

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

## **1) Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 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.**

Mark Bohm got a call from Hills of Texas property owner questioning the location of the Village of Bear Creek's city limits. He will forward a map that shows the VOBC city limits is going through his property.

## **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.**

Commissioner Brushwood makes a motion to approve the July 17, 2023 minutes as submitted. Commissioner Brackenridge seconds. Motion is approved 2 yeas and Mayor Bohm abstains.

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

Mayor Bohm makes a motion to approve the August 15, 2023 minutes with the correction to Old Business #1; correct FEMBA to FEMA. Commissioner Brushwood seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.

## **7) Approval of Minutes from September 19, 2023 Commissioners Meeting.**

Mayor Bohm makes a motion to approve the September 19, 2023 minutes as submitted. Commissioner Brushwood seconds. Motion is approved 2 yeas and Commissioner Brackenridge abstains.

## **8) Discussion and possible action in regard to reviewing 2023- 2024 budget and actual expenditures.**

City Secretary doesn't have the 2023 - 2024 fiscal year budget and actual expense to date prepared and printed for council review. She assures council all expenses in the consent agenda are budgeted for.

## **9) 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**

**10/18/2023 VOBC Commissioners meeting in the Annex.**

**b. Approve payment to Postal Annex \$288.00 for annual VOBC mailbox**

**renewal. Invoice dated 10/3/2023.**

- c. Approve reimbursement to Kathryn Rosenbluth \$161.58 for annual VOBC HostGator domain renewal.**
- d. Approve payment to Texas Municipal League \$632.00 for renewal of annual membership. Invoice dated 9/7/2023.**
- e. Approve payment to Knight Law Firm \$120.00 for June 2023 attorney services. Invoice #5304 dated 9/29/2023.**

Mayor Bohm makes motion to approve the Consent Agenda as read. Commissioner Brushwood 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)**

Table.

**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.**

Mayor Bohm shares there has been some conversational traffic on the Bear Creek Oaks Facebook community concerns with drought and possibility of wells drying up, and talking about connecting to WTCPUA water lines, the cost of water line extensions and feasibility. He thinks WTCPUA may not actually have much additional water right now in reserve to approve new taps. It will be interesting to see what residents find out. As far as he knows there were signs some wells were low but nobody's well has gone completely dry.

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

City Secretary will follow up with Pete Garcia with Garcia Tree Trimming on status of invoice for ROW work completed in August 2023. Mayor Bohm shared this year's Farmer's Almanac predicts a colder and wetter than normal winter, we'll see how those effects the roads and right

of way.

**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)**

Commissioner Brushwood reports no activity from the 1826 Neighborhood Coalition. Mayor Bohm reports TXDOT is working on repaving a majority of FM 1826; this project will not include our entrances nor Luis Mountain entrance. City Secretary mentioned the danger of drivers going north on FM1826 and turning left onto N Madrone Trail. Commissioner Brushwood noted the don't turn left sign was removed: he'll contact TXDOT and inquire about the status of sign replacement.

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

City Secretary hasn't had an opportunity to do the training and apply for this grant program. The council has a general discussion. Commissioners agree it's a strong likelihood we wouldn't be accepted for the grant program, due to lacking documentation of the Winter Storm ROW damage and clean-up. (IE: location(s) of damage and photos of damage and the clean-up) The VOBC ROW Winter Storm Mara clean-up expenditure was less than \$12,000.00. Commissioners agree to forgo applying for this grant program and remove this item from future agendas.

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

Commissioner Brushwood reports he attended the meeting with Wimberley and Woodcreek; the majority of issues discussed applied to cities greater than VOBC. 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.

**H) 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.**

City Secretary spoke to Rowland Williams about clearing the “Word Press plug in” upgrades and adding links to web site links for: TDS Waste Wizard, FEMA’s Ready.Gov, Ercot’s app, Hays Informed website and the Tx DOT Stakeholder letter. He said once he finishes the big project he’s working on, he’ll look into it. Mayor Bohm reporting his VOBC email address stopped working, he changed his email file size infinite and that fixed the problem.

**11) Announcements**

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

**12) Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM

Submitted on December 2, 2023 by Kathryn Rosenbluth

Approved on \_\_12/19/2023\_\_\_\_\_

By *Kathryn Rosenbluth*  
Kathryn Rosenbluth, City Secretary