

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 20, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Anthony Groves presiding. Council Members present were Gabe Moreno, Terry Phillips, Curtis Owens and Aaron Garcia. City staff present were City Manager James Stewart, Finance Director Lisa McElrath, Public Works Director Steven Miller, Police Chief Randy Batten, Golf Superintendent R. S. Bush, Airport Manager Scott Griffin, City Attorney Sharon Hicks, and City Secretary Tina Keys. Also in attendance were Charles Hodges, Lisa Selensky, Charles R. Bush, Ann Cox, James Griffin, Carol DeLeo, Anthony DeLeo, Gracie Garza, Bobby Dories, Jr., Charles Hodges, Amanda Veitch, Nicole Fish, December Fish, Hutch Martinez, Emma Martinez, John Veitch, Craig Davee, Scott Craigmyle, Britney Pierce, Victoria Birch, Jordan Boggs, Michael J. Rider, Casey Long, 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 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 6, 2025 and Special Session meeting on May 12, 2025.

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

5. PRESENTATIONS:

- Airport Annual Report – Scott Griffin presented to Council – Council Member Phillips asked if jets are local or people coming in. Scott said its people coming in.
- 2025 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) – Steven Miller presented to council

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS ON PUBLIC HEARING

There were no public hearings.

7. INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS

- A. REMOVE FROM THE TABLE: Discussion, consideration and possible action to award the bid for the Golf Cart Shed Construction project to Tri Tex Fence Co. (\$162,500). Council Member Garcia moved to remove from the table. Seconded by Council Member Owens. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 4 – 0 vote.

James Stewart presented and said the previous bids came back and there were deficiencies. He asked the purchasing agent to re-write the bid packet and go out for new RFP’s. The wording was changed significantly. He is asking the golf superintendent to also review it. He is asking council to reject bids. Council Member Phillips said it’s a great idea to do that. Council Member Phillips moved to reject bids and re-bid. Seconded by Council Member Owens. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 4 – 0 vote.

- B. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the **first reading of Ordinance 1396** of the City of Brady, Texas to amend the FY2025 Budget for municipal purposes. Lisa McElrath presented. Council Member Garcia moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1396 with Exhibit A attached. Seconded by Council Member Phillips. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 4 – 0 vote.
- C. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding approval of Resolution 2025-014 supporting the City of Brady’s application to the Texas Department of Transportation’s 2025 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) call for projects. Steven Miller presented. Mayor Groves asked what the city will be responsible for. Miller said we will be moving utilities; some unknowns that may come up is where TxDot would want to align that project. We will have an opportunity to review again. Council Member Moreno asked about drainage. Miller said they recommended that we add curb and gutter. Council Member Phillips asked if it will all be in the right of way. Miller said yes. Council Member Garcia moved to approve Resolution 2025-014 supporting the City of Brady’s application to the Texas Department of Transportation’s 2025 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) call for projects. Seconded by Council Member Moreno. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 4 – 0 vote.
- D. Discussion regarding citizen’s request for agenda item on sex offender rules. Mayor Groves said although we addressed it in the previous meeting, he opted to add this item again as he had several citizens interested who wanted to speak. Mayor Groves said at the last meeting, the chief of police read the state laws as to what sex offenders can and cannot do and we are complying with them and will continue to do so. Jordan Boggs said he gave Council Member Moreno what was pulled from another city where they use them already so other cities can so we can. Attorney Hicks asked what city. Boggs said Lampasas. Boggs said this is something that will benefit our city and our kids. They should be able to go to the park without grown men who are offenders. Council Member Moreno said he has not called Erin. We go by the state law. Boggs said he was the sex offender registrar for McCulloch county so he is aware of the laws. Sharon Hicks said she will be happy to look at what he has. Mayor Groves said it’s not that we are not supportive of protecting our kids, but we have to follow state law. Boggs said it’s just an extra step to protect them. Mayor Groves said we will review and bring back on another agenda.
- E. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding leasing G. Rollie White complex. James Stewart presented and said we went out to RFPs for leasing facility. We have a representative for Heather Myles. Her brother said they would be happy to answer any questions they have. Mayor Groves said we received one RFP. When we put out a request, if we only get one response, we advertise again, so we need to decide if we want to advertise we can or proceed with the one application. Council Member Phillips asked if we’re bound to put it out a second time if we receive only one. Mayor said no, we can do it either way. Mayor Groves said we can discuss in executive session then come back into open session. Council Member Owens said he would like to look at the facility before making a decision to see what we’re talking about. Mayor Groves said we can do that. It’s interesting to go up on the plateau. Sharon Hicks said if they want to do it as a group, we can post it as a meeting. No action was taken.
- F. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding alcohol sales for Hall’s Daiquiris for the 4th of July Jubilee Street Dance on July 5th from 6:30pm-Midnight. Daniel Mendoza presented and said TABC requires approval from the City. Council Member Owens moved to approve. Seconded by Council Member Phillips. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 4 – 0 vote.

