

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 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Anthony Groves presiding. Council Members present were Gabe Moreno, Terry Phillips, Curtis Owens, Aaron Garcia and Felix Gomez. City staff present were City Manager James Stewart, Public Works Director Steven Miller, Groundwater Superintendent Jaime Torres, Police Chief Randy Batten, Golf Superintendent R. S. Bush, and City Secretary Tina Keys. Also in attendance were Brady Police Sergeants Willie Nuncio, Trevor Sutton and Art Romero and Officers Tim Spurgen and Charles Dodd, Tracy Elliott, Abby Evans, Heath Evans, Charles Hodges, Will Davidson, Bryce Betzen, Scott Samford, Ramon Roque, Tristan Day, Tony Bucholz, Charles Bush, and James Griffin.

#### **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**

Terry Phillips – Concerns for child predators. Mr. Phillips said he is a citizen and loves Brady and our children. He has had more comments than potholes. We are working to get potholes resolved. As a citizen, there are laws in place at the state level that say what happens when predators show up when children are present. He wants to be a voice for the people in Brady and said council does listen. Sometimes we are held back with what we want to do. If we do an ordinance, it will not gain anything over what has already been granted by the legislature. The citizens want an ordinance. Mr. Phillips said he encourages council to remember who we work for. We have an obligation to make decisions on behalf of the citizens to move the city in a positive direction. If they want an ordinance, it will not set us back. It will not put us with an issue for the state or anything. We still have to abide by the law. If written and presented properly it will show the citizens that we care, and we are doing something to show them we care. Mr. Phillips said he would like it back on the agenda.

Police Chief Randy Batten introduced Brady Police Department's newest officers and went over what the officers went through in their training. They will start their four-month FTO training. Officers Peyton Evans Ledger Bucholz were sworn in.

#### **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of Minutes for Regular Session meeting on June 3, 2025
- B. Approval of the temporary closure of Blackburn and Elm Streets at 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on July 5, 2025 for the Brady Methodist Church Annual July Jubilee BBQ.
- C. Approval of a request for a noise variance at Brady Lake for Friday, June 20, 2026 6:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 22, 2025 for the Annual Bradshaw Family Reunion as requested by Stephanie Bradshaw.

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 5 – 0 vote.

#### **5. PRESENTATIONS:**

- Annual Report – Groundwater Treatment Plant Operations - Jaime Torres, Superintendent presented.

- 2025 Transportation Alternatives Set-aside (TA) – Detailed Application – Steven Miller introduced Will Davidson and Bryce Betzen of Centurion Planning & Design, San Angelo, who presented to council.

## 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS ON PUBLIC HEARING

There were no public hearings.

## 7. INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS

- A. Discussion, consideration and possible action to approve Engineering Services Agreement with Enprotech / Hibbs & Todd, Inc. (eHT) Abilene, Texas to support planning, design and construction phase services related to Rural Water Assistance Fund water system improvements; and authorizing the mayor to execute the agreement. Steven Miller presented and said we have to get these work orders signed focusing on work orders one through four. Council Member Moreno moved to authorize the City Manager to sign and execute Engineering Services Agreement and associated work orders. Seconded by Council Member Phillips. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- B. Discussion, consideration and possible action approving Resolution 2025-015 authorizing the engagement of Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta as public finance counsel to the City. James Stewart presented. Council Member Gomez moved to approve Resolution 2025-015 authorizing the Mayor as a Designated Representative of the City, to execute an agreement with Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta as public finance council to the City. Seconded by Council Member Phillips. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- C. Discussion regarding developing terms of lease agreement for G. Rollie White. Item will be discussed during Executive Session.
- D. Discuss cemetery rules and regulations and promote enforcement campaign to begin September 1. James Stewart said this is something that came up on a visit to the cemetery. He was shocked how crowded things have become out at the cemetery due to a lack of enforcing an ordinance that's already in place. It makes it very difficult to mow and keep up. We need to do a publicity campaign giving people time to collect their things and we will use kid gloves when we remove them. We need to enforce the rules that are on the books; just bringing it to a public perspective to give people time. We will have the notice included with utility billing and will tell folks about it. It's just education. We do have to respect the families, but it is out of hand. Council Member Moreno asked who is in charge of enforcing those rules. James said PPM. Council Member Phillips said he maintained a perpetual care cemetery. People think when they buy property, they think they own the land, but they don't, they buy the right to interment. But people think they own that. People will rise to the level of expectations. We need to make sure the paperwork they are given tells them what is allowed. Council Member Moreno said if we are going to enforce it, we need to enforce it. People are looking at what everybody else is doing. Council Member Moreno asked if we are going to do it for the other cemetery too. James Stewart said yes. No action was taken. Item was a discussion item only.

## 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:**

June 24	Community Open House, 5:30 p.m. Municipal Court Bldg,
June 25	Special City Council Meeting, 5:15 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
July 15	Budget Work Session Meeting, 10:00am – 4:00pm
July 15	Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
July 17	Budget Work Session Meeting, 10:00am – 4:00pm
July 18	City Employee Appreciation Pool Party – 6:00 p.m.
July 22	Budget Work Session Meeting, 10:00am – 4:00pm
July 24	Budget Work Session Meeting, 10:00am – 4:00pm – IF NEEDED

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

James Stewart said the pool is a lot of fun and a lot of headaches; whether it's staffing or chemicals or a kid hitting his nose and getting blood in the pool. We had to cancel a party tonight because a child bled substantially in the pool; that requires all kinds of cleanup and chemicals.

Council Member Phillips said it has been an eye opener for his grandson who is a first year lifeguard.

James Stewart said he is enjoying his job and the opportunities.

**10. COMMENTS ON FUTURE ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

There were no comments

**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 7:08 p.m. Executive Session opened at 7:15 p.m. and closed at 9:25 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 9:25

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

Council Member Phillips moved to instruct the city manager to work with Chief Batten and Attorney Hicks to implement signage, stickers, etc. based on creating child safety zone within the city limits but not pursue an ordinance and continue to abide by state law. The motion was seconded by Council Member Garcia. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

### 13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Groves adjourned the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

Anthony W. Groves

Anthony Groves, Mayor

Attest:

Tisha Keys

Tisha Keys, City Secretary