

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 July 20, 2021 at 6:00 pm with Mayor Anthony Groves presiding in person. Council Members present were Jane Huffman, Jay May, Larry Land, Jeffrey Sutton and Missi Elliston. City staff present were City Manager Dennis Jobe, Deputy City Manager Erin Corbell, Public Works Director Steven Miller, Finance Director Lisa McElrath, Police Sergeant Randy Batton, City Attorney Sharon Hicks, and City Secretary Tina Keys. Also in attendance was James Griffin, Slade Poe, William LaCaze and Linda LaCaze.

### **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 July 6, 2021 and Work Session meetings on July 13 and 15, 2021

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

### **5. PRESENTATIONS:**

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report – FY 21 – Lisa McElrath presented.

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

There were no public hearings

### **7. INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS**

- A. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding liens filed by the City of Brady
  - 1) The City Council of the City of Brady will adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), the 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: legal advice regarding options on statutory liens.

Regular Session was closed at 6:14 p.m. Executive Session was opened at 6:16 p.m. and closed at 6:35 p.m.

Regular Session was opened at 6:36 p.m. No action was taken in Executive Session.

- 2) Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding lien filed by the City of Brady for property located at 800 S. College St. William LaCaze said he would like to build a house and is requesting

½ be released. Missi said ½ is a large amount. \$2775 is 75%. Council Member Sutton moved to reduce lien to \$2,775.00 and lien would not be released until paid in full. There was no second. Motion failed for lack of a second. Council Member Elliston said we did 20% at the last meeting which would be \$2,960. Council Member Elliston moved to reduce lien to \$2,960, amended to \$2,888 which is a 20% reduction. Mayor Groves mentioned any reduction is lost revenue to the tax payers of the City. Seconded by Council Member Huffman. Council Member Elliston agreed with Mayor Groves but said the land will just sit there and when a house is built, we will be getting taxes and utilities. Council Member Huffman said she doesn't want to do the 20% only because that's what we did before. Four Council Members voted "aye" and one council member, May, voted "nay". Motion carried with a 4 – 1 vote. Attorney clarified they cannot start building until it is paid off.

- 3) Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding lien filed by the City of Brady for property located at 1306 S. Elm St. Council Member Elliston moved to deny the request. Seconded by Council Member Huffman. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion carried with a 5 – 0 vote.
  - 4) Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding lien filed by the City of Brady for property located at 1205 N. Walnut St. Slade Poe presented to Council. Council Member May asked what he intended to do to the property. Poe said if he wants to ever put up a house, he wants to be able to do something with it. Council Member Huffman moved to table and recommended Poe to get with a realtor and see if it will sell for a higher amount than he is anticipating. Seconded by Council Member Elliston. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion carried with a 5 – 0 vote.
- B. Discussion, consideration and possible action awarding lowest responsive bid to Texas Refrigeration and A/C, Clyde, TX concerning Senior Citizens Kitchen Relocation and Renovation a construction contract for installation and startup of new kitchen facility at Ed Davenport Civic Center in the amount of \$109,170.64 and an addition of \$3,275.00 contingency. Dennis Jobe presented. Council Member Elliston moved to award the construction contract to remodel the Civic Center to Texas Refrigeration and A/C in the amount of \$109,170.64. Seconded by Council Member Huffman. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion carried 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, Chronic Code Complaints, and Structures Inhabited without utilities, Municipal Court

### C. Upcoming Special Events/Meetings:

July 20	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Budget Work Session
July 20	Regular City Council Meeting
July 28	Happy Birthday Jay May
August 3	Regular City Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
August 6	Happy Birthday Jane Huffman
August 17	Regular City Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
August 18	First day of school – BISD
August 21	Happy Birthday Mayor Groves

- Sept 2 GCO Employee Appreciation Lunch
- Sept 6 Labor Day Holiday – City offices closed / altered trash schedule
- Sept 7 Regular City Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dennis Jobe said Code Enforcement Officer Walter Holbert is leaving. Friday is his last day. He went on to say that we have posted the position internally. There is a lady he knows that has been in code enforcement for a long time. Council Member Huffman thinks we should be very careful in selecting in this position. City Attorney Hicks asked if there is a meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Council Member Huffman answered “no”.

**10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*NONE*

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

n/a

**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