- G. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding alcohol sales for Hall’s Daiquiris and Tapville for the 51st World Championship BBQ Goat Cook off on August 29th and 30th from 10am-midnight. Daniel Mendoza presented. Council Member Garcia moved to approve. Seconded by Council Member Phillips. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 4 – 0 vote.
- H. Discussion regarding update on City of Brady providing EMS service to Melvin. Mayor Groves said he provided a handout to council. He talked to the county judge with a plan thinking it would meet his approval, but it did not meet his approval. The judge pointed out that the Mayor overlooked that taxes are paid based on the tax base not on people. Zane Brandenberger at the appraisal district provided numbers that said the county tax base is 79% county and 21% for the city. So, if you raise the tax base to raise to meet the \$14,000 to pay for next year, the county would pay 78%, Melvin would pay 1% based on their tax base and we would pay 21%. Based on that, the judge said they’re not going to change, so that did not solve the situation. This is an update and does not require action. When we get to making decisions, that’s not an option. The county is not going to raise their taxes. Another option has to be developed. Council Member Phillips asked what the county judge’s decision making decision is. Does he feel the county does not have a moral obligation or can they not afford \$14,000 a year? Mayor said if they raised the taxes, it would require an interlocal agreement with them and an interlocal agreement with us saying they would pay that portion of the bill. He thinks he takes the stand that if Melvin wants the service, Melvin should pay for the service. Council Member Moreno asked if Melvin as reached out with any plan. James Stewart said the mayor of Melvin refused to sign the interlocal agreement that would allow us to continue service until the deadline of September 30, 2025. We have not yet received payment from the RAC and have not seen any legal agreement. Everything is still up in the air. There is nothing that has been solved or rectified. Council Member Moreno said that leaves us in a bad position. James Stewart said they are forcing our hand. Sharon Hicks said absent an agreement, we have no obligation to service other jurisdiction. If we don’t have an agreement, we have no obligation. Council Member Garcia said this battle was going on when he was mayor and we’re still here. Mayor Groves said the state got word so they went to the RAC and told them to go talk to Brady. They agreed that they would pay for it, and we would continue to provide service. Sharon Hicks said she would recommend sending a letter to the RAC and it would be approved contingent on receiving the funds; we should have a written document. Council Member Owens asked if Melvin came to us with a proposal of in-kind services, would that count as a credit? Sharon Hicks said it could. Sharon said cities are prohibited from giving gifts to other municipalities. Sharon said if they have a heliport and if it’s equal to what the cost is, the council could accept that. Council Member Owens said he would like to figure something out. Sharon said if we are looking at the heliport, then we would probably want to go to the county and work out something with them too because they use the helipad too. Council Member Owens said he’s trying to find a solution. Council Member said we’ve had several workshops trying to figure out something.

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:

May 26	Memorial Day Holiday, City Offices Closed, Altered Trash Schedule – Mon. 5/26 trash picked up Tues. 5/27 & Tues. 5/27 trash picked up Wed. 5/28
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June 3	Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
June 4	Happy Birthday Felix Gomez
June 17	Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
July 1	Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
July 4	Independence Day, City Offices Closed, altered trash schedule: Thurs. 7/3 picked up Wed. 7/2 and Friday 7/4 picked up on Thurs. 7/3

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements

10. COMMENTS ON FUTURE ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

James Stewart said we need to discuss July budget dates.

Lisa McElrath said we usually go 3 days 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. And if we need that 4th day it depends if we need it, it's usually a few hours on the 4th day. Lisa had suggested budget dates as July 15th, 17th, 22nd and 24th optional from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. All we in agreement

11. 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 duties & recommendations
- 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 7:06 p.m. Executive Session opened at 7:17 p.m. and closed at 8:22 p.m. Regular Session resumed at 8:23.

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

There was no action as a result of Executive Session.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Groves adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.


 Anthony Groves, Mayor

Attest: 
 Tina Keys, City Secretary