

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF McCULLOCH

CITY OF BRADY

The City Council of the City of Brady, Texas met in a Special Session Meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Anthony Groves presiding. Council Members present were Missi Elliston, Terry Phillips, Felix Gomez and Gabe Moreno. City staff present was Interim City Manager Barbara Holly, Police Chief Randy Batten, and City Secretary Tina Keys.

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

Mayor Groves called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Council quorum was certified.

### 2. INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS

- A. Consideration and possible action regarding proposed Vision Statement – Interim City Manager Holly handed out the Vision Statements that had been discussed in December. Council Member Elliston said she didn't realize at that meeting that they were making a decision at that time and said these being considered felt rushed. She didn't have time to prepare. They tried to help us as much as they could without driving it. Council Member Elliston said she researched other cities and business' Vision statements. Council Member Moreno asked the difference between a mission statement and a vision statement. Mayor Groves explained. Council Member Moreno said he also felt that it was rushed. It was pieced together fast. Council Member Gomez said he thought option 2 was better. Council Member Elliston read some vision statements she came up with. Council Member Elliston moved to approve the vision statement " In the very heart of Texas, the City of Brady is dedicated to fostering a tight-knit community rooted in tradition, resilience, and rural pride. We strive to provide a welcoming, safe, and thriving environment where families flourish, local businesses prosper, and the spirit of the Lone Star State shines through our commitment to sustainable growth, preserving our heritage, and embracing the values of hard work, faith, and neighborly support. The motion was seconded by Council Member Moreno. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 4 – 0 vote.
- B. Interim City Manager EMS Report. Barbara Holly said in speaking with judge, she found out the county can't provide support to Melvin. Their authority extends only to the unincorporated areas. Council Member Moreno asked where that information came from. Barbara said they could go into an interlocal agreement but the county will not fund it. They've tried. Options are a subscription service, or we can put a value on the landing helipad. We will be in the 30-day process starting Friday. Council Member Elliston said the Melvin mayor wanted to trade some services like us paying to use helipad. Council Member Moreno said he spoke with Melvin citizens and they talked to the County judge and he was talking ugly about the council and Judge Trull made it look like we're at fault. Council Member Moreno said Ruben agreed to look into it and look at costs. He doesn't think it should be free either. Council Member Elliston said we are providing a service. You can purchase that service or not and purchase from anybody they choose. We can't allow them to have the services for free. Council Member Phillips said you can't use taxpayer money inappropriately. Barbara Holly said she was just letting council know where we are in the process. There may be some options. Council Member Moreno said he had the conversation with Mr. Ramon, if we pay for the helipad, we're using the helipad for the county to use as well. Barbara said it was interesting to hear it's not that they don't want to, they don't have a choice. Council Member Moreno asked where we stand with EMS consultant and asked if we should wait to take

action with Melvin until we can talk to the consultant. Barbara said we can send out letters and be prepared.

Regular Session was recessed at 5:49. Executive Session opened at 5:55. Executive Session was closed at 6:50. Regular Session resumed at 6:50.

### 3. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council of the City of Brady will adjourn into Executive Session for the following:

- 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: Interim City Manager duties, time frame for service, and recommendations to Council

### 4. OPEN SESSION


### 5. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Council Member Gomez moved to continue interim city manager contract until May 11, 2025. Seconded by Council Member Phillips. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 4 – 0 vote.

### 6. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Groves adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

  
Anthony Groves, Mayor

Attest:   
Tina Keys, City Secretary