

# **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF BEAR CREEK COMMISSIONERS July 28, 2026**

## **1) Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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.**

Hailee Graham shared that she's doing research on becoming a Firewise community. If council is interested, she's willing to share the preliminary report and what the community needs to do comply. Once a community receives Firewise USA Certification it can lower homeowners' insurance premiums.

Barbara Stinson asked how the VOBC newsletter is distributed. Mayor Bohm replied that the VOBC newsletter is posted to web site [www.vilbc.org](http://www.vilbc.org) and to the Bear Creek Oaks Facebook page.

## **4) Approval of Minutes from June 16, 2026 Commissioners Meeting.**

Commissioner Brackenridge makes a motion to approve June 16, 2026 minutes as submitted. Commissioner Brushwood seconds. Motion is approved 2 yea and 1 abstention.

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

The Council has a general discussion. City Secretary points out that due to the IRS no longer accepting VOBC payroll expenses annually; the budget includes the annual payment for 2025 and 2026 quarterly payments; for this reason the payroll expenses are overbudgeted. Mayor Bohm makes a motion to increase Payroll Expense from \$1683.40 to \$1700.00; difference of \$16.60 pulled from the contingency fund. Commissioner Brushwood seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.

## **6) 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 7/28/2026 VOBC Commissioners meeting in Annex.**

**B. Approve payment to The Knight Law Firm, LLP \$245.00 for April 2026 attorney fees. Invoice #7276 dated 7/10/2026.**

**C. Approve payment to Gilpin Engineering \$2,491.25 for June 2026 engineering fees. Invoice #VBC-2026-06 dated 7/23/2026.**

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

## **7) New Business**

**A. Discussion and possible action regarding November 3, 2026 General Election for VOBC Mayor and Commissioners. Including but not limited to: Order the General Election, Hays County Contract for Election Services and Joint Election Agreement**

**and the November 3, 2026 Election Calendar.**

City Secretary shares that the forms for the Order of General Election for Municipalities and the Notice of General Election for Municipalities include sections we're to complete indicating the locations and hours for early voting and day of voting. The Hays County Elections Department doesn't yet have that information available; thus she requests the VOBC Council approve the Order of General Election for Municipalities and the Notice of General Election for Municipalities and sign the forms with the condition that the information be added to the documents when the information is available. Mayor Bohm requests City Secretary to reach out to legal counsel for their advice on the matter. The Council has a general discussion. Mayor Bohm makes a motion that we approve the Order of General Election for Municipalities for the November 3, 2026 election, and the Notice of General Election for Municipalities for the November 3, 2026 election with the stipulation that we are not able to fill in the location information at this time because it is not available, as we will defer to legal for how to handle those blanks. Commissioner Brushwood seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.

In regard to Hays County Contract for Election Services and the Joint Election Agreement City Secretary shares with council she's asked numerous times what the VOBC joint election fee will be. The Hays County Election Dept has not given a firm response; she believes it's because the fee derived from a percentage of participation between participating cities and jurisdictions. She recommends council approve and execute the Hays County Contract for Election Services and Joint Election Agreement, so she can send it to Hays County Election Department for their review and execution. The Council has a general discussion. Commissioner Brackenridge points out Joint Election Agreement Section 9 – cost sharing basically for small cities that don't meet the minimum cost share; the cost formula \$1,000.-dollar minimum with equipment rental fees allocated separately. Mayor Bohm makes a motion to execute the Hays County Contract for Election Services and Joint Election Agreement for the November 3, 2026 election. Commissioner Brushwood seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.

**B. Discussion and possible action regarding WTCPUA water line application for 8107 Bear Creek Dr, owner Aaron Naft.**

The Council has a general discussion. The 8107 Bear Creek Dr water line project looks complete. Mayor Bohm will reach out to Ryan Bell with Gilpin Engineering to confirm work is complete and the Right of Way is fully restored.

