

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, January 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Anthony Groves presiding. Council Members present were Missi Elliston, Terry Phillips, Gabe Moreno and Felix Gomez. City staff present were Interim City Manager Barbara Holly, Finance Director Lisa McElrath, Public Works Director Steven Miller, Police Chief Randy Batten, Golf Superintendent R. S. Bush, PPM Superintendent Stephen Morgan, City Attorney Sharon Hicks, and City Secretary Tina Keys. Also in attendance were Charles R. Bush, Daniel Mendoza, Joseph Bucholz, Jr., Grace Iglar, Andrew Bray, Kelly Christie, Jenny Collins, Eddie Collins, Charles Hodges, Grecia Perez and Delores Cook.

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 Work Session Meeting and Regular Session Meetings on January 7, 2025 and Work Session Meeting on January 14, 2025.

Council Member Elliston moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Council Member Phillips. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 4 – 0 vote.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

- Brady / McCulloch County Chamber of Commerce Annual Tourism Report – Daniel Mendoza presented to Council
- First Quarter Financial Report – FY 25 – Lisa McElrath presented to Council.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS ON PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing to receive comments from the public for or against a zoning variance to setbacks for property located at 2026 S. Bridge Street, Stanburn Subdivision, Block 7, Lots 22-24.

Public hearing was opened at 6:48 p.m. There were no comments from the public. Public hearing was closed at 6:49 p.m.

7. INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS

- A. Discussion, consideration and possible action approving the **second and final reading of Ordinance 1391** of the City of Brady, Texas to amend the FY2025 Budget for municipal Purposes. Lisa McElrath presented. Council Member Moreno moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 1391. Seconded by

- Council Member Gomez. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 4 – 0 vote.
- B. Discussion, consideration and possible action approving variance to setbacks for property located at 2026 S. Bridge Street, Stanburn Subdivision, Block 7, Lots 22-24. Joseph Bucholz presented to council and said Frontera Healthcare is wanting to add to their facility and reviewed boundary lines. Council Member Elliston moved to approve setback variance request. Seconded by Council Member Gomez. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 4 – 0 vote.
- C. Discussion, consideration and possible action authorizing the mayor to sign a renewal Water Services Agreement with Lakeland Services, Inc. Steven Miller presented. Council Member Moreno moved to authorize the mayor to sign the renewal of the Water Services Agreement with Lakeland Services, Inc. Seconded by Council Member Phillips. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 4 – 0 vote.
- D. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding approval of Resolution 2025-001 to call May 3, 2025 General Election for the purpose of filling City Council Places 2 and 3 expiring terms. Council Member Moreno moved to approve Resolution 2025-001. Seconded by Council Member Elliston. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 4 – 0 vote.
- E. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding Brady Lake boat ramp extensions. Steve Morgan addressed Council and said we had a grant a few years back. The issue we will have now is we need probably 30 – 40 feet more. We have some drop-offs back there. Council Member Moreno asked if ramps are closed now. Morgan said yes. You would pretty much have to back your truck into the water to get your boat off. Mayor Groves said long ago, the plan was to build a dam out into the water. Now we could finish that project so we could always put boats in water. Council Member Elliston asked where we are with parks master plan. She was thinking it would include grants with TWPD. Morgan said Verdunity doesn’t do grants but they’re looking at the parks. We would have to find somebody to write grants. Council Member Gomez asked what steps we can take in the near future. Morgan said somebody might be able to look and see exactly where we stand. Council Member Gomez said his top three areas are G. Rollie White, golf course and the lake; it’s one of our major resources. The Bass Club had to cancel a tournament. Daniel Mendoza said several people are wanting to bring tournaments. Morgan said we need to do it soon before rain comes. Council Member Gomez moved to authorize parks department to pursue getting information needed to extend ramps. Seconded by Council Member Phillips. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 4 – 0 vote.
- F. Discussion, consideration and possible action to amend the Visit Brady contract to allow the Brady Chamber of Commerce to keep unused funds for future use. Daniel Mendoza presented. Council Member Moreno thinks it would be better to wait until budget workshops to discuss. We can’t release funds until then anyway. Daniel said they’ve already started 2025; estimated to be \$50,000 to \$60,000. City Attorney Hicks said she wanted to clarify if Council Member Moreno wanted an audit to make sure hotels are paying what they should be or if funds are administratively administered correctly. City Manager Holly said she thinks

it's appropriate. Council Member Elliston asked what funds could be used for. Daniel said it would go into a separate account. It's still limited to administration, school, events, and music. We're only allowed 30% of the budget to be spent on events. They don't have a limit for salaries and marketing. They have two separate funds - 2024 funds and 2025 funds. Council Member Elliston said so we're potentially talking about \$75,000 added to the \$14,000. Of those funds, you could do an audit. Daniel said yes. Daniel said last year they got authority to move funds as needed to certain areas. They would still do reports on what the money is spent on. If it's not used by the chamber, it sits with the city and is still regulated by the state. Council Member Elliston moved to table item until the next meeting. Seconded by Council Member Gomez. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 4 – 0 vote.

- G. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding a warming station policy. Mayor Groves said he had a call asking to use the civic center as a warming center, but Redeemer Church ended up facilitating the warming center. The City would have had to put an employee at a city owned facility to monitor, which would be a significant cost. Mayor Groves said he is asking if Council wants to be involved. Council Member Elliston said committing the civic center may not be effective. We don't always know the dates. The facility could be leased out. It may not be an available option. There needs to be another location that doesn't have the potential to be rented out. Council Member Elliston said if we don't have any other option, we can't leave our people in the cold. She thinks it would be better for churches, but if they do not and it doesn't get done, we as the council have to step in and make it happen. Council Member Moreno agreed and said we are here for our citizens. He would rather consider it on a case by case basis. Council Member Elliston agreed that the city should not use taxpayer money, however if nobody comes forward, we can't not have something, but said the expense for only three – five people couldn't be justified. Mayor Groves said if we sponsor it in one of our facilities, we have to provide for an employee to be there. He is ok with a policy that says in the event of adverse weather, the city will consider use of city facilities on a case by case basis. Council Member Phillips asked what kind of liability would we have. Attorney Hicks said normally the liability would be limited, but said it might be better to work with the churches or whatever. Council Member Gomez said in the past the Brady Clergy Association helped. Council Member Elliston said we don't want to be the first responders. We don't want to commit those funds, but as a last resort, we will step in. Council Member Moreno said emergency response should handle it. Daniel Mendoza asked if the Salvation Army could use the Helping Hands facility. Council Member Elliston moved to establish a policy for inclement weather, the City will handle on a case by case basis through the city manager office. Seconded by Council Member Phillips. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 4 – 0 vote.

8. STAFF REPORTS

A. Upcoming Special Events/Meetings:

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:

Jan. 28		Special City Council Meeting, 5:30
Feb. 4		Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Feb. 11		Special City Council Meeting, 5:30

Feb. 17	President’s Day Holiday, City Offices Closed, Altered Trash Schedule (Monday route picked up on Tues. 2/18, Tuesday route picked up on Wednesday 2/19)
Feb. 18	Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Feb. 25	Special City Council Meeting, 5:30

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

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: Police Station / Fire Station / G. Rollie White

Regular Session was recessed at 7:35 p.m. Executive Session opened at 7:45 p.m. and closed at 8:43 p.m.
Regular Session resumed at 8:43


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

There was no action as a result of Executive Session.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Groves adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m.


Anthony Groves, Mayor

Attest: 
Tina Keys, City Secretary