

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 21 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 were Jim Griffin and Brad Isbell and Greg Schon with EIKON.

**1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL & CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM**

Mayor Groves called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 September 7, 2021
- B. St. Patrick's Fall Festival Street Closure October 3, 2021, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- C. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding Resolution 2021-023 to request TXDOT/City street closures for the Chamber of Commerce 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Farm to Table Fundraiser Dinner to be held on October 16, 2021

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

**5. PRESENTATIONS:**

There were no presentations

**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 # 1326 of the City of Brady, Texas to adopt the FY 2022 Budget. Lisa McElrath presented. Council Member Elliston asked if there is a budget amendment that comes later, can we bring it back at a later time. Lisa McElrath said yes, we can move line items around within their budget, or at mid-year, we can come to council for an amendment if we can't find money anywhere else. Council Member Elliston moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 1326. Seconded by Council Member Sutton. By Roll Call Vote:
  - Huffman – yes
  - Land – yes
  - Elliston – yes
  - Sutton – yes

May – yes

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

- B. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the **second and final reading of Ordinance # 1327** of the City of Brady, Texas to adopt the 2021 Property Tax Rate. Lisa McElrath presented. Council Member Elliston moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 1327. Seconded by Council Member May. By Roll Call Vote:  
Huffman – yes  
Land – yes  
Elliston – yes  
Sutton – yes  
May – yes  
All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- C. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the **second and final reading of Ordinance 1328** of the City of Brady, Texas to adopt the 2022 Fee Schedule. Dennis Jobe presented. Council Member Elliston moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 1328. Seconded by Council Member Land. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- D. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the **second and final reading of Ordinance 1330** of the City of Brady, Texas to amend FY 2021 Budget for municipal purposes to provide funding for professional services and fees and construction of fire/EMS and police facilities (\$142,000). Lisa McElrath presented. Council Member Sutton moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 1330. Seconded by Council Member Elliston. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- E. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding authorization for city manager to enter into an agreement with EIKON Consulting Group, LLC, Sanger, Texas for Phase One in the amount of \$142,000 for architectural/engineering services for bid ready construction documents related to relocation/renovation of existing facilities of city departments of fire/EMS and police services. Dennis Jobe presented. Council Member Land asked if they were able to use old plans and EIKON said yes. Council Member Elliston moved to authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement for architectural/engineering services related to the bid ready construction documents for renovation of existing facilities for city departments of fire and police services with EIKON Consulting Group, LLC of Sanger, Texas for Phase I in the amount of \$142,000. Seconded by Council Member May. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- F. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding recommendation for new FM2028 Elevated Storage Tank logo. Steven Miller presented. Council Member Huffman suggested the City have a contest and let citizens give their ideas. Miller said we would have to pay for anything other than “Brady”. Council Member Sutton moved to authorize the staff to paint the word “Brady” on tank. Seconded by Council Member May. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- G. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding Resolution 2021-021 to accept delivery of Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery funds. Lisa McElrath presented. Council Member Huffman asked if there is a timeline or if we can wait. She would like to wait. Council Member Huffman moved to table. Seconded by Council Member Elliston. Lisa McElrath said TDEM said we are under no

obligation. She does have to report by October 31<sup>st</sup> the status of the money, but it will say “no expenditures”. Council Member Land said he thinks we should keep the money and hold it. The went on to say there will be a lot of legal action going on over the next year. He would like to wait and see what happens. Council Member Huffman said she would recommend we wait for some answers. She is hesitant to accept it. Council Member Elliston said she is also hesitant to formally accept it. Lisa McElrath asked Council what their questions are. Council Member Huffman wants to know about the legal guideline of that statement made by the President. She would like to know what we would be required to force our employees to do. What are we agreeing to by using these funds. Lisa McElrath said she will make some phone calls and try to get better answers. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion to table passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

- H. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding approval of Resolution 2021-022 to suspend the re-calculation of sewer averaging for FY 22 residential sewer billing. Lisa McElrath presented. Mayor asked if Billing Superintendent Letha Moore could compare numbers from this year and compare to previous years. Mayor Groves called for a motion. There was no motion. Motion failed for lack of a motion.

## 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:

October 5	Regular City Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
October 11	Columbus Day – City offices closed / altered trash schedule
October 19	Regular City Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
November 2	Regular City Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
November 11	Veteran’s Day Holiday – City offices closed – altered trash schedule
November 16	Regular City Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
November 25	Thanksgiving – City offices closed / altered trash schedule

## 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements

## 10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council of the City of Brady adjourned into Executive Session for the following:

- A. Pursuant to Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) the City Council will meet to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee: City Manager Dennis Jobe’s duties under the City Charter
- B. Pursuant to Section 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), the City Council will deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property of the City as the deliberations in an open meeting will have the detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person: Fire/EMS and Police facilities

Regular Session was recessed at 6:56 p.m. Executive Session was opened at 7:20 p.m. and closed at 8:13 p.m. Regular Session reconvened at 8:14 p.m. Mayor Groves announced that no votes or actions were taken in Executive Session.

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

No action was taken as a result of Executive Session

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

  
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Mayor Anthony Groves

Attest:   
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Tina Keys, City Secretary