

# **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF BEAR CREEK COMMISSIONERS January 17, 2023**

## **1) Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM

## **2) Roll Call**

Mayor Bohm, Commissioner Brushwood and Commissioner 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.**

Kathryn Rosenbluth shares that the vacant lot at the N Madrone entrance is listed for sale.

Trent Brackenridge shared he's been reminding neighbors of VOBC's leash law. Many walk the neighborhood with dogs unleashed; it's very problematic.

Trent Brackenridge noticed neighbors trimming Oaks; and concerned about Oak Wilt. Kathryn Rosenbluth said Oak Wilt prevention recommends trimming in the cold winter months and the hot summer months. What's concerning is this winter hasn't been especially cold. We've had many +/- 70 degree days. Trimming in Spring or Fall temperatures presents high risk for Oak Wilt.

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

Table, minutes are not complete.

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

Table, minutes are not complete.

## **6) Approval of Minutes from December 13, 2022 Commissioners Meeting.**

Mayor Bohm mentions two typo corrections. 1) 9A Sheriff is spelled with one r and not two rr's. 2) 10A Conornavirus to be corrected to Coronavirus. Mayor Bohm makes a motion to approve the December 12, 2022 minutes with the two typo's corrected. Commissioner Brushwood seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

## **7) Discussion and possible action in regard to reviewing 2022- 2023 budget and actual expenditures.**

No action required.

## **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**

**1/17/2023 VOBC Commissioners meeting in the Annex.**

- b. Approve payment to Hays Central Appraisal District \$115.39 for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2023. Invoice dated 12/1/2022.**

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

**9)New Business**

- A) Discussion and possible action regarding VOBC 5-year contract with Texas Disposal Services (TDS) and the annual rate adjustment effective March 1, 2023. TDS Representative Frankie Bates will be in attendance.**

TDS Representative, Frankie Bates, introduces himself to commissioners and is appreciative of our business. 2023 Annual TDS Clean Up date is scheduled for Saturday, March 23, 2023. Frankie attended our 2021 TDS Clean Up, since then has shared our event signage idea with other communities. General discussion about TDS Trash Clean Up prohibited items, specifically mattresses and the issues of disposing a mattresses. The VOBC 5 Yr TDS Contract expires March 1, 2024. The TDS Contract increase rates on an annual basis. As of March 1, 2023 base rate for trash / recycle fee increased from \$21.76/month to \$22.16/month. Mayor Bohm mentions the increase is less than 2%. Commissioner Brushwood shares that due to VOBC's inability to enforce residents and contractors to use TDS for Roll Off's and Event Services; VOBC will likely remove those items from a future contract.

- B) PUBLIC HEARING: Discussion and possible action regarding THE Amended Plat request received on 1/5/2023. Amended Plat to remove the lot line between Section 3, Part of Lot 30 (1.47 acres) and Section 3, part of Lot 30 (1.02 acres), thereby combining two lots into one; Section 3, Lot 30-A (2.388 acres). Dave Brown owns both lots. (Street address 8905 N Madrone Trl)**

Mayor Bohm opens the Public Hearing. Commissioners review and discuss the Amended Plat submitted 1/5/2023. David Brown is requesting to release the middle lot line and combine both lots into one 2.388 acre tract. He's resides in the rear lot; and has since 1995. He's has owned the front lot since 1997. Requesting to amending the plat so he can apply for a Homestead Property Tax exemption on the combined 2.388 acre tract; Section 2, Lot 20-A. Commissioners review and discuss the Amended Plat submitted. Commissioners notate the following corrections and/or additions.

- Side and rear Building Lines are 20'. Correct the South East Building Line from 15' to 20'.

- Adjacent Lot 18-A doesn't identify the owners names nor lot size. Add owners names and lot size; in a manner similar to the other adjacent lots.

- Add a note on page two addressing the existing garage encroachment into the 20' Building Line. Example: Frame garage that was built circa 1985 encroaches into 20' Building Line and is grandfathered.

Mayor Bohm notates items needed on two Amended Plats; One is for city records the other is given to David Brown, Applicant.

Property owner and Applicant, David Brown delivers a handwritten note to Council 'suspending' the Amended plat submission to remove the lot line between Section 3, Part of Lot 30 (1.47 acres) and Section 3, part of Lot 30 (1.02 acres), thereby combining two lots into one: Section 3, Lot 30-A (2.388 acres). Council accepts the suspension and suggests he resubmit Amended Plat with the corrections/changes notated for no additional fee for Council review and approval.

## **10) Old Business**

### **A) Discussion and possible action regarding the Coronavirus Local Fiscal**

#### **Recovery Fund (CLFRF) program and VOBC use of allocated funds.**

Table. No update from CLFRF.

### **B) Discussion and possible action regarding West Travis County Public Utility Agency (WTCPUA) \$3,500.00 proposal to model the Village water line around North Madrone Trl creating a looped system through the VOBC. The model to define what line size is needed and the expected pressures.**

Table. No update from Chad Gilpin, City Engineer.

### **C) Discussion and possible action regarding Village of Bear Creek roads and Right of Way.**

Mayor Bohm said he's received no update from Chad Gilpin's engineering team on their VOBC road evaluations.

### **D) 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 received a flyer for two Speed Limit Detection signs for the price of one. He suggests we purchase them and install them both FM 1826. One near the North Madrone entrance and the other near the Bear Creek Drive entrance. They'd be solar powered. The purpose would be to alert FM1826 motorists to their speed and encourage them to slow down. Also, to improve awareness and safety for our residents exiting VOBC on to FM1826. Council has a general discussion regarding the possible locations and mounting them on existing breakaway poles. Ideally the signs would be within range of our city limits right of way Mayor Bohm suggests we work in tandem with TX Dot so once their installed TX Dot won't remove them. Mayor Bohm will reach out to our TX Dot representative Willie Zamora 512-292-2401. Commissioner Brushwood makes a motion that if Mayor Bohm is successful with Willie Zamora then we move forward procuring two Speed Limit Detection signs and get them installed. Mayor Bohm seconds. Commissioner Brushwood amends the motion to include a cost not to exceed \$7,500.00. Motion passes unanimously.

**E) Discussion and possible action regarding opening a new VOBC interest bearing asset account.**

Table. City Secretary hasn't had an opportunity to work on this. But with 2022 tax revenue coming in she suggest transferring \$250,000.00 to the new account.

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

Mayor Bohm states that there is no real update this month except that the Governor extended the Covid-19 disaster order.

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

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

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**11) Announcements**

**A) Next VOBC Commissioners Meeting is Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 7:00 PM at Friendship Creekside Fellowship, 14455 FM 1826, Austin, TX 78737.**

Mayor Bohm announces VOBC/TDS Annual Trash Day Saturday, March 25, 2023  
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Niles Cove and Madrone Circle.

**12) Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM

Submitted on February 2, 2023 by Kathryn Rosenbluth

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_

By *Kathryn Rosenbluth*

Kathryn Rosenbluth, City Secretary