

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF BEAR CREEK COMMISSIONERS September 15, 2026

1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

2) Roll Call

Mayor Bohm, 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 requests the Council discuss and consider taking action on the proposed “Bear Creek Business Center” development on FM1826 just south of Bear Creek Drive at the October Council Meeting.

4) Approval of Minutes from August 18, 2026 Commissioners Meeting.

Mayor Bohm makes a motion to approve August 18, 2026 minutes as submitted. Commissioner Brushwood seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.

5) Approval of Minutes from August 28, 2026 Commissioners Meeting.

Mayor Bohm makes a motion to approve August 28, 2026 minutes as submitted. Commissioner Brushwood seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.

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

The Council has a general discussion. No action.

7) 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 9/15/2026 VOBC Commissioners meeting in Annex.

B. Approve payment to The Knight Law Firm, LLP \$122.50 for May 2026 legal services. Invoice #7321 dated 8/24/2026.

C. Approve payment to Barton Publications Inc \$79.50 for Public Notice of the VOBC Small Taxing Unit Notice in The News Dispatch. Invoice #69923 dated 8/26/2026.

D. Approve reimbursement to Kathryn Rosenbluth for \$201.27 for annual HostGator web hosting renewal of vilbc.org.

E. Approve reimbursement to Mark Bohm \$106.59 for annual Otter Pro Subscription.

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

8) New Business

A. Discussion and possible action regarding the Flock Safety cameras and license plate

readers. Including but not limited to VOBC contract and renewal.

Mayor Bohm opens the floor to a general discussion on Flock Safety. Jeremy Scardino asks council how effective the Flock Safety cameras are in deterring thieves. Mayor Bohm shares that the Village of Bear Creek is in the northern part of Hays County. Hays County Sherriff resources are thin and rarely make a presence in the Village of Bear Creek. For years we've requested Sherriff patrols drive thru Village of Bear Creek, which seldom happened and left us vulnerable. Since the Flock Safety cameras have been installed, he's personally aware of 6 investigations, but there could be more, since neither he nor council are notified of each investigation. All criminal activity is reported by the homeowner to the Hays County Sherriff department, not the Village of Bear Creek. Hays County Sherriff has three analysts with access to the Village of Bear Creek Safety cameras, and they have obtained useful information from our Flock Safety cameras. He confidently says since the Flock Safety cameras were installed a year ago, they've curtailed porch pirates, mail theft and provide a physical deterrence to criminal activity.

VOBC council takes the safety and security of our citizens seriously. Unlike other communities, the Village of Bear Creek contract with Flock Safety stipulates that VOBC data is locked down. The only access to VOBC data is the Hays County Sherriff and Buda Police Department. Buda Police Department has a license partnership between Buda Police and Hays County Sherriff; and we piggybacked Buda's partnership. Only Hays County law enforcement with TCOL training and licensing have log in access to VOBC data (data is kept for 30 days; no longer available after 30 days). Hays County Sherriff makes a copy of the information, it goes into a case file and noted with the officer's badge number plus day/time of information retrieval. All requirements to be used as evidence and be admissible in court.

The VOBC has two Flock Safety cameras, one at each entrance. The inbound camera takes a picture of the rear of vehicle, a license plate reader. It's also tied into data bases, so if the license plate is wanted it will auto generate an alert to Hays County Sherriff department. The outbound camera is pointed at FM1826, to grab data at the intersection. Which will hopefully aid in supporting our case with TX DOT of the dangers of both intersections. (Bear Creek Dr and FM1826 and North Madrone Trl and FM1826.

The Flock Safety contract auto renews annually at \$7,000.00. (\$3,500.00 per camera. We paid an \$1,200.00 initial installation fee) If not renewed Flock Safety pulls the poles and cameras within 30 days.

Mayor Bohm recently spoke with Hays County Sheriff, Anthony Hipolito, who recommended VOBC renew with Flock Safety. He agrees they've been of value as a crime deterrent and a big asset to crime investigations. He added that Hays County is working on implementing security cameras from one of Flock Safety's competitors. In 2027 we may want to change to the vendor Hays County will be using so officers would be working on the same platform.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding updated VOBC Driveway Ordinance.

