

Minutes of May 7, 2026, Bearcreek Council Meeting

Mayor Surwill called the regular meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., May 7, 2026, in the Town Hall. Council members Cristan, Hogan, and Petersen were present. Council member Boos was absent. Loni Hanson, zoning administrator; Rob Surwill, animal control officer; and Dean Webb, public works director were in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Paull moved to accept the minutes, the financial report, and the budget vs. actual report. Bobbie seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Claims were presented for payment and approved with a motion by Betty, seconded by Paul, passing 3-0

There was no correspondence.

There were no public comments.

Dept. Head Reports were started by Dean, who advised the council that all was going well. Lonnie reported that she had issued a zoning application to Olferts and as they wanted to build a wraparound deck they needed to apply for variance, which they did. The Board of Adjustments approved the variance. Rob reported that he had contacted the delinquent people for animal licenses. Citations would be issued if no response is received. Court is to be held on May 20th at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

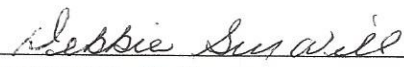
There were no council concerns.

Under unfinished business (1) the clerk updated the Mayor and council about the meeting for Phase 1 with the financial agencies, DEQ, Bond counsel, Interstate Engineering and herself. DEQ had received the preliminary and sent it back to Interstate for some minor comments. Tyler will resend it and hopefully it will be approved, allowing the project to go to bid at the end of May or early June. DEQ requested a copy of the title opinion and proof of the advertisement, which Jane provided. (2) Resolution 26-03 authorizing submission to various funding sources for Phase 2 of the water improvement project was presented to each council member. Betty moved to approve the Resolution. Paul seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. (3) The clerk advised that the Belfry FFA advisor had contacted her and they would be at the cemetery to weed eat and clean on May 14th.

New Business consisted of appointments to the Board of Adjustments. Bobbie moved to appoint Threse Fuchs, the present board member, for another 3-year term. Motion carried 3-0. The clerk read the letter of interest to sit on the board from Shay Hogan. Betty moved to appoint Shay Hogan as the new board member for a 3-year term filling the vacancy created by Kim Bader, whose term expired this year as well. Bobbie seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Under clerk's items: (1) the clerk advised that the only credit card company, PayGov, would accept the fees charged to the customer using the card, with no charge to the Town. It was decided this would be the company to go with as they also offer a month-to-month agreement. (2) The State had advised the clerk that the town was due for a financial review for the fiscal year ending June 2026, therefore she was soliciting proposals from certified accountants approved by the State. (3) At the June meeting the bond counsel should be present with the Bond Resolution. (4) The weed letters had gone out with a compliance date of 6-30-26. (5) The hoses and sprinklers were set up in the park to run at 10:00 p.m. (6) Joliet School will be having a field trip to the Bearcreek Cemetery on May 11th. The Town Hall is open for them to use the bathroom facilities and to eat their sack lunches if the weather is inclement. (7) Sunday, May 23, the hall may be used as a backup for a graduation party.

With no further business, Paul moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion seconded by Bobbie passed unanimously.


Debbie Surwill, Mayor


Jane Swanson-Webb, Clerk