

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF BEAR CREEK COMMISSIONERS September 20, 2022

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM

2) Roll Call

Mayor Bohm and Commissioner Brushwood are present. Commissioner Brackenridge 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.

Kathryn Rosenbluth shares recent posts on Bear Creek Oaks Facebook page reporting numerous package thefts. Commissioner Brushwood suggests we request Hays County Sherriff cruise through around the neighborhood every so often. .

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

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5) Approval of Minutes from April 19, 2022 Commissioners Meeting.

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6) Approval of Minutes from August 16, 2022 Commissioners Meeting.

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

Commissioner Brushwood makes a motion to amend the rent budget; and increase rent from \$700.00 to \$750.00. Taking \$50.00 from contingency. And amend utilities from \$800.00 to \$850.00, also taking \$50.00 from contingency. Mayor Bohm seconds. Motion passes 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 Friendship Creekside Fellowship \$50.00 for 9/20/2022 VOBC Commissioners meeting in the Annex.

b. Approve payment to The News Dispatch \$73.00 for Public Notice of VOBC proposed Tax Rate.

c. Approve payment to Hays Central Appraisal District \$113.96 for 2022 4th Quarter. Invoice dated 8/31/2022.

d. Approve reimbursement to Mark Bohm \$99.99 for Otter.Ai annual subscription for large audio file transcription.

Mayor Bohm pointed out the agenda contains an error; requests #8.d be amended to read reimbursement of \$99.99. Mayor Bohm makes a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read and amended. Commissioner Brushwood seconds. Motion approved unanimously. Mayor Bohm informs council Otter.Ai subscription allows for unlimited recording.

9)New Business

A) Discussion regarding the proposed VOBC tax rate of \$0.0677 cents per \$100.00 valuation for tax year 2022.

Mayor Bohm opens for discussion. Commissioner Brushwood remains comfortable with the \$0.0677 cents per \$100.00 valuation. As discussed in great detail last month; due to increased appraisal valuations reducing the rate to \$0.0677 cents per \$100.00 valuation allows for minimal change in property tax revenue. And is within the limitation to avoid tax rate rollback.

B) Discussion and possible action to approve VOBC Tax Rate Ordinance #220920.001.

Mayor Bohm makes a motion to approve the 2022 Village of Bear Creek Tax Rate to \$0.0677 cents per \$100.00 valuation; VOBC Ordinance #220920.001. Commissioner Brushwood seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.

C) Discussion and possible action regarding November 8, 2022 General Election of VOBC Mayor and City Commissioners. Including but not limited to: Certification of Cancellation Due to Unopposed Candidates and Ordinance #220920.002 Cancelling the November 8, 2022 Election and Declaring Candidates Elected to Office.

City Secretary confirms she has received applications for the following candidates: Mayor Bohm – Mayor, Allen Brushwood – City Commissioner and Trent Brackenridge – City Commissioner. All applications received prior to deadline(s) for candidacy; and all candidates are unopposed. She’s provided the Certification of Unopposed Candidates for the Village of Bear Creek and requests council approves Ordinance #220920.002 to cancel the November 8, 2022 VOBC General Election and declaring candidates elected to office. Commissioner Brushwood makes a motion to approve Ordinance #220920.002. Mayor

Bohm seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.

10) Old Business

- A) Discussion and possible action regarding these potential dates for the 2023 annual VOBC/TDS Trash Clean Up: Saturday March 25, Saturday April 22, and Saturday April 29.**

City Secretary will reach out to Frankie Bates w/ TDS and inquire if they're now scheduling for 2023. If yes, request VOBC Trash Clean Up Date be scheduled in order of preference: Saturday March 25, Saturday April 22, or Saturday April 29.

- B) Discussion and possible action with regards to transcribing city meetings to written minutes via a service or an automated process.**

City Secretary shares that she's fallen behind in preparing meeting minutes, so she can't speak to the benefits of having the meeting recorded and transcribed but confident it will be an asset and of great value.

- C) Discussion and possible action regarding, and not limited to, the sale and development of Lang Family Ranches properties: Lot 5, Section 3, Bear Creek Oaks (5.06 acres) and the adjoining Lot 8, Silver Spur Ranchettes (39.13 acres) both in Hays County.**

City Secretary shares with council and confirmed with the Title Company that the buyer backed out of the contract. The original listing is back on the market. Mike Segalotto called the realtor and asked if the seller would consider selling the Bear Creek Oaks tract separately. The response was yes; and asked at what price? Mike asked what the Seller wants for it. That was a few weeks ago; and he hasn't heard from the realtor since. Mayor Bohm personally notified the property owners he had phone numbers for (roughly half of those) who own lots contiguous to the Silver Spur Ranchettes track, that's its back on the market. For the time being the Mayor recommends removing this item from the agenda.

- D) Discussion and possible action regarding the Cononavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) program and VOBC use of allocated funds.**

Mayor Bohm shares that he successfully registered in the Sam.Gov portal. With that complete; we should receive the 2nd and final installment of funds.

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

Commissioner Brushwood recently weed wacked around the N Madrone Trl/FM 1826 entrance to increase visibility. He mentioned the grass in the Right of Way has grown quite a bit since it was last mowed in June . Council discusses mowing the Right of Way. Commissioner Brushwood makes a motion to reach out to Jeff Raffaele and see if he's available to mow the Right of Way and edge around culverts and mailboxes at the same price he charged June. Mayor Bohm seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.

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

1) Including but not limited to 1826 Neighborhood Coalition. (Commissioner Brushwood)

Commissioner Brushwood comments on the lane changes at 45W and FM 1826. Now that two lanes turn onto FM1826 and merge into one he's seen measurable improvement in FM 1826 traffic flow. Though it hasn't made it easier to exit VOBC. Reports the 1826 Coalition is following up with TX Dot on a \$40,0000. proposal for multiple radar detectors (or speed indicators) along FM 1826 to 967. Its not clear who would pay for it; suggested the HOA's along FM 1826 and/or 967 Golf Course and/or Walt Smith said he'd find funds.

G) Discussion and possible action regarding Driveway Ordinance #190218.001.

Commissioner Brushwood makes a motion to approve the Addendum to Driveway Ordinance #190218.001 adopting Gilpin Engineering Company and Glen Ragan as the VOBC Driveway Permit Authority. Mayor Bohm seconds. Motion is approved unanimously. City Secretary will forward the executed document to Chad Gilpin and Glen Ragan.

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

Mayor Bohm states the Hays County Covid-19 report indicates cases of Covid-19 are not increasing.

**I) Discussion and possible action regarding VOBC records and fire recovery.
(Mayor Bohm)**

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J) Discussion and possible action regarding Village of Bear Creek web site

maintenance.

Commissioners have open discussion regarding the 2023 Subdivision Calendar and how it's formulated.

11) Announcements

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

12) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM

Submitted on October, 15 2022 by Kathryn Rosenbluth

Approved on ____10/18/2022_____

By *Kathryn Rosenbluth*

Kathryn Rosenbluth, City Secretary