

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF BEAR CREEK COMMISSIONERS March 18, 2025

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 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.

Trent Brackenridge spoke with the Hays County Sheriff requesting patrols through the neighborhood. Sheriff was very receptive and said he'd request the two deputies to drive through VOBC. And use VOBC as their turnaround rather than JD' market.

Mayor Bohm requests to open Old Business #10 F out of order and at this time.

10.) Old Business

f. Discussion and possible action on the City Engineer's ongoing flood and rainwater runoff study. Including but not limited to discussion and possible action on City Engineer's recommendations for water runoff improvements to be completed in the 2025 calendar year.

Bell said the vast majority of culvert recommendations are 18 inch. There are a handful that are more, with the largest at 36 inch. As Engineers, we default to an 18-inch minimum anyway, just for maintenance. Any smaller than that, they get clogged and become useless. Engineers Ryan Bell and Leigh Ruhnall are in attendance and provided a summary of work performed. We looked at some drainage related issues in the village, specifically your cross culvert locations and trying to determine what they're rated at. Are there opportunities or need for those to be upsized or upgraded? And looked at a sizing table or matrix for future driveways and culverts. Analyzed where water went over the road during a storm event. Looked at what's required to keep all roads passable in a 25-year storm event. Studied the requirements for regional entities such as Hays County, TxDOT and City of Austin as well as FEMA. Found that many of your culverts would require significant upsizing. Discussed our findings with Gilpin Engineering; gave them all of their modeling. Gilpin Engineering took the modeling and refined it down to a more appropriate level of service for the village, then came up with recommendations for what would be a good way to spend the funds. Instead of installing an enormous box culvert in one location, it might be best to provide a more distributed improvement. The final report was provided to the Village and contains a lot of data. The report includes a CIP list, or projects list, to identify which projects would make the best sense to act on within the funds that you have available. Includes recommendations to fix problems with culvert ends that are crushed, upsizing culverts, adding safety adding some safety treatments, advisory signage, and low water crossing gages at the low water crossing.

Mayor Bohm said the Council has approved "Option B" in the report and Gilpin Engineering will work with contractors that they have relationships with, and may couple our job with the city of Dripping Springs and the city of Wimberley, for a 'volume discount'. After work in Option B is completed and as we get the funds, we can address the culverts that need upsizing per this report.

Mayor Bohm asked how to read and best interpret report recommendations for future driveway culverts and driveways in appendix K (driveway culver systems map). Ryan. If somebody's up

on the top of the hill, and there's really not much of a ditch through there, maybe a dip driveway makes sense there, you know, but certainly if we get a well-defined ditch, we don't have a drip driveway. Also note the driveway culvert sizing is for a culvert placed within the assumed right of way, near the road, any culvert that is crossing a major stream or a big low point should have independent sizing.

The council has a general discussion.

Mayor Bohm returns to the Agenda order.

4) Approval of Minutes from November 19, 2024 Commissioners Meeting.

Table. Minutes aren't available.

5) Approval of Minutes from December 17, 2024 Commissioners Meeting.

Table. Minutes aren't available.

6) Approval of Minutes from February 18, 2025 Commissioners Meeting.

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7) Discussion and possible action in regard to reviewing 2024- 2025 budget and actual expenditures.

The council has a general discussion. No action.

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 3/18/2025 VOBC Commissioners meeting in Annex.**
- b. Approve payment to Hays Central Appraisal District \$142.42 for 2nd Quarter 2025. Invoice dated 3/1/2025.**
- c. Approve payment Hays County Auditor \$500.00 for Animal Control Services 10/1/2024 to 9/30/2025. Invoice dated 2/20/2025.**
- d. Approve payment to Knight Law Firm \$267.50 for November 2025 attorney services. Invoice #6399 dated 2/14/2025.**
- e. Approve payment o Victor Insurance Managers \$130.00 for Commissioner Brushwood 3-year Bond Renewal. Invoice #39357142 dated 2/21/2025.**
- f. Approve reimbursement to Kathryn Rosenbluth \$110.28 for printing and binding 5 copies of Gilpin Engineering – January 2025 VOBC Drainage Study.**

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 on proposed and pending bills introduced in the 2025 legislative session that may impact the Village of Bear Creek.**

Mayor Bohm added this item to the agenda for the 2025 legislative session. There will be a lot of bills this session; good to discuss them as they come up. Representative Erin Zwiener reached out with a list of bills that could have an impact on the VOBC. The Council has a general discussion on a current bill that would allow for a tax break for those on rainwater collection. The Texas Municipal League does a good job outlining new bills; and how they'd impact cities. Keep this item on the agenda during the 2025 legislative session.

b. Discussion and possible action regarding Prosperity Bank CD accounts. Including but not limited to renewals.

