

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 15, 2020 at 6:00 pm with Mayor Anthony Groves presiding in person. Council Members present were Jane Huffman, Jeffrey Sutton, Jay May, Larry Land and Missi Elliston. City staff present were City Manager Dennis Jobe, Public Works Director Steven Miller, Community Development Manager Erin Corbell, Police Sergeant Randy Batton, Police Chief Steve Thomas, and City Secretary Tina Keys. Also in attendance were Marvin & Susie Smith and Taunya Ruffin.

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

Marvin Smith – purchased lot at 903 S. Pine. City has a lien on property, and they are asking Council to consider a reduction on the sizeable lien. They will make improvements, put up fencing and add utilities. Mayor Groves said the item will be on a future agenda.

Taunya Ruffin – thinks there has been a great injustice done. She moved to eastern Europe and trained search and rescue dogs, police dogs, wilderness rescue, every type of service dog imaginable. She has worked with many, many dogs. She and Officer Batton have been in the same circles and she has known him and his work ethic with his dogs. Ruffin said Batton has trained with very high-level people and he is a very respected man in the dog community. Ruffin said she doesn't like what is happening. "It's wrong to drag up people and put it on Facebook and make unjust accusations. Everyone in the K-9 community knows what Randy was accused of is not correct. K-9 dogs are working dogs and tools. Hard core working dogs." Ruffin said what Randy Batton was accused of is false and she doesn't like it and doesn't think that anyone should pay attention to it. She said, "the man making the accusations has a vendetta and if he were not a coward, he would be here" and Ruffin said she "is disappointed he is not here to be addressed." Ruffin said she has seen Randy work with his dog and there are NO problems with the dog, or she would be the first one to say so. Since it's an agenda item, Council Member Elliston responded said thank you for giving validity to confirm that the allegations are not true. Mrs. Ruffin reiterated that Randy Batton and his dog should be respected.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes for Special Meeting on November 24, 2020 and Regular Meeting on December 1, 2020.
- B. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding **Resolution 2020-041** to designate the Brady Standard Herald as the City's official newspaper for required publications and public notices (required annually by the City Charter Section 13.02)

Council Member Elliston moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Council Member May. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 5- 0 vote.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

Radium Reduction System Construction Status Update

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS ON PUBLIC HEARING

There were no Public Hearings

7. INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS

- A. Discussion regarding comments by Roland O'Bryant regarding Brady Police Department and City of Brady Administration and policies. Dennis Jobe said he would rather discuss items in Executive Session. The citizen who requested the item be put on the agenda did not appear at the meeting, so the item was not discussed in open session.

Council Recessed at 6:29 p.m. and took a short break before going into Executive Session

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:**
 - December 24 & 25, 2020 – Christmas Holiday - City Offices closed
 - ** Altered Trash Schedule – Thursday and Friday pickups move to Wednesday
 - January 1, 2020 New Year's Day – City Offices closed
 - ** Altered Trash Schedule – Thursday pickups move to Wednesday, Friday pickups move to Thursday
 - January 5, 2021 – Regular City Council Meeting
 - January 19, 2021 – Regular City Council Meeting

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member Elliston said she misspoke at the last meeting, talking about the old hotel that burned down. She said Tracy Pitcox paid the City to clear that land, but Tracy doesn't own that property. She just wanted to clarify.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was opened at 6:37 p.m. and closed at 7:07 p.m.

- A. 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: Dennis Jobe, Erin Corbell, Steve Thomas, Randy Batton and Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) City Council will consult with the City Attorney 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.

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

Council went back into Open Session at 7:07. No action was taken as a result of Executive Session.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.


Mayor Anthony Groves

Attest: 
Tina Keys, City Secretary