

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 June 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Anthony Groves presiding. Council Members present were Missi Elliston, Felix Gomez, Jeffrey Sutton, Terry Phillips and Gabe Moreno. City staff present were City Manager Erin Corbell, Public Works Director Steven Miller, Police Sergeant Trevor Sutton, Electric Superintendent Joe Solis, City Attorney Sharon Hicks, and City Secretary Tina Keys. Also in attendance were Annita Ellison, Barbara Kristof, Mason Howell, Amanda Howell, Tommy Howell, Charles Hodges, James Griffin, Chris Martin, Charles Bush, R.S. Bush, Becky Smith and Daniel Mendoza.

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

Mayor Groves 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

There were no public comments

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes for Regular and Work Session Meetings on May 21, 2024
- B. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the temporary closure of Blackburn St. and Elm St. at 3rd and 4th Streets from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on July 6, 2024 for the Brady Methodist Church Annual July Jubilee BBQ

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:

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 the **second and final reading of Ordinance 1379** of the City of Brady moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 1379. Council Member Elliston moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 1379. Seconded by Council Member Gomez. 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 1380** of the City of Brady, Texas amending the FY24 budget for the Brady Economic Development Corporation. Erin Corbell presented. Council Member Moreno moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 1380. Seconded by Council Member Sutton. Four Council Members voted "aye" and with one, Council Member Elliston, voting "nay". Motion passed with a 4 - 1 vote

- C. Discussion, consideration and possible action awarding to **Techline Construction, LLC** work to replace aging electric poles and cross-arms and authorizing city manager to enter into a purchase order agreement for a not-to-exceed cost of **\$87,000.00** and a mobilization charge of **\$1,500.00**. Steven Miller presented and said Joe Solis was there to assist. Mr. Miller said White Street will be the alternate at the end of the job. Joe Solis said White St. is very busy. To replace the poles, they are looking at shutting down the road with the number of semi-trucks that go through. If they can't do that, they have the same number on Marie St. Steven Miller said LCRA is terminating their agreement. The poles are delaminated and short. Joe Solis said they are going with 40'; some of these are 35' and there 4 or 5 that are in bad shape. Joe hopes to replace all the poles on Crothers St. Miller said they are going with fiberglass cross arms. A pole in the Irish Addition is around 50 years old. Steven Miller pointed out pictures of several poles on that are leaning. Joe Solis said a Richards Steet pole has about 35 degrees lean to it; a good strong wind could snap it. Joe Solis pointed out a picture and said they trimmed the brush a few years ago and will have to go back in and trim again to get their bucket trucks in. Solis also pointed out poles at Pine and High that are rotten. Council Member Elliston asked about damages to personal property. Joe Solis said Techline will dig right beside the poles being replaced, and we will come back in; they won't transfer any of the cable, our electric crews will have to do that and they will remove old poles and replace grass if needed. Miller pointed out another picture of a pole with quite a bit of lean to it. Joe Solis said this pole on Hwy 87 will have to be done on a Sunday because they'll have to kill power and don't want to interfere with businesses on a Saturday. Council Member Elliston asked about the difference between the two Techline agenda items. Miller said Techline Construction is the contractor. Techline Inc is providing the materials. Joe Solis said there is a pole on Marie St that is in a resident's garden and said that one will be tough. Mayor Groves asked about damages during the last storms. Joe Solis said it definitely kept them busy. Joe said we have had to replace poles where lightening hit the poles. A citizen in the audience said he works for Oncor and right now there is a surplus so prices are good. Last year there was a shortage. We're in a good spot now. Council Member Sutton moved to award Techline Construction, LLC, Austin, Texas the FY2024 Pole and Cross-arm Replacement project in the amount of \$88,500.00. Seconded by Council Member Phillips. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote
- D. Discussion, consideration and possible action awarding to **Techline, Inc.** certain material purchases related to aging electric poles and cross -arms and authorizing the city manager to enter into purchase order agreement for a cost of **\$54,989.97**. Steven Miller presented and said Joe Solis has been working with Techline Inc for the past month. The same member of the audience that spoke in the previous item said this price is better than what they (Oncor) can get. Attorney Hicks asked how long this quote is good for. Joe Solis said 30 days. Council Member Elliston moved to award Techline, Inc. Austin, Texas, the FY2024 Pole and Cross-arm Material Purchase in the amount of \$54,989.97. 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 to approve Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Funding Application from Smoke on the Hill, Inc. for the Smoke on the Hill Cook-off. Daniel Mendoza presented. Erin Corbell said they are planning on spending a significant amount on marketing out of town. Council Member Elliston moved to approve an amount to award to Smoke on the Hill Cook-off in the amount of \$5,000 for marketing purposes. Seconded by Council Member Moreno. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

8. STAFF REPORTS**A. Upcoming Special Events/Meetings:**

June 4	Happy Birthday Felix Gomez!
June 13	City Employee Appreciation Pool Party
June 18	Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
July 2	Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
July 4	Independence Day Holiday, City offices closed, altered trash schedule
July 9	Budget Work Session
July 11	Budget Work Session
July 16	Budget Work Session
July 16	Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
July 18	Budget Work Session – IF needed

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Moreno asked Erin Corbell to comment on the limbs that are being taken to G. Rollie White from the recent storms. Corbell said there are still people coming in. We opened GRW on Saturday. Once we have the collection completed, we will probably let the fire department have a burn. Corbell said in her opinion as long as we see a need we will keep it open. We will also open this coming Saturday 9:00 – 3:00

Erin Corbell said a correction on dates for budget work session. Her last email to council had July 16, 18, 23 and 25 for budget work sessions.

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 551.074 (Personnel Matters) City Council will meet to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee: golf course superintendent.
- 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 Station / 480 acres at Brady Lake

Regular Session was recessed at 6:37 p.m. Executive Session opened at 6:50 p.m. and closed at 7:25 p.m. Regular Session resumed at that time for purposes of the personnel matter only.


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

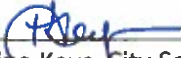
Council Member Sutton moved to uphold the City Manager's firing of the golf superintendent. The motion was seconded by Council Member Gomez. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

Executive Session resumed at 7:28 and closed at 8:11 and Regular Session resumed. No action was taken.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Groves adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.


Anthony Groves, Mayor

Attest: 
Tina Keys, City Secretary