

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 September 15, 2020 at 6:00 pm with Mayor Anthony Groves presiding in person. Council Members present were Jane Huffman, Jeffrey Sutton, Jay May, Rey Garza and Missi Elliston. City staff present were City Manager Dennis Jobe, Finance Public Works Director Steven Miller, Finance Director Lisa Remini, Police Chief Steve Thomas and City Secretary Tina Keys. Also in attendance was Jason Behrens, Michael Probst, Julie Ledezma, Maggie Sawyer, Larry Sawyer, and Larry Land.

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

Maggie Sawyer commented on the Tres Amigos Golf Tournament and presented Council with a cooling gator.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes for Special Meeting on September 1, 2020
- B. Proclamation – Return to Prayer Day, September 26, 2020
- C. St. Patrick's Fall Festival Street Closure

Council Member Elliston 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:

Police Crisis Management – Steve Thomas 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 **second and final reading of Ordinance # 1312** of the City of Brady, Texas to adopt the FY 2021 Budget. Council Member May moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance # 1312. Seconded by Council Member Garza

Roll Call Vote:

Jane Huffman - aye

Rey Garza - aye

Missi Elliston - aye

Jeffrey Sutton - aye

Jay May - aye

Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

- B. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the **second and final reading of Ordinance # 1313** of the City of Brady, Texas to adopt the 2020 Property Tax Rate. Council Member Elliston moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance # 1313. Seconded by Council Member Garza
- Roll Call Vote:
Jane Huffman - aye
Rey Garza - aye
Missi Elliston - aye
Jeffrey Sutton - aye
Jay May - aye
Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- C. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the **second and final reading of Ordinance # 1314** of the City of Brady, Texas to adopt the 2021 Fee Schedule. Council Member Garza moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance # 1314. Seconded by Council Member May.
- Roll Call Vote:
Jane Huffman - aye
Rey Garza - aye
Missi Elliston - aye
Jeffrey Sutton - aye
Jay May - aye
Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- D. Discussion, consideration, and possible action to engage Haynie & Company to audit the City's financial statements for fiscal year 2020 and issue a formal report of financial statements and findings. Lisa Remini presented. Council Member Sutton noted that best practices for municipal government suggest we consider a different audit firm since we have been with this firm for some time. Discussion supported looking into this for the 2021 audit. Council Member Elliston moved to approve. Seconded by Council Member Huffman. Four Council Members voted "aye" and one, Council Member Sutton, voted "nay". Motion passed with a 4 - 1 vote.
- E. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding **Resolution 2020-021** adopting an Administration of Federal and State Awards Policy. Lisa Remini presented. Council Member Garza moved to approve Resolution 2020-021. Seconded by Council Member Elliston. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- F. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding a lease of G. Rollie White Complex to the Friends of G. Rollie White 501(c)(3). Mayor Groves presented. Jason Behrens talked about the Friends of G. Rollie White. They want to generate something for family fun such as concerts, trade days, Master Gardners, including RV hookups - something to bring in people every weekend. He went on to say that they can also can have 4-H events – district shows can be held here. Shooting sports, judging, anything that 4-H can do could be held at the venue. Michael Probst said they want to also hold conferences. They have their 501(c)(3) but need a lease before they can start fundraising. Council Member Elliston asked if there was a lease agreement. Mr. Probst said what he has is an old one. He thought one has been drawn up, but he doesn't have it. Dennis Jobe asked if they were looking at a 99-year lease. Mayor Groves asked Council what time frame they would be comfortable with for a lease – long term or shorter term lease. Council Member Elliston would be ok with a 99 year lease and Council Member Garza agreed and thinks a long term lease would be Ok. Council Member May said he's ok with that, but it would need to indicate some forward movement within a certain time frame of maybe 10 years, or maybe a renewable 50 year lease. He's ok with 99 years, but said a lot of things can happen in 99 years. Jason Behrens said they're looking

at enough money to build a facility and put enough money into it to where you can operate for a few years to get it rolling. Council Member Huffman said she is OK with a 99 year lease. Council Member Sutton said he is also "ok with a long term lease, conditional". A meeting of GRW steering committee will be set up and lease terms will be discussed

8. STAFF REPORTS

- A. **Monthly Financial / Utility Reports:**
- B. **Monthly Activity Reports:** Visit Brady Report, Seniors, Golf, BPD, Fire-EMS Calls, BVFD Expense Report, Animal Control, Airport, Code Enforcement, Chronic Code Complaints, and Structures Inhabited without utilities
- C. **Upcoming Special Events/Meetings:**
 - October 6 – Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
 - October 12 – Columbus Day – City Offices Closed / Altered trash schedule
 - October 13 – Early Voting Starts
 - October 20 – Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
 - November 3, 2020 – Election Day

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dennis Jobe said he appreciates staff and council getting through the budget process. He went on to say that it went pretty smooth this year. We helped a lot of employees. Mayor Groves reminded everyone about the proclamation for National Day of Prayer and said we need to keep the attitude going, keep hope, and keep going in the direction we want to go.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.



Mayor Anthony Groves

Attest: 

Tina Keys, City Secretary