

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 February 20, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Aaron Garcia presiding. Council Members present were Missi Elliston, Felix Gomez, Jeffrey Sutton and Gabe Moreno. City staff present were City Manager Corbell, Public Works Director Steven Miller, City Attorney Sharon Hicks, Police Chief Randy Batten, and City Secretary Tina Keys. Also in attendance were Mark Mayfield, Tony Groves, Daniel Mendoza, Terry Phillips, Charles Bush, Rusty Bush, Chris Martin, James Griffin and Ken Keen.

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 Sutton gave the invocation, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tony Groves said he thinks it's important, as council considers fire and EMS facilities, if these fire fighters and police officers risk their lives to save our citizens, they should have a nice facility. Money should be spent to get them the facility they need.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes for Regular and Work Session meetings on February 6, 2024
- B. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding approval of Resolution 2024-006 to request TxDOT / City street closures for the 97th Annual July Jubilee parade to be held on Saturday, July 6, 2024

Council Member Sutton moved to approve the minutes in Item A. Seconded by Council Member Elliston. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 4 – 0 vote.

Item B – Council Member Elliston moved to approve. Seconded by Council Member Sutton. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 4 – 0 vote.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

- EMS summary from FY 23 – Erin Corbell presented.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS ON PUBLIC HEARING

There were no public hearings.

7. INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS

- A. Discussion, consideration and possible action approving Resolution 2024-004 supporting the development and allocation of housing tax credits for 218 Lynn Gavit. Erin Corbell introduced Mark Mayfield with the Texas Housing Foundation who presented to Council. Mr. Mayfield said they are the owners of the Sagebrush Apartments. They have applied multiple times seeking housing tax credits that are awarded to the State of Texas. The applications are very hard to get funded. They have tried for 6 or 7 years in a row. The region is very large so there is a lot of competition with a limitation of \$600,000 per region. This action is simply showing support of the City of Brady. They will submit their plans to the City,

and start their rehab process if they are successful. Council Member Sutton asked how many of these type of units are there in Brady. Mr. Mayfield said maybe 250. The Brady Housing Authority has several but they receive funding from the federal government. They have 124 units with the Texas Housing Foundation. Council Member Elliston asked if they got the award the last time they applied and came before council. Mr. Mayfield said no. This year there were no other pre submitted applications so that's a good sign. Mayor Garcia said that's where he moved when he first came to Brady and it's a great place with great people. Council Member Elliston moved to approve Resolution 2024-004. Seconded by Council Member Moreno. Three Council Members voted "aye" and one, Council Member Sutton voting "nay". Motion passed with a 3 – 1 vote.

- B. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding City board appointments to fill vacancies. Applicants for consideration – Terry Phillips and McKenna Behrens. Daniel Mendoza said the EDC did meet and recommends Terry Phillips for the position. Council Member Elliston said she was questioning the term and thought it expired June of 2024. Mr. Mendoza said it would be for a full term. Council Member Elliston said we currently have Chris Martin who is on the board and running for council and if Terry Phillips is appointed tonight, whoever wins the election, there will be a council member on the EDC board, is there not a conflict? City Manager Corbell said there is typically a council member on EDC. Mr. Mendoza said the EDC did talk about it and said it would probably good to have one member of council on EDC so there is good communication. Council Member moved to accept the EDC recommendation of Mr. Phillips. Seconded by Council Member Sutton. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 4 – 0 vote.
- C. Discussion, consideration and possible action approving Resolution 2024-005 to request TxDOT/City street closures for a Cinco de Mayo Celebration Street Dance to be held on May 5, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. as requested by the Brady/McCulloch County Chamber of Commerce and approval of a noise variance for same. Daniel Mendoza clarified it is actually May 4th until 1:00 a.m. on May 5th. Mr. Mendoza said City Manager Corbell did call and tell him that May 4th is election day, so their plan is to move it over in front of Brady National Bank and reviewed the map with Council. City Manager Corbell said we should be able to set the barricades and move them later. Mr. Mendoza said if it's not approved, their plan is to move it to the park. Mayor Garcia asked if it's necessary to close it at 8:00 a.m. City Manager Corbell said the artist they are bringing takes a very long time to set up and take down. Mr. Mendoza said are working with the Nandin's because they do a Cinco de Mayo as well. Council Member Elliston asked if there is a plan for the businesses that are open on that Saturday. Mr. Mendoza said he has talked to several of the businesses and there are a few who have concerns, but they will continue to work with them. Council Member Moreno asked why they would not consider moving to the west side of the square. Mr. Mendoza said he understood the east side was the TxDOT truck route. City Manager Corbell said no and said moving by TruCountry is not a bad back up plan. Council Member Elliston moved to approve Resolution 2024-005 with approval to change to the west side if necessary. Mr. Mendoza said his concern was people leaving Tru Country with alcohol. Seconded by Council Member Gomez. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 4 – 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:

March 5	Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
March 19	Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
March 29	Good Friday Holiday, City offices closed, altered trash schedule
April 2	Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
April 8	Eclipse
April 16	Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
April 23	Happy Birthday Missi Elliston

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Elliston said the Senior Center, year after year, the numbers continue to go up, 200-300 meals per month over the previous year. The location has not been a problem at all.

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 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), the City Council will deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real properties of the City as the deliberation in an open meeting will have the detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person: Police Station / Fire Station

Regular session was recessed at 6:38 p.m. Executive Session was opened at 6:47 p.m. and closed at 8:10 p.m. Regular session reconvened at that time

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 8:10 p.m.



Aaron Garcia, Mayor

Attest: 

Tina Keys, City Secretary

