

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF McCULLOCH

CITY OF BRADY

The City Council of the City of Brady, Texas met in a Regular Meeting on Monday, November 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Anthony Groves presiding. Council Members present were Missi Elliston, Terry Phillips, Jeffrey Sutton, Felix Gomez and Gabe Moreno. City staff present were City Manager Erin Corbell, Public Works Director Steven Miller, Police Chief Randy Batten, Golf Superintendent, R. S. Bush, and City Secretary Tina Keys. Also in attendance were Heather Craigmyle, Scott Craigmyle, Bryan Williams, Ann Cox, Brad Isbell, Aaron Garcia, Charles Bush, James Stewart, and Michael J. Rider.

#### **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 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 Meeting on October 15, 2024, and Special Meetings on October 19, 28, and 29, 2024.

Mayor Groves pointed out a typo that will be corrected. Council Member Moreno 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:**

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 1390** of the City of Brady, Texas, to amend FY 2025 Budget transferring unfinished FY 2024 projects to the FY 2025 Budget Cycle. Erin Corbell presented. Council Member Elliston moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 1390. 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 approval of **Resolution 2024-021** ratifying and approving the appointment of a substitute trustee to the Deed of Trust dated May 28, 2024, and granted to the City of Brady by Linda Medrano. Erin Corbell presented. Council Member Moreno moved to approve

Resolution 2024-021 and appointing Anthony Groves and Missi Elliston as Substitute Trustees. Seconded by Council Member Sutton. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

- C. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding approval of **Resolution 2024-022** adopting a model “TikTok” policy in compliance with the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislature passed Senate Bill 1893 prohibiting the use of covered applications on governmental entity devices. Erin Corbell presented. Council Member Elliston said she does not agree with the 2.4 “Bring your own device policy”. Council Member Phillips said if employees are connected to the internet via city Wi-Fi or ethernet, if that data goes through our system, they should not be using TikTok if it exposes our system to attacks. Council Member Sutton said if it’s any way any cell phone goes through the city or are involved in the city, they should not be allowed to use it. Erin Corbell said she recommends modifying the wording to strike #4 but add you are not allowed to connect to TikTok on City systems. Council Member Moreno moved to table. 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 approving agreement for consulting services with Eikon Consulting Group, LLC for the Brady Public Safety Facility Schematic Design. Erin Corbell presented and introduced Brad Isbel with Eikon. Mr. Isbel said they’ve been working on several potential projects. Police and fire serve and operate differently. Code updates will be required. They must consider parking and public access. It’s a very viable solution. Eikon believes they can come up with a plan to maximize the space. There is a lot of opportunity with the buildings we have currently. They’ve looked at fire and police separately; this would be a joint facility. Council Member Moreno asked how they came up with the number. Brad said it’s staff hours. There is a lot more planning and strategizing when it comes to public safety. We have to make two entities happy. There are a lot more meetings and correspondence. They see it taking longer and more staff hours. Mr. Isbel said you’re probably looking at 3 – 4 months to meet with the departments, analyze the current facilities, look at parking. Mayor Groves said he was not at the meeting when the shift was made to combining departments, but said he would encourage the council to go back to the previous plan to put the fire station at Back on Your Feet and police station here at Elm St. location. It avoids a 3 – 4 month wait to get something done. The fire station is down to one shower in the building. We need to get them out of there as quickly as we can. Mayor Groves said he believes it’s a mistake to try to combine the facilities. He thinks we should go back to the other plan. Council Member Moreno said he disagrees. We finally decided this it is the best option. Yes, the price is alarming, but it will take 3 – 4 months anyway even going the other way. Mr. Isbel said at the end of this document it would be ready to go out to bid; it’s a lot more detail. Council Member Phillips said his decision was based on the fact that if we use the other building, we have to pay \$1,000,000 to buy it. He would rather pay \$88,000. Mayor Groves said if you think you will have to tear down more here than the other station, it would be a mistake. Council Member Phillips asked what the cost to tear down here would be versus the cost of the new building. Council Member Elliston said she would rather go to the original plan with putting police at the cafeteria and renovating this location for fire. You have to agree on some things and not agree on others. She thinks combining the two is a much better option than the Back on Your Feet route. Mr. Isbel said this is a good location for response and service for both police and fire. Council Member Elliston asked if some of the plans they had for fire only would be able to be utilized. Mr. Isbel said yes. They will have to

