) Rent for meeting space 2) Document Restoration expense categorized as Miscellaneous. Council has general discussion. Mayor Bohm

makes a motion to 1) take \$400.00 from Contingency Fund and increase budgeted rent from \$250.00 to \$650.00. 2) take \$4,400.00 from Contingency and create budget item: Miscellaneous Document Restoration. Commissioner Brushwood seconds. Motion is approved unanimously

**8) 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 Hays Central Appraisal District \$113.28 for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2022. Invoice dated 12/1/2021.**
- b. Approve payment to Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool \$1,548.40 for liability insurance renewal. Invoice dated 12/1/2021.**
- c. Approve payment to Hays County Tax Assessor-Collector \$29.25 for collecting 2020 Tax Rolls. Invoice dated 11/18/2021.**
- d. Approve payment to Friendship Creekside Fellowship \$50.00 for 12/21/2021 VOBC Commissioners Meeting.**
- e. Approve payment to Texas Workforce Commission \$56.89 for 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter ending 9/30/2021. Invoice 11/22/2021.**
- f. Approve payment to Belfor USA Group \$4,362.98 for VOBC document restoration. Invoice #1620382 dated 12/10/2021.**

Mayor Bohm makes a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read. Commissioner Brackenridge seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.

**9) New Business**

**A) Discussion and possible action regarding open application period 12/10/2021 to 4/29/2022 for the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) related to FEMA-DR-4485 (Covid-19 Pandemic).**

Council has a general discussion about FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. VOBC is a participating city in the Hays County FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan; thus maybe eligible for this grant program. What is the % of matching funds. Could we apply for funds to improve the Low Water Crossing or wildfire mitigation ie: working fire hydrants. Commissioner Brushwood will look into this further and reach out to our Hays County Hazard Mitigation contact.

## 10) Old Business

### **A) Discussion and possible action regarding Village of Bear Creek roads and Right of Way. Including but not limited to Cononavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) program.**

Commissioner Brushwood said Johnny TX Road Repair and Patches had to order parts and make repairs to equipment. Work planed for after Thanksgiving Is postponed to mid-January 2022. Commissioner reached out to TX Dot and to Hays County regarding replacing the N Madrone/FM 1826 street sign that attaches to the top of the stop sign. Hays County referred him Pathmark Traffic Equipment LLC out of San Marcos to order the signs and hardware. In the past TX Dot has taken ownership of all signage on FM 1826. It seems that's no longer the case. He will reach out to TX Dot one more time. If all else fails order signage with Pathmark Traffic Equipment. City Secretary confirmed we have an account with Pathmark Traffic Equipment and provided him with their catalog. Mayor Bohm makes motion to approve a street N Madrone Trl/FM 1826 signage and hardware not to exceed \$300.00. Commissioner Brushwood seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.

Mayor Bohm acknowledged road edge break away is a city responsibility and expense. We've had Johnny with Texas Read Repair and Patches repair edge of road on N Madrone Trl and we should look at that on Bear Creek Drive and S Madrone Trl. Commissioner Brushwood suggested Trent Brackenridge buy spray paint and use it to identify the problem areas.

City Secretary shared that Jeff Raeffele and Dola Price bid \$375.00 for parts and labor to repair the roof on both posting boxes. Bid includes materials, removing the plywood roof on both boxes and replacing with a metal roof. Mayor Bohm makes a motion to approve repairing the roof on both posting boxes at an expense not to exceed \$500.00. Commissioner Brushwood seconds. Motion approved unanimously.

### **B) Discussion and possible action regarding improving traffic safety at the two VOBC intersections FM 1826 at N Madrone Trl and Bear Creek Dr and FM1826 and 45W.**

Council has a general discussion of traffic congestion and the difficulties accessing FM1826 from both entrances. Commissioner Brackenridge said to go north on FM1826 he'll turn right out of Bear Creek Dr (going south) then take the first left into

Reunion Ranch; do a U turn in their subdivision and take a right onto FM1826 to head north. He has friends in Reunion Ranch who admitted doing a similar thing. When they want to go south on FM 1826; they'll turn right (going north) and take the first left into VOBC on Bear Creek Drive, then do a U turn and take a right on FM1826 going south. Brackenridge said that at evening rush hour FM 1826 traffic is backed up from the Nutty Brown light to Bear Creek Drive. Between the timing of lights and increase in traffic volume the struggle is real. Commissioner Brushwood said he got wind that in January TxDot will be doing traditional traffic counts on FM 1826. He'll take action to contact our new TxDot representative and make our issues known. We'd want to be included in the traditional traffic count. And in addition to a volume study, we want a study of how long residents must wait at either intersection to gain access to FM1826.

**C) Discussion and possible action regarding Driveway Ordinance #190218.001.**

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**D) Discussion and possible action regarding Covid-19 Hays County Disaster Order, the Governors Orders and VOBC.**

Mayor Bohm shared even with latest Omicron variant the Hays County Covid-19 reports are still weekly rather than daily. Neither Texas nor Hays County has issued new disaster orders.

**E) Discussion and possible action regarding VOBC records and fire recovery.**

**(Mayor Bohm)**

Mayor Bohm and City Secretary to get together and review restored documents. This is the first step to inventory and determine what we have and what we lost.

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

City Secretary shared she's still having difficulty deleting Ordinances. Commissioner Brackenridge suggested using a different browser.

**11) Announcements**

**A) Next VOBC Commissioners Meeting is Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 7:00 PM at Friendship Creekside Fellowship, 14455 FM 1826, Austin, TX 78737**

**12) Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM

Submitted on January 2, 2022 by Kathryn Rosenbluth

Approved on 2/18/2022

By *Kathryn Rosenbluth*  
Kathryn Rosenbluth, City Secretary