MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF BEAR CREEK COMMISSIONERS January 20, 2026

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 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 shared that she'll be out of town 2/18/2026 to 3/4/2026.

Mayor Bohm requests to open Old Business #10.A at this time.

10.A Discussion and possible action regarding FlockSafety cameras and license plate readers at the primary entrance and exit points of the Village of Bear Creek.

Citizens in attendance asking about the FlockSafety cameras. Mayor Bohm explained there are cameras at both entrances. They are license plate readers, taking a picture of the back of the car and the front of the car. It has visual matching technology. It'll get bumper stickers on the back window and other identifying things about the vehicle. Very similar to what toll cameras do. The cameras that are facing the street are video cameras that are rolling all the time; both cameras feed to a server location that's part of Amazon Web Services, which is the same security that the Department of Defense uses. They maintain data for a 30-day window, every day, the previous day drops off, and the new day adds on. So, it has only 30 days of information. It's a sophisticated and very capable audit system, anyone who's logging in must have credentials, whether it's a police detective or myself. And you must provide the reason you're logging in. All of that is tracked, if any information is viewed or downloaded all is tracked, and that information is kept permanently.

There are dozens of people in the Village that have ring cameras or doorbell cameras on their gate and doors recording all of us coming in and out, that none of us have any control over. Hays County doesn't have any access to that. When the homeowner calls Hays County Sheriff to report a crime or incident they will provide information off their personal security cameras, that assists the Hays County Sheriff with the timeline. Hays County Sheriff will then search our FlockSafety cameras for license plate data and evidence to use in criminal charges.

We have an interlocal agreement with Hays County Sheriff and only Hays County law enforcement officers have access to our FlockSafety camera data. Part of the reason we installed FlockSaftey cameras is to be a deterrent for porch pirates, home invasion, auto theft, etc. We researched it carefully, went back and forth with legal and FlockSafety for probably a month, reworking certain aspects of the contract to make sure that FlockSafety did not retain any rights to the data, that they have no right to share the data, that if they get a court order or something where they have to share it, we're not obviously going to be able to block that, but they have to notify us so we at least know if the data is being shared.

Mayor Bohm resumes the meeting in order of the Agenda.

4) **Approval of Minutes from September 16, 2025 Commissioners Meeting.**

Table. Minutes not available.

5) **Approval of Minutes from November 18, 2025 Commissioners Meeting.**

Mayor Bohm notes a few typo's. 1) #7G correct culver to culvert. 2) #9B correct VOBCM to VOBC. 3) #11J correct cars are getting backed up when they exit (not exist). Mayor Bohm makes a motion to approve November 18, 2025 minutes with the three corrections made. Commissioner Brushwood seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.

6) **Approval of Minutes from December 16, 2025 Commissioners Meeting.**

Mayor Bohm makes a motion to approve December 16, 2025 minutes as submitted. Commissioner Brushwood seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.

7) **Discussion and possible action in regard to reviewing 2025- 2026 budget and actual expenditures.**

The Council has a general discussion. No action taken.

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 1/20/2026 VOBC Commissioners meeting in Annex.**

b. **Approve payment to Knight Law Firm $70.00 for November 2025 legal fees. Invoice #70045 dated 12/22/2025.**

c. **Approve payment to IRS (United States Treasury) $1,036.57 for 2025 employment taxes reported annually on IRS 944 Form.**

d. **Approve payment to Gilpin Engineering $4,563.75 for December 2025 services. Invoice VBC-2025-12 dated 1/12/2026.**

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 promoting the April 11, 2026 VOBC/TDS Annual Trash Collection Day.**

City Secretary said there might be an opportunity to include the TDS/VOBC Trash Day flyer with the annual BCOPOA invoices. If so, when that was done in the past it was successful in promoting the event. The Council has a general discussion. Mayor Bohm makes a motion to approve an amount not to exceed $400.00 to print color copies of the TDS/VOBC Trash Day and include it with BCOPOA invoices. Commissioner Brushwood seconds. After a brief discussion Mayor Bohm amends the motion increasing the expense not to exceed $500.00. Motion is approved unanimously.

10) **Old Business**

a. **Discussion and possible action regarding Flock Safety cameras and license plate readers at the primary entrance and exit points of the Village of Bear Creek .**

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

b. **Discussion and possible action regarding VOBC standards for driveway construction.**

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c. **Discussion and possible action regarding Christopher Gar, 9105 N Madrone Trl, +\- 960' West Travis County PUA water line extension S Madrone Trl to N Madrone Trl.**

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

City Secretary said the portal won't be open for final reporting until April 2026.

e. **Discussion and possible action regarding VOBC roads and Right of Way.**

The council has a general discussion. No action taken.

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

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10) Announcements

a. **Next VOBC Commissioners Meeting is Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at Friendship Creekside Fellowship, 14455 FM 1826, Austin, TX 78737.**

b. **Texas Disposal Services Annual Trash Collection Day will be held on April 11, 2026 9:00AM to 1:00 PM at Madrone Circle and Niles Cove.**

11) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM

Submitted on February 15, 2026 by Kathryn Rosenbluth

Approved on _____2/17/2026_____

By *Kathryn Rosenbluth*
Kathryn Rosenbluth, City Secretary