work through the shared spaces. The bays wouldn't change. There was going to be quite a bit of renovation at the other building you were talking about purchasing. Council Member Gomez said the concerns he got from former firefighters is the response time on the north side and being able to have a more centralized location. That's what the majority were concerned with. Mayor Groves said we would need to find a new council facility. Mr. Isbel said that hasn't been decided yet. Mayor Groves said he understood this building would be for fire training. The biggest thing is the time that the firefighters will remain in a dilapidated unacceptable building. Anything that can be done to shorten that time should be done. Council Member Elliston said maybe the priority with the project could be the fire portion of it first before moving to PD. Mr. Isbel said that's a great point. They will identify construction phasing. They can have that as part of their strategic approach. Mayor Groves asked Chief Batten what he thought about combining facilities. Chief Batten said it's workable. The logistics of getting things moved where they can operate, he doesn't know where they can go. Their computers, equipment, functionality is his first worry. We can work tougher, but it's 2 different cultures. We don't want to interfere with their downtime and their chores throughout the day. Sometimes they have a different schedule. Mr. Isbel said relocating is part of the process. Chief Batten said they would love to have the cafeteria. There is a large room at the cafeteria that can be used for municipal court and council. There won't be any parking here. There are going to be issues with parking. Aaron Garcia said he is asking council to make a decision and stop pushing it down the road. He is on the same side with Mayor Groves. He thought we should go with Back on Your Feet, but the council was elected to make decisions. You've seen this, you've seen the money. You've seen what indecisiveness will cost us. Please just make a decision. Council Member Moreno moved to approve the agreement with Eikon. Seconded by Council Member Elliston. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

- E. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding City board appointments to fill vacancies. Applicants for consideration – Aaron Garcia. Erin Corbell presented and said Aaron Garcia is interested in filling a position on the Tourism Advisory Board. She recommends moving Lisa Selensky to the tourism spot on the Tourism Advisory Board and Aaron Garcia be appointed to the citizen spot on the Tourism Advisory Board. Council Member Phillips moved to move Lisa Selensky to Tourism and appoint Aaron Garcia to Citizen on Tourism Advisory Board. Seconded by Council Member Elliston. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

## 8. STAFF REPORTS

### A. Upcoming Special Events/Meetings:

Nov. 11		<b>Veteran's Day Holiday – City Offices Closed, Altered Trash Schedule</b> <i>Monday route on Tuesday / Tuesday route on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday route – no change</i>
Nov. 19		Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Nov. 23		<b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY JEFFREY SUTTON</b>
Nov. 28		<b>Thanksgiving Holiday, City Offices Closed, Altered Trash Schedule –</b> <i>Thursday and Friday route picked up on Wednesday</i>
Nov. 29		<b>Day After Thanksgiving, City Offices Closed, Altered Trash Schedule –</b> <i>Thursday and Friday route picked up on Wednesday</i>

Dec. 3		Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Dec. 17		Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Dec. 25		<b>Christmas Holiday, City Offices Closed, Altered Trash Schedule – see below</b>
Dec. 26		<b>Floating December Holiday, City Offices Closed, Altered Trash Schedule –</b> <i>Thursday and Friday route picked up on Friday</i>
Jan. 1, 2025		<b>New Year's Day, City Offices Closed – NO altered trash schedule</b>

#### 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Erin Corbell said insurance services changed our ISO rating from 55x to 44x.

Council Member Gomez said it was a pleasure to serve with Erin. Erin said there is a come and go on the 15<sup>th</sup> at City Hall.

#### 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: City Manager
- 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: G. Rollie White

Regular Session was recessed at 6:37 p.m. Executive Session opened at 6:52 p.m. and closed at 8:28 p.m.  
Regular Session resumed at 8:28 p.m.

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

Council Member Elliston moved to offer interim city manager position to Bryan Williams. 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 Groves adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

  
Anthony Groves, Mayor

Attest:   
Tina Keys, City Secretary