

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, August 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Pro Tem Phillips presiding. Council Members present were Gabe Moreno, Terry Phillips, Aaron Garcia, Curtis Owens and Felix Gomez. City staff present were Finance Director Lisa McElrath, Public Works Director Steven Miller, Electric Superintendent Joe Solis, Police Sgt. Trevor Sutton, Golf Superintendent R. S. Bush, and City Secretary Tina Keys. Also in attendance were Casey Long, Chuck Jividen, Daniel Solis, Gerald Nobles, James Griffin, Melissa Goode, Margie Escobar, Hanna Jacoby, Kelly Christie, Charles Hodges, and Joseph Aguirre.

#### **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 Budget Work Sessions on July 15, 17, 22 and 29 and Regular Session meeting on August 5, 2025.

Council Member Moreno moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Council Member Phillips. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

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

- Electric Distribution System Annual Report – Joe Solis 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 regarding the **first reading of Ordinance 1397** assigning Rights to Operate & Maintain a natural gas distribution system to West Texas Gas Utility LLC, Midland, Texas and establishing a franchise fee. Steven Miller presented and reviewed the ordinance. Council Member Moreno moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1397. Seconded by Council Member Owens. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
  
- B. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the **first reading of Ordinance 1398** amending Ordinance 982 of the City of Brady, Texas designating truck routes in the City of Brady, Texas. Steven Miller presented. Council Member Phillips moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1398. Seconded by

Council Member Owens. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

- C. Discussion, consideration and possible action to award the purchase of one (1) 2026 HV607 SBA Commercial Side Load Trash Truck to Roberts Truck Center of San Angelo, TX, an approved Sourcewell vendor in the total amount of \$250,929.01. Lisa McElrath presented. Council Member Garcia moved to award the purchase of one (1) 2026 HV607 SBA Commercial Side Load Trash Truck to Roberts Truck Center of San Angelo, TX, an approved Sourcewell vendor in the total amount of \$250,929.01. 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 regarding approval of Resolution 2025-019 to enter into a finance contract with Government Capital for the purpose of procuring (1) 2026 HV607 SBA Commercial Side Load Trash Truck (\$250,929.00). Lisa McElrath presented. Council Member Garcia asked if we can go with Commercial National since they are local even though their rate is higher. Lisa said they go with the best rates. Council Member Phillips moved to approve Resolution 2025-019 to enter into a finance contract with Government Capital Corporation for a total principal amount not to exceed \$250,929.00. Seconded by Council Member Moreno. Four Council Members voted "aye" and one, Council Member Garcia, voting "nay". Motion passed with a 4 - 1 vote.
- E. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding approval of Resolution 2025-020 opposing the proposed 765 kV transmission line routes that transect McCulloch County. Gerald Nobles said he is representing Friends of the San Saba. They are up to over 100 members. They met with LCRA in Austin and talked to them about how they came up with the routes. There are five lines that go across Texas. They're going to build 4 of the 5. One segment affects us; goes from San Saba to Christoval. They asked LCRA how they came up with the route. They draw a line then do an aerial and give to their developers. They had a zoom meeting with Oncor who told them the same thing. They have no interest in coming here. They are going to trust their engineers. The decision on the final line will be made in December. If you object you have to go into a lawsuit against the PUC. All three lines to across the San Saba river multiple times. M. Nobles said he came here because of water. He is surprised how the state does not take care of the flow in our rivers. We have not seen a transmission line of this size in the state of Texas. The easement is over 200' wide. The amount of clearing for the easement is amazing. There has been no research on how this will reflect wildlife. It's very powerful electricity. They need to use existing easements and not bring it across our water. Land values will drop. Tax values will go down. It will affect hunting. Mr. Nobles asked to add to our resolution telling the state to stay away from the water. That's what they're going after. It's a statewide problem. Council Member Phillips said he was in the powerline business. He worked on easements for power lines. When you clear cut land, we've seen evidence of flooding that caused catastrophic damage. He can't see how them clear cutting and going across the river 4 – 5 times will do anything but be a negative impact. He's not against transmission lines. We have to have them, but we have to do better at monitoring it and remediating the potential damage. Mr. Nobles handed out the resolution that was passed by McCulloch County Commissioners Court. There is a section he thinks should be added to our resolution. Council Member Moreno said we're on the same side. We do have two different resolutions and it would need to be more refined before we vote on it. Council Member Garcia moved to

