

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, December 3, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the City of Brady Municipal Court Building located at 207 S. Elm Street, Brady, Texas with Mayor Anthony Groves presiding. Council Members present were Jane Huffman, Jay May, Missi Davis, Jeffrey Sutton and Rey Garza. City staff present were City Manager Dennis Jobe, Finance Director Lisa Remini, Public Works Director Steve Miller, Police Chief Steve Thomas, and City Secretary Tina Keys. Also in attendance were Erin Corbell, Michael Whitworth, and Cody Garrett.

**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 May 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 Meeting on November 19, 2019

Council Member May moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Council Member Garza. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5–0 vote.

**5. PRESENTATIONS:**

Axis deer trapping at Brady Lake – Dennis Jobe introduced Cody Garrett who presented to Council. Council Member Sutton asked how the deer would be loaded. Garrett said they would be live loaded. Sutton asked when he could start and Garrett said as soon as possible. Council Member May said there are probably 300 – 500 axis deer out there right now. Council Member May commented the whitetails run with them and asked how the white tails would be separated out. Garrett said they would not trap whitetail. They could wait until there are no white tail in the trap to close the gates.

FY 2019 Budget Report – Lisa Remini presented.

**6. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

There were no public hearings

**7. INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS**

- A. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the first reading of Ordinance 1286 to amend Ordinance 986 reducing the processing fee for the acceptance of credit card payments. Lisa Remini presented. Mayor Groves said the 3% is a cost to the city from the credit card company. If you pay without employee assistance, there is still a 3% charge to the City. That’s revenue lost to the City. It is the citizen’s money we’re messing with. He doesn’t

think it matters if an employee is involved or not. He asked how we make up that 3% if we charge it. Is it fair to make another citizen pay for something another citizen doesn't have to pay. Council Member Davis suggested we go to using e-bills and save money on printing and postage. She thinks there is a lot of things we can do to make up that 3%. Council Member Huffman said when we made the decision to raise a full penny, we were looking at expenses that this was already a part of. Council Member Huffman said she doesn't think we should raise a penny plus charge the customer. She thinks it's bad business. Council Member Huffman said she feels we can evaluate at budget time. Council Member Davis said she would like to know the total amount we pay. Remini said 3% isn't quite right, and went on to say the credit card company charges 1% on transactions coming into city hall. The online is costing about 1 ½ percent. Municipal court fines and fees paid online is 1.76%. The 3% was including the cost of personnel for those paying at City Hall. Council Member Huffman said she is OK with charging for municipal court. Council Member Davis said she doesn't think we should punish somebody who comes into the office. Lisa Remini informed Council the cost is actually about \$30,000, \$26,000 last year for all credit card payments. Council Member May mentioned we are constantly looking for revenue sources. This is one that's out there already. It was clarified that there was no charge online. Mayor Groves asked why don't we just charge exactly what it costs us, what we have to pay and went on to say that the lost revenue has to be made up some place. Council Member Huffman said she may be willing to agree to a flat 1% for everybody. Council Member Davis asked what the costs are for mailing bills. Council Member Huffman also wants to go to quarterly newsletters in with the bills. Council Member May agreed and said he thinks we should go to black and white. And if possible, only send one bill to customers with more than one account. Lisa Remini said we do have statement billing so we can send only one bill and she will check on that. Mayor Groves proposed passing this ordinance with a 1% fee if you pay with a credit card, then go back and look at figures for e-bill vs. paper bill and how we could revamp our billing and payment system for utilities. Council Member Davis said she is opposed for any credit charge and thinks we can revamp those costs somewhere else. Council Member Huffman said she doesn't agree. She doesn't think we should penalize people who want a bill. Council Member Sutton moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1286 with amending to 1% for credit card transactions. Seconded by Council Member Garza. Council Member Davis said she might vote for it at a later date after we give the customers advance notice. Mayor Groves said there is no rush we do anything immediately. We can pass the ordinance saying we are authorizing at 1%, then we work through finance dept how long we take to start charging after we inform customers and we can pick a date and explain we are going to go electronic when we can. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

- B. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding approval Resolution 2019-039 to adopt a revision to the Personnel Policy to include City related Social Media and retention directives. Council Member Huffman questioned the paragraph starting with "The City supports..." She thinks we really need to look at this section. If they are on their own time and their personal social media, they are free to say what they want. Council Member Davis agreed and feels it's too broad to try to generalize but does agree that employees can't be on their personal social media during work times. Dennis Jobe asked if we can delete that section and leave the rest. Council Member Huffman said yes but we should check with the City attorney to find something else to say what we need to say. Mayor Groves agreed. He thinks the attorney needs to look at it again. It's not urgent, so we can table the tabled item. Council Member Sutton moved to table. Seconded by Council Member Huffman. All Council

Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

- C. Discussion, consideration and possible action approving the purchase of 1,500T Limestone Rock Asphalt, Type 1, Grade D (cold mix) material at \$43.40 per ton for \$65,100.00. Delivery charge is \$0.15 per ton/mile at 183 miles for \$41,175.00. Total purchase with delivery equals \$106,275. Steven Miller presented. Council Member Davis moved to authorize the purchase. Seconded by Council Member Garza. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 - 0 vote.
- D. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding awarding the pipe fill like improvements at FM2028 tank site to lowest responsible bidder – Dowtech Specialty Contractors, Inc. of Baird a base bid amount of \$47,600.00. Steven Miller presented. Council Member Sutton moved to approve. Seconded by Council Member Huffman. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- E. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding amendment of Type B EDC’s 2019/2020 budget for inclusion of approved qualified projects. Erin Corbell presented. Council Member May moved to approve. Seconded by Council Member Garza. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- F. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding approval of BEDC Incentive Programs for business improvements. Erin Corbell presented. Council Member Huffman moved to approve. Seconded by Council Member Davis. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- G. Discussion and summary of City Council action and, if procedures and processes worked. There was no discussion
- H. Discussion by City Council of City improvements to be recognized. City Manager Jobe said a water line was broken and water department fixed it and the landowner called and said they were happy the water dept was so responsive.

## 8. STAFF REPORTS

None

## 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Groves wanted Council to know that there is a significant bed bug problem at the fire dept. Chief Perrin said they are working on it but it is a significant challenge. They are dealing with it.

Dennis Jobe said there will be a work session at the next meeting

Council Member Davis said passwords on iPads expire every 90 days unless we call McLain to set password to where it does not change. She will be happy to help.

Mayor Groves said they will stock rainbow trout in Brady Creek on the 10<sup>th</sup>. If they can’t stock in the park, they will go further down. And it will be stocked again in January.

## 10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session

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

None

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

  
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Mayor Anthony Groves

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Tina Keys, City Secretary