

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF McCULLOCH

CITY OF BRADY

The City Council of the City of Brady, Texas met in a Joint Special Meeting with McCulloch County Commissioners Court, on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the City of Brady Municipal Court Building located at 207 S. Elm Street, Brady, Texas with Mayor Tony Groves presiding. Council Members present were Missi Davis, Jeffrey Sutton, Rey Garza, Jim Griffin and Jane Huffman. City staff present were Finance Director Lisa Remini, City Secretary Tina Keys, Interim Fire Chief Lloyd Perrin. Also in attendance were County Judge Danny Neal, County Commissioners Jim Quinn, Jason Behrens, Gene Edmiston, and Brent Deeds, as well as Commissioner-Elect Rick Kemp, Lynn Farris, Justin Klinksiek Sheriff John Dagen, County Judge-elect Bill Spiller, Erin Corbell, Jackie Behrens, Diego Goetz, Rick Lenoir, Sheila VanZant, Taylor Hoffpauir, James Blankenship, Michael Probst, Kenneth Keen, Les Brooks and Dean Gibson.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Certification of a Quorum

County Judge Danny Neal called the County Commissioners meeting to order. Mayor Groves called the City Council meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. City Council quorum was certified.

2. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding approving of the Joint City-County G Rollie White Steering Committee recommendations to convert the G Rollie White Complex from a 1980's horserace track into a McCulloch County 4-H / AgriLife Program Center (including indoor and outdoor arenas; shooting sports, master gardeners demonstration grounds, fairground complex, playground, RV / Trailer parking, vendor and mobile food vendor areas).

Justin Klinksiek, Jackie Behrens and Jason Behrens presented. They went over different facilities that were toured as well as the proposed layout of the new complex. Council Member Huffman asked who was on the "Friends of GRW" board. Justin answered himself, Jason Behrens, Mike Probst, Tony Groves, and Sheila Van Zandt. Council Member Huffman asked about potential funding. Justin said there are multiple grants that they are looking at in addition to the hopeful hotel occupancy tax. Justin said there are also some local donations. Erin Corbell said based on this year's budget the 2% would be \$65,000 for Hotel Occupancy Tax. Council Member Sutton moved to approve concept for conversion of GRW complex into County 4-H center. Seconded by Council Member Garza. All Council members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 5 - 0 vote. All county commissioners were in favor as well - vote 5-0.

3. Discussion regarding County Commissioners calling a county-wide election for the citizens of McCulloch County to vote November 6 to support/deny a Venue Tax (add a 2 percent Hotel Occupancy Tax) to fund the Master Plan for the new McCulloch County 4-H / AgriLife Program Center and Complex.

Judge Neal advised they only have one more meeting to call the election for the November ballot. Judge Neal will call an attorney at the Comptroller's office. Judge Neal is concerned they would have to have the ballot language at the time the election is called and he doesn't know if it can be done in time. Erin Corbell presented the ballot language she took from the Comptroller's website to Judge Neal. County will put on agenda the for Monday, August 13 as an action item.

4. Discussion regarding transferring (donate, sell, or lease) a major portion of the 100 acre ownership of the G Rollie White Complex to McCulloch County or to 501(c)3 Friends of GRW, if the citizens of McCulloch County vote November 6 to support a Venue Tax (add a 2 percent Hotel Occupancy Tax) to fund the Master Plan for the new McCulloch County 4-H / AgriLife Program Center and Complex.

Council Member Davis asked if the total size is 100 acres and Mayor Groves confirmed that it is. Council Member Huffman thinks we should confirm a long term lease. Judge Neal said for the funding, when you apply for some grants, the match required by the local entity can be the dirt. For example, if the county applied for a grant for \$1M dollars and they could show the City was gifting a \$200,000 value piece of property representing 20% of the grant amount and you wouldn't have to come up with dollars to match. Real estate value could count as a match and it may be considered at the time of the application to see if there is value of ownership over a lease. Council Member

Huffman prefers we do a long-term lease to the non-profit which would allow the City to have some control over the non-profit getting loan approval. Commissioner Quinn agreed but they don't want to start building until they have the grants and the money. Quinn would like to put it to the voters. Council Member Edmiston said there may be concerns about people putting money into something that they don't own. There was discussion if a venue tax could fund a 501(C)3. Erin Corbell said you have to create a venue district and appoint a board of directors. Erin said the comptroller website says they must have a resolution sent to them first. There were further discussions about going ahead and waiting until the May election to make sure all the proper paperwork is in place.

5. Review and discuss current City Fire / EMS Service and calls in the County for Fire/EMS Services.

Lisa Remini presented.

6. Discuss a draft Interlocal City-County Agreement for services, effective October 1, 2018

Commissioner Quinn said it looked like we already had an agreement in place. He feels like we are "double dipping" by charging for calls from the jail to the hospital. Council Member Huffman would like to see what services the City provides and what services the County provides. Huffman thinks we need to look at the agreement sample and look at the figures. Quinn says the figures keep going higher all the time. Huffman asked if the fire truck and ambulance both run, if it is one or two calls. Chief Perrin said it would be one call. Quinn had an ordinance that says the City will provide EMS service in the County.

7. Discussion of ERCOT Transmission Operator Service

Judge Neal said we discussed at our last meeting to get TCEQ satisfied that the substations can be sold. LCRA said they have submitted bids to buy the substations. In the previous meeting it was discussed approaching ERCOT to see if they would consider a waiver to see if we can dispatch out of the jail. Commissioner Quinn spoke with ERCOT, Deborah Lightner, and they emailed her to see if there are options. She replied that afternoon. Email says ERCOT has been coordinating since 2016 and said the City has agreed to comply with requirements. Steve Miller reviewed requirements with the group.

8. Discuss and plan future work session dates

There was no discussion

9. Announcements

There were no announcements.

10. Adjournment

County Commissioners adjourned their meeting at 3:44 p.m.

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the City Council meeting at 3:45 p.m.


Mayor Anthony Groves

Attest: 
Tina Keys, City Secretary