approve amendment to Resolution 2025-020 by adding "Whereas, the construction and maintenance of a 765kV electrical transmission line which may cross and run alongside the San Saba River and through its valley will have an adverse effect on the natural habitat, vegetation and wildlife that are associated with the San Saba River, will increase the risk of flash flooding during a high rain event and impair the value of land in the County to the detriment of its residents and property owners". Motion was seconded by Council Member Phillips. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote. Council Member Garcia moved to approve Resolution 2025-020 as amended. Seconded by Council Member Phillips. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

- F. Discussion, consideration and possible action to award the Bank Depository proposal application for the City of Brady. Lisa McElrath presented. Council Member Moreno moved to award the City's Depository Bank from September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2029 to Commercial National Bank. Seconded by Council Member Gomez. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- G. Discussion, consideration and possible action for final approval for EDC to grant Frontera Healthcare a building improvement grant in the amount of \$45,000.00. Daniel Mendoza presented. Council Member Garcia asked if he should abstain since his wife works for Frontera Healthcare. Mayor Groves said no. Council Member Phillips moved to approve amendment to allow the EDC to grant Frontera Healthcare a building improvement grant in the amount of \$45,000. Seconded by Council Member Moreno. Four Council Members voted "aye" and Council Member Garcia abstained. Motion passed with a 4 – 0 vote.
- H. Discussion, consideration and possible action for final approval for EDC to grant Vision Heights Daycare a building improvement grant in the amount of \$10,000 and a façade grant in the amount of \$10,000. Totaling \$20,000. Daniel Mendoza presented. Council Member Garcia moved to approve amendment to allow the EDC to grant Vision Heights Daycare a building improvement grant and façade grant in the amount of \$20,000. Seconded by Council Member Gomez. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- I. Discussion, consideration, and possible action approving the purchase of 850T Limestone Rock Asphalt, Type 1, Grade D (cold mix) material from Vulcan Construction Materials, LLC, San Antonio, TX in the amount of \$100,206.00. Steven Miller presented. Council Member Owens moved to approve the purchase of 850T of Limestone Rock Asphalt Type 1, Grade D (cold mix) material from Vulcan Construction Materials, LLC – San Antonio, Texas for the total purchase price of \$100,206.00. Seconded by Council Member Phillips. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

## 8. STAFF REPORTS

- A. **Monthly Financial / Utility Reports**
- 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:**

August 20	HAPPY BIRTHDAY TERRY PHILLIPS
August 21	HAPPY BIRTHDAY TONY GROVES

August 28	Goat Cook-off Employee Appreciation Luncheon, Richards Park, 11:30 – 1:00
September 1	Labor Day Holiday – City offices closed, altered trash schedule, Mon. 9/1 picked up Tues. 9/2, Tuesday 9/2 picked up Wednesday 9/3
September 2	Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
September 16	Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
September 20	HAPPY BIRTHDAY GABE MORENO

## 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

## 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 contract & duties
- 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.

Open session recessed at 7:29 p.m. Executive Session was opened at 7:37 p.m. and closed at 8:32 p.m. Regular Session resumed at that time.

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

Council Member Garcia moved to create a committee chaired by Council Member Owens to facilitate and complete construction of the Brady Fire Department facility as soon as possible, prior to construction of the police department building, at the location previously approved by the City Council (area adjacent to the Municipal Court building).

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council Member Owens moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m.



Anthony Groves, Mayor

Attest:   
Tina Keys, City Secretary