

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 7, 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, and City Secretary Tina Keys. Also in attendance were Terry Phillips, Tim Walker, Tony Groves, Daniel Mendoza, Charles Bush, R.S. Bush, James Stewart, James Griffin, Lisa Miller, Phillip Cruts, Cody Estes, Archie Harlow, Bob Hoepner, Rod Young, Jim Lero, Charles Hodges, Rod Young, and Janis 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

Phillip Cruts – Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Month – May 2024 – Mayor Garcia read and proclamation was signed after the meeting.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes for Regular Session Meeting on April 16, 2024

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

5. PRESENTATIONS:

- Lead Copper Rule – 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 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 second and final reading of Ordinance 1375. Seconded by Council Member Moreno. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- B. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the **second and final reading of Ordinance 1378** of the City of Brady, Texas to amend the FY2024 Budget for municipal purposes. Erin Corbell presented. Council Member Moreno moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 1378. Seconded by Council Member Elliston. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

- C. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding Resolution 2024-010 to Canvass the May 4, 2024 City of Brady General Election for Mayor and City Council Place 1 and Special Election for Charter amendments and sale of the City's Natural Gas Utility Distribution System. Tina Keys presented to Council. Council Member Land moved to approve Resolution 2024-010. Seconded by Council Member Moreno. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- D. Recognition of outgoing Mayor Aaron Garcia and City Council Member Larry Land. Aaron Garcia thanked Larry for his time and said he appreciates him as an amazing neighbor. Garcia also said other than his wife and kids, this is his proudest year. It was something he is super excited about and thanked Council for working with him and went on to say Brady has a bright future that he is excited about. Council took a recess at 6:23 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 6:40 p.m.
- E. Administer Oath of Office and swearing in of newly elected officers Mayor Anthony Groves and City Council Place 1. City Secretary Tina Keys swore in the newly elected officers and Mayor Groves and Council Member Phillips took their seats at the dais.
- F. Discussion, consideration and possible action to elect Mayor Pro Tem.
Council Member Moreno nominated Council Member Elliston
Mayor Groves nominated Council Member Elliston
Council Member Phillips nominated Council Member Moreno
Council Member Sutton nominated Council Member Moreno
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Council Member Gomez nominated Council Member Elliston resulting in a tie between Elliston and Moreno. Council Member Elliston changed her vote to herself breaking the tie. Council Member Elliston was elected Mayor Pro-tem.
- G. Discussion, consideration and possible action to award the purchase for a 2024 John Deere 320 2-WD Rubber Tire Backhoe to Yellowhouse Machinery Co., San Angelo, TX in the amount of \$128,595.72. Steven Miller presented. Council Member Sutton moved to award the purchase of a 2024 John Deere 320 2-WD Rubber Tire Backhoe from Yellowhouse Machinery Co, San Angelo, TX in the amount of \$128,595.72. The motion was seconded by Council Member Elliston. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- H. Discussion regarding Brady Golf Course Water Well and presentation by Tim Walker – as requested by Council Members Moreno and Gomez. Tim Walker with the water project, they tried to reroute a water well to the golf course but it wasn't going to happen. BGA applied for a water well permit. It would pay for itself in a short amount of time. A water well is cheaper than paying monthly for water but there was no money allocated. The budget is \$150,000 for water at the golf course. They anticipate it costing a quarter of a million dollars with a 2-year return on the investment. The cost of the water is 10% less, \$135,000 is what it should actually cost. They talked to 4 drillers. Three of them said they can't go that deep. Tinsley said they could go to 1,600. The bids were \$800,000. Tinsley came in at \$167,000 to get to the Hickory all in and it's done. Tinsley said the reason it's so cheap is they are moving their equipment to south Texas and will be there for a year. They have about 4 – 6 weeks to do the project before they move. We can't rush the budget process, so they thought about paying for the well with private money with an agreement with the City. It could be a lease to purchase. It could be paid off over a few years. Both banks are willing to work with the City. Council Member Elliston asked if he knows the cost would be if we wait a year. Tim said no, he doesn't know. The well water will cost \$1,500 a month for electric. The water well permit would be issued to the BGA. It's a 7" well about 1,400 feet deep. Council Member Elliston asked if we need to work on agreement. Erin Corbell said staff has talked about it. The cost of putting water was \$163,000 last year. Corbell said it will come to council in this year's budget. It recoups itself in 2 years. Corbell said if there is a way to do it, yes we need to get going.

- I. Update from EDC Director Daniel Mendoza on current status of EDC loans. Mr. Mendoza handed out paperwork to council but said the EDC met yesterday so there are some changes. There are some that are behind and some that are right on track. Some are behind because of miscommunication, family issues, etc. The EDC board is working on getting together with each of these. Council Member Moreno asked at what point does EDC have on enforcement on payments. Mr. Mendoza said they were miscommunications so they are working on having them come in and keep the communication open. Council Member Moreno asked who is responsible for making sure they are being paid. Mr. Mendoza said he is. Council Member Elliston asked for the next report to include all loans with the EDC and asked how frequently council receives these reports. Mr. Mendoza said quarterly. Mr. Mendoza also thanked Erin for helping out with EDC stuff and said thank you for City and county working with them on the concert this past weekend.

8. STAFF REPORTS

A. Upcoming Special Events/Meetings:

May 21	Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
May 27	Memorial Day, City Offices Closed, Altered Trash Schedule
June 4	Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
June 4	HAPPY BIRTHDAY FELIX GOMEZ
June 18	Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Erin Corbell said we will schedule a work session on May 21st to discuss budget priorities. She will update new members on where we are on Fire and EMS to keep moving forward with that. Council Member Moreno thanked Daniel Mendoza for all his hard work for this weekend and said he looks forward to seeing more things like that in Brady. Council Member Moreno thanked Aaron Garcia for his time he has put in and thanked him for his service to the City.

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:

There was no Executive Session.

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Groves adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.


Anthony Groves, Mayor

Attest: 
Tina Keys, City Secretary