City Secretary confirmed rolled \$80,000.00 at 3.5% for a 4-month term; transferred \$79,149.07 to savings.

c. Discussion and possible action for an Ordinance of the Village of Bear Creek, Texas, Amending Subdivision Ordinance No. 231121.001, To Correct A Scrivenor's Error.

Mayor Bohm said last month when the item was voted on the motion may have referenced the wrong ordinance number. Mayor Bohm makes a motion to approve Ord 250218.001 as the correct ordinance number voted on last month correcting the Scrivenors error. Commissioner Brushwood seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.

10) Old Business

a. Discussion and possible action regarding the VOBC Trash Collection Services and Texas Disposal Service contract renewal. Including but not limited to discussion and review of proposed contract and scheduled 2025 VOBC/TDS Trash Collection Day.

Mayor Bohm said TDS reached out shortly we approved VOBC/TDS contract renewal with an error in one of the indices for how they calculate our franchise fee and want to send an amendment. Legal Counsel is fine with it; it's been three weeks, and haven't received an amendment. Mayor Bohm thinks this is a minor issue; item to remain on agenda until resolved. City Secretary confirms VOBC/TDS Annual Trash Collection day is scheduled for 4/5/2025. She'll put up the signage at the entrances and cul-de-sacs the Sunday a week prior to the event.

b. Discussion and possible action regarding Prosperity Bank CD accounts. Including but not limited to renewals.

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

c. Discussion and possible action regarding denied driveway permit application for 8910 Bear Creek Drive: owners Dave and Barbara Perry.

Mayor Bohm will discuss the issue with Glen Ragan and Chag Gilpen; return to council with their recommendations and possible action.

d. Discussion and possible action regarding Crockett Canyon Estates Condominiums proposed development of 1-acre single family homes on "Lang Family Ranch" 39.13 acre track Lot 8, Silver Spur Ranchettes, Hays County.

Mayor Bohm states Hays County Commissioners have issued development approval. Hays County Commissioners is aware of VOBC prohibits Crockett Canyon Estates having access to N Madrone Trail. Hays County Commissioners are proposing road access only for emergencies only. (specifically Fire emergency) Hays County Commissioners, not familiar with the VOBC Ordinances, conditioned that it has to meet village of Bear Creek ordinances. Hays County Commissioners were very clear. They're not trying to supersede or override VOBC. Mayor Bohm reached out to Legal as it's a little unclear exactly how the ordinance is interpreted or amended for Crockett Canyon Estates to have road access for fire emergency only.

e. Discussion and possible action regarding Pedernales Electric Cooperative's power line upgrade and vegetation maintenance.

Commissioner Brackenridge spoke to PEC driver who said they were taking inventory of their poles. They put some new communications wires on some of the poles as preventative maintenance.

- f. Discussion and possible action on the City Engineer's ongoing flood and rainwater runoff study. Including but not limited to discussion and possible action on City Engineer's recommendations for water runoff improvements to be completed in the 2025 calendar year.**

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- g. Discussion and possible action regarding the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (CLFRF) program and VOBC use of allocated funds (Including but not limited to Drainage and Rainwater)**

City Secretary is aware deadline to allocate VOBC CLFRF funds is 4/30/2025.

- h. Discussion and possible action regarding VOBC roads and Right of Way. (Including but not limited to installing no outlet signs in cul-de-sac's)**

Mayor Bohm said AJ's team reviewed all signage in VOBC and recommending we replace signage that has sun fading or chalky with a nighttime reflective sign. Mayor Bohm authorized sign replacement. They'll do the work when they install the No Outlet signs in the cul-de-sacs. AJ' team also noted crack sealing is desperately needed in the cul-de-sacs; they'll likely use most of their material in the cul-de-sacs. Commissioner Brackenridge still needs to mark where repair work is required on all major roads.

- i. Discussion and possible action regarding traffic safety along the FM 1826 corridor.** Commissioner Brackenridge informs council TX Dot is installing a traffic signal at FM1826 and Reunion Ranch. Mayor Bohm said this traffic signal could actually benefit our getting a light in the future, because one of the main reasons that they've pushed back on us getting a light was that traffic is moving at a pretty good clip along there, and they were worried about a vehicle stopping at the light and getting rear ended. If there's other lights already breaking up the speed of traffic, then that argument goes away. Hopefully the Reunion Ranch traffic signal will aid in our ability to access FM1826.

- j. Discussion and possible action regarding VOBC records and fire recovery.**

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- k. Discussion and possible action regarding Village of Bear Creek web site.**

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11) Announcements

- a. Next VOBC Commissioners Meeting is Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 7:00 PM at Friendship Creekside Fellowship, 14455 FM 1826, Austin, TX 78737.**
- b. The VOBC/TDS Annual Trash Collection Day is Saturday, April 5, 2025. 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Niles Cove and Madrone Circle.**

12) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM

Submitted on May 18, 2025 by Kathryn Rosenbluth

Approved on 5/20/2025

By *Kathryn Rosenbluth*

Kathryn Rosenbluth, City Secretary