

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF McCULLOCH

CITY OF BRADY

The City Council of the City of Brady, Texas met in a Work Session Meeting on Tuesday August 15, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. with Mayor Aaron Garcia presiding. Council Members present were Missi Elliston, Larry Land, Gabe Moreno, and Jeffrey Sutton. City staff present were City Manager Erin Corbell, Finance Director Lisa McElrath, Fire Chief Lloyd Perrin, Assistant Fire Chief Jeremy Ramon, City Attorney Sharon Hicks and City Secretary Tina Keys. Others in attendance were Carol Anderson, Fernando Nandin & Patrick Cobb.

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. INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS

Patrick Cobb with Hamilton EMS said Hamilton is a hospital based EMS provider for appx 150,000 people. They transfer appx 9,000 people per year. They have a staff of 110 full time employees. They are licensed as a mobile intensive care unit. It costs them \$520,000 a year to staff one ambulance. Council Member Moreno asked about the ability to get more funds with the rating and asked how can Hamilton be profitable with paying that much. Mr. Cobb said a hospital can have a critical access rating. At our hospital, patients are treated and released or treated and transported. The critical access rating allows a hospital to get 101% cost. They are the only ambulance in Texas to have the same rating as the hospitals. They can generate 3 ½ times the revenue of any other provider. Our hospital does get 98% of cost on a patient inside a building, but there are separate rules governing EMS and they have never applied for the critical access for their ambulance. The city would have to turn over all EMS to the hospital. Erin Corbell asked if we dissolve our EMS could Hamilton come in and take over EMS. Mr. Cobb said yes but he doesn't know if they could do it operationally. It will take a while to get an answer. It would cost over \$800,000 for Mason. They told Mason they were better off keeping it themselves. Council Member Moreno asked how many ambulances we would need for Brady. Cobb said he said they would have to have the transfers out of the hospital and he doesn't have those numbers. He will work on getting them.

3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Garcia adjourned the meeting at 6:01 p.m.


Aaron Garcia, Mayor

Attest:


Tina Keys, City Secretary