

# **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF BEAR CREEK COMMISSIONERS September 19, 2023**

## **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.**

Mark Bohm mentions recently receiving notification from Pedernales Electric they plan to do regular maintenance of pruning trees along the power lines within the Village.

Included in the commissioner packets is an invitation to attend the Edwards Aquifer Summit Luncheon on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at Aggie Park Event Center, San Antonio, TX. Allen Brushwood shares that he intends to attend the luncheon.

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

Table, minutes are not complete.

## **5) Approval of Minutes from July 17, 2023 Commissioners Meeting.**

Table. Minutes from the July 17, 2023 meeting are presented. However, there is no quorum to approve them.

## **6) Approval of Minutes from August 15, 2023 Commissioners Meeting**

Table, minutes are not complete.

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

Council has general discussion. Mayor Bohm reached out to City Engineer for status on VOBC invoice. Commissioner Brushwood stated we don't have Garcia Tree Trimming invoice for recent work done in the VOBC.

## **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 9/19/23 VOBC Commissioners meeting in the Annex.**

**b. Approve payment to The News Dispatch \$69.00 for Public Notice of VOBC proposed Tax Rate on 8/23/2023. Invoice dated 8/23/23.**

- c. Approve reimbursement to Mark Bohm \$99.00 for Otter Pro subscription renewal 8/17/2023-8/17/2024.**
- d. Approve payment to Hays Central Appraisal District \$115.38 for 2023 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter. Invoice dated 9/1/2023.**
- e. Approve payment to Knight Law Firm \$60.00 for May 2023 attorney services. Invoice #5225 dated 9/8/2023.**

Mayor Bohm makes motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read. Commissioner Brushwood seconds the motion with a correction: #8.c corrected from \$99.00 to \$99.99 per invoice. Motion is approved unanimously.

#### **9)New Business**

**A) Discussion regarding the proposed VOBC tax rate of \$0.0643 cents per \$100.00 valuation for tax year 2024.**

Council has general discussion on the proposed tax rate \$0.0643 cents per \$100.00. This is the maximum rate allowed to avoid tax rollback petition. The proposed tax rate is lower than last year's rate.

**B) Discussion and possible action to approve VOBC Tax Rate Ordinance #230919.001.**

Commissioner Brushwood makes a motion to approve VOBC Tax Rate Ordinance #230919.001. Mayor Bohm seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.

#### **10) Old Business**

**A) Discussion and possible action regarding the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) program and VOBC use of allocated funds. (Including but not limited to Broadband and Water)**

Commissioner Brushwood mentions he heard that Spectrum is looking into adding fiber lines in our area.

**B) Discussion and possible action regarding West Travis County Public Utility Agency (WTCPUA) water expansion model/study for VOBC, including but not limited to discussion of VOBC City Engineer cost estimates for**

**implementation as well as various possible approaches to fund the project.**

Table.

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

Commissioners Brushwood reports that Garcia Tree Trimming finished Right of Way clean up in 2.5 days. He expects the invoice to be within the \$5,000.00 budgeted amount. He'll reach out to Jose in regard to future mowing contracts. Mayor Bohm mentioned our City Engineer feels our roads are in pretty good shape. He suggested we look at maybe a top coat on all roads and is researching the best options and materials to recommend.

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

Mayor Bohm references the TX DOT summary from the August 22,2023 stakeholder working group meeting regarding FM1826, included in the council packets. Summary mentions on going feasibility study, FM1826 safety, statewide transportation plans, environmental concerns and growth. At present TX DOT is resurfacing FM 1826 and they've installed additional radar detectors between Bear Creek Drive and FM 150.

**E) Discussion and possible action regarding Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) 2023 Severe Winter Storm Mara -DR #4705..**

No update. Table.

**F) Discussion and possible action regarding Hays County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. (Commissioner Brushwood)**

Commissioner Brushwood is attending a Hays County Mitigation Plan sub-committee meeting along with representatives from Wimberly and Woodcreek. He's working on VOBC's action plan for the 17 identified hazards.

**G) Discussion and possible action regarding Covid-19 Hays County Disaster Order.**

No update. Table.

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

**(Mayor Bohm)**

No Update. Table.

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

Kathryn Rosenbluth mentions that word press has numerous plug in notifications to upgrade. She will reach out to Rowland about that as well as adding to web site links for: TDS Waste Wizard, FEMA's Ready.Gov, Ercot's app, Hays Informed website and the Tx DOT Stakeholder letter .

**11) Announcements**

**A) Next VOBC Commissioners Meeting is Tuesday, October 17, 2023 7:00 PM at Friendship Creekside Fellowship, 14455 FM 1826, Austin, TX 78737.**

**Mayor Bohm reopens Citizen Comments**

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Allen Brushwood shares that recently he heard gunshots from a neighbor two housing down from him. He walked over there and had conversation with the young man shooting a 9 mil to Berm. Advised him any bullets that aren't stopped by the Berm are his responsibility. To take into consideration that bullets are likely to go beyond their property line.

**Mayor Bohm returns to meeting in agenda order.**

**12) Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM

Submitted on October 8, 2023 by Kathryn Rosenbluth

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

By *Kathryn Rosenbluth*

Kathryn Rosenbluth, City Secretary