

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 21, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Anthony Groves presiding. Council Members present were Missi Elliston, Felix Gomez, Jeffrey Sutton, Gabe Moreno and Terry Phillips. City staff present were City Manager Erin Corbell, Police Chief Randy Batten, City Attorney Sharon Hicks and City Secretary Tina Keys. Also in attendance were James Griffin, Annita Ellison, Bob Hoeppner, Sherl Miggins, Charles Bush, R. S. Bush, and Daniel Mendoza.

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

Mayor Groves called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. Council quorum was certified.

### **2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council Member Phillips 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 Regular Session Meeting on May 7, 2024
- B. Discussion, consideration and possible action approving a noise variance as requested by Sharon Tinney for the Cox Reunion to be held on June 8, 2024 at the Brady Lake Pavilion until 12:30 a.m. on June 9, 2024.
- C. Discussion, consideration and possible action approving a noise variance for Smoke on the Hill to be held at Richard's Park on Friday, June 14, 2024 and Saturday, June 15, 2024 until midnight both days.
- D. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the temporary closure of W. Victoria Street between N. Elizabeth St. and N. Davidson St. on May 31, 2024 from 12:00 p.m. until June 2, 2024 for a graduation party as requested by Brentt Raybion.

Council Member Moreno moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Council Member Phillips. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 3 – 0 vote.

### **5. PRESENTATIONS:**

There were no presentations.

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

There were no public hearings.

### **7. INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS**

- A. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding approval of Resolution 2024-011 adopting charter amendments as approved by a majority of the votes cast at a Special Election held on May 4, 2024. Erin Corbell presented and said this is a resolution as required by state law. Council Member Elliston moved to approve Resolution 2024-011. Seconded by Council Member Moreno. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 3 – 0 vote.

- B. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the **first reading of Ordinance 1379** of the City of Brady, Texas, to amend the FY 2024 Budget for municipal purposes. Erin Corbell presented. This is to allocate funds for the drilling of a water well and provide 3 month salary and benefits for a building official. Council Member Elliston moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1379. Seconded by Council Member Moreno. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 3 – 0 vote.
- C. Discussion, consideration and possible action awarding Brady Economic Development Corporation loan 2024-001 to Helios Press LLC in the amount of \$200,000 at 3% interest for a period of 10 years. Daniel Mendoza, EDC Director presented and said they are a new business and asked for money. The EDC board approved it and already had their public hearing with no objections. Council Member Moreno said he did talk to Daniel and asked why one is paying 2% and one is 3%. Daniel said his understanding it is just a board decision. They are looking at updating their bylaws. Council Member Moreno is worried if it’s up to the board, there could be a big conflict. Council Member Phillips said any time you go to the bank to get a loan, one person may get an 8% and another 11% depending on different things. Council Member Moreno said there is no threshold that regulates what they do. Council Member Phillips said they need to address that and get an interest rate schedule depending on many factors. There needs to be a clear guideline. Council Member Moreno said we’re fixing to do something and don’t know how they regulate that. Daniel said it is understandable and it will for sure be brought up. They’re not going to get a 3% loan anywhere around here. They requested 3% on their application. Council Member Phillips said so it doesn’t look like we are discriminating, we need to get some criteria. Attorney Hicks said that’s a policy and procedure you can look at every year. We can develop a policy. Daniel Mendoza said they do have a business in Austin and one in California. Mayor Groves said he thinks Council Member Moreno is right. We need a written paragraph saying how they go about judging. Council Member Phillips said especially since we are using taxpayer money we need to be transparent. Council Member Moreno moved to approve BEDC Loan 2024-001 in the amount of \$200,000 to Helios Press, LLC. Seconded by Council Member Phillips. Two Council Members voted “aye” with Council Member Elliston voting “nay” stating she has concerns with the product. Motion passed with a 2 - 1 vote.
- D. Discussion, consideration and possible action awarding Brady Economic Development Corporation loan 2024-004 to Salon 325 in the amount of \$6,000 at 2% interest for a period of 3 years. Daniel Mendoza presented. Council Member Moreno moved to approve BEDC Loan 2024-004 in the amount of \$6,000 to Salon 325. Seconded by Council Member Elliston. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 3 – 0 vote.
- E. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the **first reading of Ordinance 1380** of the City of Brady, Texas amending the FY24 budget for the Brady Economic Development Corporation. Erin Corbell presented and said Council ultimately approves the budget for the EDC. Council Member Moreno moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1380. Seconded by Council Member Phillips. Two Council Members voted “aye” and one Council Member, Elliston voting “nay”. Motion passed with a 2 – 1 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:**

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 13	City Employee Appreciation Pool Party
June 18	Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

#### 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Moreno said there is a Memorial Day golf tournament this weekend. Erin Corbell said she is proposing July 9, 11, 16 with 18<sup>th</sup> as a backup for budget work session.

#### 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 6:30 p.m.

  
Anthony Groves, Mayor

Attest:   
Tina Keys, City Secretary