

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 January 17, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Pro Tem Huffman presiding. Council Members present were Missi Elliston, Larry Land, Jay May, Jeffrey Sutton and Jane Huffman. City staff present were City Manager Erin Corbell, Finance Director Lisa McElrath, Public Works Director Steven Miller, Water Superintendent Gary Jacobson, Acting Police Chief Randy Batten, and City Secretary Tina Keys. Also in attendance were Keith Kindle, James Griffin, and James Stewart.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Huffman 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

James Stewart said he was attending on behalf of the Palace Theater and wanted to personally thank the City and City staff, in particular Joe Solis and Erin Corbell. Stewart said City staff has been fantastic and they really couldn't have done it without them. Mr. Stewart also said Joe and his staff have been tremendously helpful and they are appreciated.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting on January 3, 2023.

Council Member Elliston 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:

- Community Development Block Grant – Goals and Concepts, Grant Agreement Number CDV21-0068 – Steven Miller introduced Mac Bruce who presented remotely to Council. Council Member Sutton asked if accepting the funds ties us to any federal mandates. Mayor Pro Tem Huffman said we would definitely have to read the documents. City Manager Corbell said pretty much any funds we receive tie back to the federal government.
- China Street water main improvement project – Status report – Steven Miller introduced Keith Kindle who presented to Council. Council Member May asked if the current pipes are iron. Gary Jacobson said they're cast iron. Erin Corbell asked what a potential start date would be and said it would be better to wait until school is out for the summer so it won't interfere with the school pickup and drop off.
- First Quarter Financial Report – FY 23 – Lisa McElrath presented.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS ON PUBLIC HEARING

There were no public hearings

7. INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS

- A. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding approval of **Resolution 2023-001** to enter into a finance contract with Government Capital for the purpose of procuring a 2015 Motor Grader (\$130,600).

Lisa McElrath presented. Council Member Elliston commented about the big difference between the lowest and the highest interest rates. Lisa said she thinks it's a little bit of an education process. Erin Corbell said she talked with one of the loan officers and he said it was outside their policy to issue a loan for that long of a time period on a piece of equipment that's that old. Council Member Elliston moved to approve Resolution 2023-001 to enter into a finance contract with Government Capital Corporation for a total principal amount not to exceed \$130,600. 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 approval of **Resolution 2023-002** to enter into a finance contract with Government Capital for the purpose of procuring five Self Contained Breathing Aparatus's (SCBA) (\$46,625.28). Lisa McElrath presented. Council Member May moved to approve Resolution 2023-002 to enter into a finance contract with Government Capital Corporation for a total principal amount not to exceed \$46,625.28. Seconded by Council Member Elliston. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- C. Report to Council on budget for Christmas Decorations. Lisa McElrath presented. Council Member Huffman asked what happened to the big green tree that we were supposed to add on to each year. Erin Corbell said will found out where the green tree is. Council Member Elliston said she was very impressed with the Christmas decorations this year. Council Member Elliston moved to approve the requested budget increase for Christmas Decoration expenditures by \$4,500 to equal \$29,500 for FY 23, or direct desired funding amount. Seconded by Council Member Huffman. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- D. Discussion, consideration and possible action on additional design services to Enprotech/Hibbs & Todd for relocation of 10-in. water main associated with China Street water main improvement project. Steven Miller presented. Council Member Land asked about funding. Steven Miller said we are well within our budget expectations. Council Member Land moved to approve the engineering amendment for City Manager's signature. Seconded by Council Member Sutton. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote. Council Member Elliston moved to assign the 10'in. water main as an alternate bid item. Seconded by Council Member May. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- E. Discussion, consideration and possible action to award the purchase of two (2) 2023 Dodge Chargers from Grapevine Dodge Chrysler Jeep (CDJ), Grapevine, Texas (\$76,096) to increase budget funding for law enforcement equipment (\$6,170), and to provide direction on amount to finance. Lisa McElrath presented. Council Member Elliston moved to
 - 1. approve the purchase of two 2023 Dodge Chargers from Grapevine DCJ, Grapevine, Texas for a total price of \$76,096
 - 2. An increase in budget funding by \$6,170 to fully support the purchase of the law enforcement package from Southwest Public Safety
 - 3. A cash payment of \$26,669 and financing \$58,000 of the net purchase price for four years. The motion was seconded by Council Member May. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

8. STAFF REPORTS

- A. **Monthly Financial / Utility Reports**
- B. **Monthly Activity Reports:** Seniors, Golf, BPD, Fire-EMS Calls, BVFD Expense Report, Animal Control, Airport, Code Enforcement, Municipal Court
- C. **Upcoming Special Events/Meetings:**

February 7	Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
February 20	President's Day Holiday, City offices closed, altered trash schedule
February 21	Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Erin Corbell said the CLFRF money was received, and Lisa created the transaction to return it. Council Member Huffman again said she wants to make sure to review the grant documents for the Community Development Block Grant and put it on next agenda as well as holidays and overtime pay and policies.

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;
- Pursuant to Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) City Council will meet to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee: Police Chief

Regular Session was closed at 6:56 p.m. Executive Session was opened at 7:05 p.m. and closed at 7:25 and Regular Session resumed at that time.

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

No action was taken as a result of Executive Session

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Huffman adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.


Jane Huffman, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest: 
Tina Keys, City Secretary