

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 April 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Aaron Garcia presiding. Council Members present were Missi Elliston, Felix Gomez, Jeffrey Sutton, Larry Land and Gabe Moreno. City staff present were City Manager Erin Corbell, Public Works Director Steven Miller, Finance Director Lisa McElrath, Police Chief Randy Batten, Municipal Court Judge J.T. Owens, City Attorney Sharon Hicks and City Secretary Tina Keys. Also in attendance were James Griffin, Annita Ellison, Rich Jolliff, Mark Mayfield, Daniel Mendoza, Charles Bush, R.S. Bush, Chris Martin and Tony Groves.

### **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 Joint Work Session Meeting on April 1, 2024 and Work Session and Regular Session Meetings on April 2, 2024

Mayor Garcia moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Council Member Elliston. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

### **5. PRESENTATIONS:**

- Second Quarter Financial Report – FY 24 – Lisa McElrath presented to council

### **6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS ON PUBLIC HEARING**

- A Public Hearing to receive comments from the public regarding request for a zoning change from Single-Family Residential District to Manufactured Home District for Dodge Heights Subdivision.

Public Hearing was opened at 6:13 p.m. There were no public comments. Public Hearing was closed at 6:14 p.m.

### **7. INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS**

- A. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the **second and final reading of Ordinance 1377** of the City of Brady, Texas to adopt the 2024 Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan as required by the Texas Water Development Board. Steven Miller presented. Council Member Gomez moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 1377. 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 the **first reading of Ordinance 1378** of the City of Brady, Texas to amend the FY2024 Budget for municipal purposes. Erin Corbell presented. Council Member

Elliston moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1378. Seconded by Council Member Gomez. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

- C. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the **first reading of Ordinance 1375** of the City of Brady, Texas granting a zoning change from Single Family Residential (SF) to Manufactured Home District (MH) for the Dodge Heights Subdivision located at Brady Lake. Erin Corbell presented. Council Member Elliston moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1375. Seconded by Council Member Moreno. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- D. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding approval of Resolution 2024-008 supporting the Affordable Housing Program application for 218 Lynn Gavit. Erin Corbell introduced Mark Mayfield who presented to council. Mr. Mayfield said they would be rehabbing the outside and inside as well as bringing up to ADA compliant. Council Member Sutton asked if the people have to move out. Mr. Mayfield said they would move them to a hotel for approximately 2 weeks. Council Member Elliston moved to approve Resolution 2024-008. Seconded by Council Member Moreno. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- E. Discussion, consideration and possible action approving Resolution 2024-009 regarding the delegation of authority to the Finance Director to select, engage, and move City funds relating to Texas Water Development Board financing to an Escrow Bank other than the Escrow Bank currently maintaining such accounts and to negotiate and execute all documents as necessary to effectuate such engagement of an Escrow Bank and transfer of such funds. Lisa McElrath presented. Council Member Elliston moved to approve Resolution 2024-009. Seconded by Council Member Gomez. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- F. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding amendment to Interlocal Agreement between City of Brady and McCulloch County for labor, material and equipment sharing to improve/maintain infrastructure of public facilities. Erin Corbell presented. Council Member Moreno moved to approve agreement. Seconded by Council Member Sutton. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- G. Discussion, consideration and possible action approving road closure request from Brady/McCulloch County Chamber of Commerce for Cinco de Mayo dance. Erin Corbell presented and Daniel Mendoza also provided input. Council Member Elliston moved to approve street closure. Seconded by Council Member Moreno. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- H. Discussion, consideration and possible action approving bid to replace the current air conditioning units at Brady Police Department. Erin Corbell presented. Council Member Elliston asked if the high bid includes reworking everything that the facility needs. Council Member Moreno said all of the facilities are going to be new, this facility needs new duct work. JT Owens with Owens Electric said Duncan wants to turn the entire room into a mechanical room rather than have it half mechanical, half storage. Remodeling may not be where that mechanical room needs to be set up. This is a lot for that building where there is a potential to have to re-do the whole thing. He doesn’t think we’re comparing apples to apples. Duncan quoted a commercial unit. Mayor Garcia moved to move item to executive session. Seconded by Council Member Elliston. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- I. Discussion regarding April 8, 2024 eclipse. Mayor Garcia said kudos to city for their great job: city crews did an amazing job and Chief Batten’s guys did amazing. Daniel Mendoza said they had a really good turnout. There were a lot of people everywhere. The flags on the square were great. We had a really good view.

Council Member Moreno asked about hotels and motels. Mr. Mendoza said those figures won't come out for 2 months. Erin Corbell said Richards Park on the 7<sup>th</sup> was were at 100% occupancy and 82% overnight on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Lake was at 91.75% and 79% on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Mendoza said they had a lot of people from San Angelo and Abilene who were here for just a day trip. They heard people wanted to come see it then leave. Chief Batten said they were busy that day not necessarily due to the eclipse. They made sure the safety of the roadways were a priority. Council Member Moreno said the library was packed the whole day. Rich Jolliff said he was at the airport and they planned on a lot of people but the weather kept some away. One guy with the FAA in Aan Angelo was there. It was a great moment. There was a lot of people going to San Saba but they had 5 or 6 new planes they haven't seen before. He appreciates the airport doing everything they did. Council Member Gomez said kudos to Erin Corbell for preparation. It was exciting. City crews were picking up and cleaning up on bridge street. Police and fire were present throughout town. It was our time to shine. We should continue to have that sense of pride. Erin Corbell said the crews did a fantastic job. It felt like we might have over prepared. Tina has been pushing communication with the citizens and provided information. Crews did a really great job and got a lot of compliments. Council Member Moreno had the idea about flags on Memory Lane. Council Member Sutton asked for a report on the taxes for those few days. Erin Corbell said it takes 2 months for sales tax and 3 months for HOT.

## 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:

April 22 – 30	Early Voting
April 23	Happy Birthday Missi Elliston
May 4	Election Day
May 7	Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
May 21	Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
May 27	Memorial Day, City Offices Closed, Altered Trash Schedule

## 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

James Griffin said he follow the sales tax and for the first time in the last reporting month we broke \$100,000 for the very first time. He thinks we will see a significant increase in 2 months.

## 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: Fire Department

- 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: Annual performance evaluation for City Manager and Municipal Court Judge

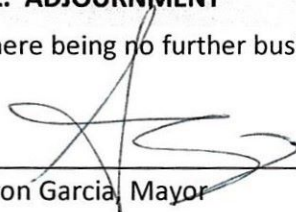
Regular session was recessed at 7:07 p.m. Executive Session was opened at 7:15 p.m. and closed at 8:43 p.m. Regular session reconvened at that time

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

The Council discussed the equipment referenced in the bids. Council Member Land asked which bid was for the American Standard unit, because that brand was preferred over the equipment offered by the low bid. Staff confirmed that Owens had bid the American Standard unit. Council Member Land moved to approve bid from Owens Electric Heating & Air for police department air conditioner. The motion was seconded by Council Member Sutton. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Garcia adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

  
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Aaron Garcia, Mayor

Attest:   
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Tina Keys, City Secretary