

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 1, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Aaron Garcia presiding. Council Members present were Missi Elliston, Larry Land, Gabe Moreno, Jeffrey Sutton and Felix Gomez, Jr. City staff present were City Manager Erin Corbell, Public Works Director Steven Miller, Finance Director Lisa McElrath, Police Chief Randy Batten, Fire Chief Lloyd Perrin, Human Resources Clerk Kristie Martin, City Attorney Sharon Hicks and City Secretary Tina Keys. Also in attendance were Daniel Mendoza, Charles Bush, James Griffin James Griffin, Tony Groves & Brett Bowers. Council Member Moreno joined meeting at 6:38 p.m.

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

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

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Land 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 Budget Work Session Meetings on 7/10, 7/13, 7/17, and 7/18, 2023, and Joint Work Session Meeting on 7/17/2023 and Regular Meeting on July 18, 2023
- B. Discussion, consideration and possible action to authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages at Richards Park for the 49th Annual World Championship BBQ Goat Cook-off on Friday, September 1st thru Sunday, September 3rd, 2023
- C. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the temporary closure of Memory Lane as well as Sixth Street and Parkview and 11th Street where it intersects with 6th St. on September 1st, 2023 and ending September 3rd, 2023 and a noise variance on Sept 1st – 3rd until midnight for the concerts that will go along with the 49th Annual World Championship Goat Cook-off.

Council Member Elliston requested a change on Page 3 of 7/17 joint work session meeting – 11:54p.m. should be 11:54 a.m. Council Member Elliston moved to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded by Council Member Gomez. All council members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

Items B & C, Council Member Sutton moved to approve. Seconded by Council Member Elliston. All council members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

- TWDB Economically Distressed Areas Program – Water Main Replacement – Steven Miller 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 the **second and final reading of Ordinance 1362** of the City of Brady, Texas, amending the FY23 budget for the Brady Economic Development Corporation. Erin Corbell presented. Council Member Elliston moved to approve the second and final reading of

Ordinance 1362. Seconded by Council Member Gomez. 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 2024. Lisa McElrath presented and introduced Brett Bowers with HUB International who presented to Council. Council Member Sutton asked if local doctors and pharmacies are included. Erin said they are. Council Member Elliston asked about Council members being offered insurance benefits. Council Member Sutton said he wouldn’t be for that unless it came out of their pocket. Council Member Elliston said it’s becoming unheard of for an employer to pay 100% of health benefits. Erin said we checked into that, and our deductible is higher than others. Council Member Elliston asked if all municipalities pay 100%. Brett said some pay 95%. Some pay 100% for employees and zero percent for dependents. Council Member Land said it’s a good benefit for employee retention. Council Member Elliston asked if it has to be decided tonight. Erin said no, we have to do renewal by October 1st. Mayor Garcia said this plan brings us in at a lower rate than we currently are, so we’re saving money moving to this plan and our employee benefits are better. Mayor Garcia said he feels that keeping insurance for our employees is a benefit that helps retain employees and we should protect that as long as we can. Council Member Sutton moved to approve. Council Member Elliston said she would like more to read over the information. There was no second on the first motion. Motion failed. Council Member Elliston made a motion to table. Seconded by Council Member Moreno. Four Council Members “aye” with Council Member Land voting “nay”. Motion passed with a 4 - 1 vote.
- C. Discussion, consideration and possible action to award the purchase of 260 commercial water meter chambers from Aqua Metric, of Selma, Texas, a – HGAC Government Purchasing Buy Board vendor for a total amount of \$108,146. Lisa McElrath presented. Council Member Sutton moved to award the purchase of 260 OMNI water meters from Aqua-Metric in the amount of \$108,146. Seconded by Council Member Land. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- D. Discussion, consideration and possible action approving the purchase of 1,000T Limestone Rock Asphalt, Type 1, Grade D (cold mix) material from Vulcan Construction Materials, LLC, San Antonio, TX in the amount of \$111,580.00. Steven Miller presented. Council Member Moreno said he called around for delivery costs and it was quite a bid cheaper. Miller said we can go back and bid the components separately. With the order through the Buy Board, delivery is guaranteed. He will need help getting quotes through the private sector. Council Member Land asked about going through Buy Board. Lisa said a Buy Board bid is a bid that has been fully vetted through the Texas procurement laws, so we know the prices are the cheapest price for the Buy Board. Buy Board helps save us time. They’ve already done all that work. We have to write out specs, publish for 2 weeks, go through the bids. The Buy Board companies have already gone through that process. Miller said there is time to do that. Council Member Moreno asked if local companies can be a part of Buy Board. Erin said they can. Council Member Land asked Miller if he thinks we should go ahead and do this now and then look into it for future years. Council Member Elliston moved to table. Seconded by Council Member Moreno. Four Council Members voted “aye” and one Council Member Land voting “nay”. Motion passed with a 4 – 1 vote.
- E. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding request made by Lisa Gilbreth to place a memorial stone at Richards Park in honor of her brother, Rod Haseloff. Erin Corbell presented. Council Member Elliston asked if everybody would have the same opportunity. It sets a precedent. If we approve this one, we would need to approve for everyone. Council Member Moreno asked about putting a plaque. Council Member Land asked if they are local people. Erin said the team is based out of New Mexico. Council Member Land said he thought it might be a good idea for a “wall of fame” somewhere. Council Member Moreno said there’s a stone at the golf course and people put names on it, we could do the same at the park. Daniel Mendoza said the Chamber wouldn’t be able to do anything. Council Member Land said he thinks the contestants can bring something temporary in for their camp site. Erin said maybe the Chamber

could recognize them this year. Council Member Elliston moved to decline request. Seconded by Council Member Sutton. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

- F. Discussion, consideration and possible action approving Interlocal Agreement with McCulloch County to provide EMS services. Council Member Elliston moved to approve interlocal agreement with McCulloch County. Seconded by Council Member Land All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- G. Discussion, consideration and possible action to award the purchase of a Chevrolet 4500 Diesel powered Ambulance from Knapp Chevrolet, Houston, Texas, a HGAC – Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative vendor for a total amount of \$257,420.00. Lisa McElrath presented. Council Member Elliston moved to award the purchase of 2022 Chevy 44500 Diesel powered Ambulance from Knapp Chevrolet, Houston, Texas for the amount of \$257,420. Seconded by Council Member Sutton. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

8. STAFF REPORTS

A. Upcoming Special Events/Meetings:

August 15	Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
August 16	BISD first day of school
Sept 1 st – 3 rd	49 th Annual World Championship BBQ Goat Cook-off, Richards Park
September 4	Labor Day Holiday, City Offices closed, Altered trash schedule
September 5	Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
September 19	Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Erin said August 31st under the pavilion we will be having our annual employee appreciation luncheon. Council is invited to attend.

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 recessed at 7:24 p.m. Executive Session was opened at 7:28 p.m. and closed at 7:41 p.m.

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

There was no action as a result of executive session.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Garcia adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.


Aaron Garcia, Mayor

Attest: 
Tina Keys, City Secretary