

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 May 16, 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, Public Works Director Steven Miller, Finance Director Lisa McElrath, City Attorney Sharon Hicks, Police Chief Randy Batten and City Secretary Tina Keys. Also in attendance were James Griffin, Aaron Garcia, Debra Luebano, Mary Gomez, Felix Gomez, Sr., Diane Manahan, Denise Owens, Tony Groves, Vickie May, Ingrid McDonald, Patty Pringle, Charles R. Bush, David A. Ortiz, Feliz Gomez, Jr., Roxanne Gomez, Kelsey Garcia, James Stewart, Albert Luebano, John & Lisa Berglund.

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

Tony Groves thanked Jay May and Jane Huffman for all they've done over the years and offered congratulations to the new council members.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes for Regular and Work Session Meeting on May 2, 2023.
- B. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding a noise variance at Brady Lake for Friday, June 23, 2023 and Saturday, June 24, 2023 until 1:00 a.m. both days for the annual Bradshaw Family Reunion as requested by Stephanie Bradshaw.
- C. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the temporary closure of Blackburn and Elm Streets at 3rd and 4th Streets from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on July 1, 2023 for the First United Methodist Church Annual July Jubilee BBQ

Council Member Elliston moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Council Member Land. 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 regarding approval of Resolution 2023-009 to Canvass the May 6, 2023 City of Brady General Election for City Council Place 4 and Unopposed City Council Place 5, and Special Election to fill the unexpired Mayor term. Erin Corbell presented which declared Felix Gomez Jr. as City Council Member Place 4 and Gabe Moreno as City Council Place 5 and declared that no one person received a majority of votes for Mayor but that Aaron Garcia and James Griffin received the most votes of the four (4) candidates so a runoff would be held between them. Council Member Elliston moved to approve Resolution 2023-009. Seconded by Council Member May. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

- B. Reception and recognition of outgoing Council Members Jane Huffman and Jay May. City Manager Corbell thanked Council Members Huffman and May for their many years of service and dedication to the City. Council took a recess at 6:05 p.m. for a reception honoring Council Members May and Huffman. Regular Session resumed at 6:17 p.m.
- Attorney Hicks said Council need to go back to item 7.A. James Griffin turned in his Certificate of Withdrawal for the Runoff Election. Council Member Sutton moved to accept the withdrawal of Griffin. The motion was seconded by Council Member Elliston. Griffin's withdrawal culminated with Aaron Garcia receiving a majority of votes in the Special Election held on May 6, 2024, Aaron Garcia is declared elected to the position of Mayor and no run-off election is necessary.
- C. Administer Oath of Office and Swearing in of newly elected officers. City Secretary Tina Keys swore in Aaron Garcia as Mayor, Felix Gomez Jr. as City Council Member Place 4 and Gabe Moreno as City Council Place 5. The new Mayor and Council Members took their seats at the dais and the meeting resumed.
- D. Discussion, consideration and possible action to elect Mayor Pro Tem. Council drew numbers to determine order of vote.
- Council Member Moreno nominated Council Member Elliston
Council Member Elliston nominated herself
Council Member Sutton nominated Council Member Land
Council Member Gomez nominated Council Member Elliston
Council Member Land nominated himself
Mayor Garcia nominated Council Member Elliston
- Council Member Elliston received the most nominations. Council Member Gomez moved to appoint Council Member Elliston as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion was seconded by Council Member Moreno. Four Council Members voted "aye" and one, Council Member Sutton, voted "nay". Motion passed with a 4 – 1 vote.
- E. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding approval of Resolution 2023-010 to call a Run-off Election for Mayor. As James Griffin turned in his withdrawal from this election, this item was removed from the agenda.
- F. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding City board appointments to fill vacancies.
- Erin Corbell presented. Council Member Elliston moved to appoint Anthony Groves to Planning & Zoning and also as an alternate to Building Standards. Seconded by Council Member Sutton. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- Tony Groves also volunteered to serve on the Airport Advisory Board. Council said they would bring that back after Executive Session.
- Council Member Moreno moved to appoint Curtis Owens to Building Standards. Seconded by Council Member Elliston. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- Erin Corbell volunteered to serve on Charter Review Commission as did Council Member Elliston and they said Jane Huffman did as well. James Stewart said he would also volunteer for Charter Review. Council Member Sutton said he thought any council member could go to any of the board meetings but now we're voting to appoint council members to boards? Erin Corbell said we're trying to put together a committee.
- Council Member Elliston moved to appoint J.T. Owens, Erin Corbell, Jane Huffman and James Stewart to Charter Review Commission. Seconded by Council Member Gomez. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote. Attorney Hicks said she would not recommend approving two council members to a board.

Chris Martin also volunteered to serve on Charter Review Commissioner. Council Member Moreno moved to approve. Seconded by Council Member Elliston. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

- G. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding FY24 Budget Work Session Schedule. Erin Corbell reviewed the proposed schedule and said we are looking at Monday, July 10, Thurs, July 13, Mon July 17 if necessary and July 20th if absolutely necessary from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Council Member Moreno moved to accept. Seconded by Council Member Elliston. 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:

May 25 Last day of school, early release

May 29 Memorial Day Holiday, City offices closed, altered trash schedule

June 6 Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00

June 20 Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

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:

Regular Session was closed at 6:46 p.m. Executive Session was opened at 6:55 p.m. and closed at 7:17 p.m. Regular Session resumed at that time.

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

Attorney Hicks said the City ended up demolishing a structure at 1304 S. High St. That property has been sold. We discovered the lis pendens and judgement had not been released. We do not believe the amount is collectible. Council Member Elliston moved to release. Seconded by Council Member Gomez. All council members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

Council Member Moreno moved to appoint Tony Groves to Airport Advisory Board. Seconded by Council Member Sutton. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

Erin Corbell said we will invite the Airport Advisory Board chair and one other airport advisory board member to participate in our next executive session.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Garcia adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.


Aaron Garcia, Mayor

Attest: 
Tina Keys, City Secretary