

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF McCULLOCH

CITY OF BRADY

The City Council of the City of Brady, Texas met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday August 2, 2022, at 6:00 pm with Mayor Anthony Groves presiding in person. Council Members present were Missi Elliston, Larry Land, Jay May, Jeffrey Sutton and Jane Huffman. City staff present were City Manager Erin Corbell, Public Works Director Steven Miller, Finance Director Lisa McElrath, Police Chief Steve Thomas, and City Secretary Tina Keys. Also in attendance were James Griffin and Lisa Selensky.

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL & CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Mayor Groves called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council quorum was certified.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member May gave the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting on July 19, 2022.

Council Member Sutton moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Council Member May. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

There were no presentations

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS ON PUBLIC HEARING

There were no Public Hearings

7. INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS

- A. Discussion, consideration and possible action on awarding engineering services agreement to Enprotech / Hibbs & Todd, Abilene, Texas to develop professional plans and specifications for public bidding purposes describing water main improvements along China St. from near Commerce St. south to West China Street. Steven Miller presented. Council Member May moved to authorize the City Manager to execute an engineering service agreement with Enprotech/Hibbs & Todd, Abilene, Texas, in the amount of \$94,000.00. Seconded by Council Member Sutton. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- B. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the City's employee insurance benefit package for FY 2023. Lisa McElrath and Erin Corbell presented. Lisa reviewed different plans and costs. Council Member Huffman asked how many employees have other family members covered. Lisa said she thinks there is one according to the document provided by the city's insurance broker. Council Member Elliston asked how many employees reach their deductible. Council Member Huffman said the number was very small. Lisa said she doesn't remember, but said she thinks it's not a large amount. Lisa said we have a pretty good loss ratio. Lisa went on to say the last option listed on the document presented is the same as our current package. However, it's cheaper because the co-pays will not be applied to deductible amount.

Council Member Huffman asked if we pay for 86 employees and Lisa said the document presented indicates yes, perhaps due to turn-over during the year, but we budget for 104 employees. Council Member Elliston moved to approve BCBS Dental, Vision and medical plans MTBCP036 and MTBCP018 (employee buy up plan) and designate the City Manager to renew the City's insurance benefit plan for FY 2023. Seconded by Council Member May. All Council Members voted "aye" and none voted "nay". Motion passed with a 5 - 0 vote.

- C. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding ratification of the tax increase reflected in the FY 2023 budget. Lisa McElrath presented. Item was tabled. No action was taken
- D. Discuss and vote FOR or AGAINST the proposed 2022 tax rate. Lisa McElrath presented. Lisa handed out an email from Chief Appraiser Zane Brandenberger and said the Local Government Code says council is supposed to say if they are for or against the proposed tax rate that will be voted on in September. Lisa said by August 7th, we are supposed to inform council of the tax calculated rates, so she wanted to meet that tax code rule by presenting the rates at the meeting tonight. Lisa said she needs to record who is and who is not in favor of the proposed tax rate. Mayor Groves stated if we vote for the voter approval rate, .403973, that includes some of last year's rate, it would bring in an additional \$100,000 (+/-) in revenues. Erin Corbel said the budget is based on the 0.374198 tax rate. Lisa said the budget is balanced with that number. Lisa said if we voted on the 0.403973 rate, that would raise the tax rate for the citizens. Last year's tax rate was 0.390712. All Council Members voted "for" the proposed 0.374198 voter approval tax rate.
- E. Discussion, consideration and possible action adding members to the City of Brady advisory boards. Mayor nominated the four applications in the packet and then took a vote for Airport Advisory Board – Clint Rejsek - all were in favor; Frederick Fraiser – all were in favor; Billie (Buz) Roddie – all were in favor. The remaining application was for James Griffin who indicated his first choice was the Building Standards board. Erin Corbell said we need to fully develop the building standards board. Griffin said he would do EDC or ZBA. Council Member Huffman said she feels like there might be a conflict with EDC. Erin said she can get building standards done in a month if James is willing to wait. He said he was. Mayor said we would wait to appoint Griffin to the Building Standards.

8. STAFF REPORTS

A. Upcoming Special Events/Meetings:

August 6	HAPPY BIRTHDAY JANE HUFFMAN
August 16	Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
August 17	Back to school
August 21	HAPPY BIRTHDAY MAYOR GROVES

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor said Thor is movie this weekend.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council of the City of Brady adjourned into Executive Session for the following:

- Pursuant to Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), the City Council will consult with the City Attorney about pending or contemplated litigation or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act

Council took a break at 7:00 and resumed at 7:09. Executive Session was opened at 7:11 p.m. and closed at 7:35 p.m. and Open Session resumed at 7:36 p.m.

11. OPEN SESSION ACTION ON ANY ITEMS COMING OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussion, consideration and possible action as a result of Executive Session, if any. Council Member Elliston moved to offer EMS service to the County at \$213,000 for FY 2022. Seconded by Council Member Sutton. Mayor Groves said we've done our due diligence to come up with that number. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Anthony W. Groves

Mayor Anthony Groves

Attest: Tina Keys
Tina Keys, City Secretary