**C. Discussion and possible action regarding the renewal of Prosperity Bank 4-month CD #5518 maturing on 8/7/2026.**

The Council has a general discussion. Mayor Bohm makes a motion authorizing Prosperity Bank renew CD #5518 for a 4-month term at 3.5%. Commissioner Brushwood seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.

**D. Discussion and possible action regarding updated VOBC Driveway Ordinance. 2026.**

Gilpin Engineering hasn't provided an updated VOBC Driveway Ordinance. Item Tabled.

**E. Discussion and possible action to review and approve final Village of Bear Creek 10/1/2024-9/30/2025 financial audit prepared by Montemayor Britton Bender Carey PC.**

The Council has a general discussion. Commissioner Brushwood makes a motion to approve the 10/1/2024 – 9/30/2025 final audit prepared by Montemayor Britton Bender Carey PC. Mayor Bohm seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.

**F. Discussion and possible action regarding Amir and Ali Hajimaleki's request to extend the 8/16/2026 Preliminary Plat Conditional Approval expiration date to subdivide Lot 12, Section 3, Bear Creek Oaks, Village of Bear Creek.**

The Council has a general discussion. Mayor Bohm Makes a motion to approve extending the Preliminary Plat Conditional Approval expiration date to subdivide Lot 12, Section 3, Bear Creek Oaks, Village of Bear Creek for a six-week period. This extends the expiration date from 8/16/2026 to 9/27/2026. Commissioner Brushwood seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.

**G. Discussion and possible action on the Resolution by the Hays Central Appraisal District requesting authorization to purchase land and construct improvements to establish and operate the Appraisal District Office. Discussion will include the Dripping Springs resolution and the possibility of VOBC either drafting our own resolution or mirroring the Dripping Springs Resolution or approving the Hays Appraisal District request.**

The Council has a general discussion regarding Hays County Central Appraisal District request for authorization to spend +/- \$15 million dollars to purchase a 3-to-5-acre tract of land and build a 26,000 square foot office. Mayor Bohm makes a motion for the Village of Bear Creek vote to adopt and mirror the Dripping Springs, Texas resolution against the Hays County Central Appraisal District \$15 million dollar expenditure toward purchase of land and construction for a new Appraisal District Office. Commissioner Brushwood seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.

**8) Old Business**

**A. Discussion and possible action regarding Prosperity Bank CD #0717 renewal.**

The City Secretary informs council CD #0717 was renewed at 3.5% interest rate for a 4- month term.

**B. Discussion and possible action regarding VOBC newsletter for July/August.**

The Council has a general discussion. Mayor Pro-Tem suggests updating this item to VOBC newsletter for July/August. Item Tabled.

**C. Discussion and possible action regarding a VOBC roads and Right of Way. Including but not limited to the culvert at 8200 N Madrone Trl, owner Devin Cox and the new driveway at 8107 Bear Creek Dr, owner Aaron Naft.**

Devan Cox is in attendance and shares that their culvert is an issue for them and asking for clarification on what the city is responsible for and what the homeowner is responsible for. The Council has a general discussion and addresses Mr Cox, stating his new driveway and culvert work is most likely the cause silt build up in his culvert. City Engineers investigated and concluded the city culvert project in the 8000 block of N Madrone did not and will not cause silt build up in your culvert. They concluded the issue is with the flow of water.

Mayor Bohm shares that VOBC is looking at repaving the roads. We're pending Gilpin Engineering's bid package. Wimberly and Dripping Springs also use Gilpin Engineering and bidding road work at the same time; those bids came in lower than expected. The Council has a general discussion. No action taken

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

Item tabled.

**9) Announcements**

**A. Next VOBC Commissioners Meeting is Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at 7:00 PM at  
Friendship Creekside Fellowship, 14455 FM 1826, Austin, TX 78737.**

**10) Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM

Submitted on August 17, 2026 by Kathryn Rosenbluth

Approved on \_\_\_\_ 8/18/2026 \_\_\_\_\_

By *Kathryn Rosenbluth*

Kathryn Rosenbluth, City Secretary