Mayor Bohm said the current Driveway Ordinance was adopted in 2019. The City Council and City Engineer agreed we need an updated Driveway Ordinance and incorporate the recent Flood Study data, which changed the culvert size in a few areas. In addition, the new ordinance will give the property owners the ability to request a variance from City Council. In addition, Glen Ragan remains the VOBC Driveway Authority, he's been doing it for years. If Mr Ragan needs assistance or is a complex issue, the updated Driveway Ordinance gives him the authority to reach out to the City Engineer, and work together to decide what's right for the location. If it means downsizing a little or suggesting an alternative, they have the authority to approve and issue a Driveway Permit. Overall, this should expedite the property owner's experience. If there's a situation where the property owner requests a variance that is beyond a minimal change, then the City engineer and/or the VOBC Driveway Authority will request the City Council approve a variance. They will write it up, advise City Council whether it should be approved or not. The new Ordinance increased the Driveway Permit Fee to \$150.00, and the Temporary Driveway Construction Fee is \$250.00. Commissioner Brushwood makes a motion to approve the VOBC Driveway Ordinance and Driveway Design Addendum. Mayor Bohm seconds and amends the motion to include Ordinance 260915.002.

Commissioner Brushwood seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.

C. Discussion and possible action for the resignation of Mark Bohm as Mayor of VOBC and appointment of Nick Moore as Mayor to serve out the remainder of Mark Bohm's term.

Tabled.

D. Action to Oath into office Nick Moore, Mayor for a term 9/15/2026 to November 2028.

Tabled.

E. Discussion regarding VOBC 2026 proposed tax rate of \$0.06475 cents per \$100.00 valuation.

The Council has a general discussion and recommends the VOBC 2026 tax rate reflect the no-new revenue tax rate \$0.06692 per each \$100.00 valuation.

F. Discussion and possible action to approve the VOBC Tax Rate Ordinance #260915.001.

Mayor Bohm makes a motion to approve VOBC Tax Rate Ordinance #260915.001 with the no-new revenue tax rate of \$0.06692 per each \$100.00 valuation. Commissioner Brushwood seconds. Motion is approved unanimously.

G. Discussion and possible action to determine if a book that was recently received at the VOBC postal address is needed by the VOBC, or if it should be donated or disposed of.

Mayor Bohm explains that the VOBC received certified mail from somebody in Houston. The package contained a Book of Mormon. The VOBC doesn't have a city library. According to legal counsel, we need to determine whether this is something we need to keep or whether we can pass it along. City Council has a discussion and agrees we have no use for the Book of Mormon. Mayor Bohm makes a motion that the Book of Mormon does not need to be retained by the VOBC. Commissioner Brushwood seconds. Motion is approved unanimously. Mayor Bohm will donate the book to the Community Library in Dripping Springs, who agreed to accept it as a donation.

H. Discussion and possible action regarding VOBC website and posting the Truth in Taxation requirements.

City Secretary shares that she was notified by the Hays County Tax Office that Truth In Taxation requirements mandate all cities websites must include a Truth In Taxation page and/or links to the Village of Bear Creek 2026 Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet (Form 50-856) and the link to Hays County Truth in Taxation page. Rowland Williams added a Truth In Taxation page to the VOBC website and both required links are now active. Property owners are encouraged to use the link to the Hays County Truth in Taxation page; there they can find information concerning estimated taxes, the taxing units to which your taxes are distributed and other important property tax information.

9) Old 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.

Mayor Bohm said Hays County Elections forwarded a sample November 3, 2026 Hays County ballot. The ballot is 6 pages and includes all local and state contests and propositions. The Village of Bear Creek race is on page 4 of 6. It correctly lists Nick Moore, Mayor with no opponent and four candidates for the 2 City Commissioner seats. Candidates are listed in the order of Justin Cofield, Trent Brackenridge, David F Prindle, Barbara Stinson, with instructions to vote for two, one or none.

City Secretary shares that we've not yet received an invoice for Hays County election services.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding a VOBC roads and Right of Way.

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

C. Discussion and possible action regarding VOBC records and fire recovery.

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10) Announcements

**A. Next VOBC Commissioners Meeting is Tuesday, October 20, 2026, 2026 at 7:00 PM
at Friendship Creekside Fellowship, 14455 FM 1826, Austin, TX 78737.**

Mayor Bohm said the October meeting may move to Monday, October 19, 2026.

11) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 PM

Submitted on October 4, 2026 by Kathryn Rosenbluth

Approved on 10/19/2026

By *Kathryn Rosenbluth*

Kathryn Rosenbluth, City Secretary