

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 November 2, 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 Acting City Manager Erin Corbell, Public Works Director Steven Miller, Finance Director Lisa McElrath, Police Chief Steve Thomas, Animal Control Officer Chantal Solis and City Secretary Tina Keys. Also in attendance were Brandon & Ashley Lofstrom

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

Brandon & Ashley Lofstrom talked about bringing boat races back to Brady Lake on June 4th and 5th, 2022 in conjunction with their Crawfish Bash. They are thinking they will need a noise variance and lake closures. Council Member Huffman asked for item to be put on the next agenda.

Missi Elliston arrived at 6:02 after a quorum was certified.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting on October 19, 2021 and Special Meeting on October 26, 2021.
- B. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding Resolution 2021-025 to enter into an agreement with the State of Texas through the Texas Department of Transportation for the temporary closure of the roads around the courthouse square for the annual Christmas in the Heart Parade on December 11, 2021, and further keeping the east side of the square closed until 9:30 p.m. for the remainder of the Christmas in the Heart activities

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:

Potential relocation of high-pressure gas line on W. Walker – Erin Corbell presented to Council. Steven Miller also discussed issues and possible solutions.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS ON PUBLIC HEARING

7. INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS

- A. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the **second and final reading of Ordinance 1331** of the City of Brady, Texas to amend FY 2022 Budget transferring unfinished FY 2021 projects to the FY 2022 Budget. Lisa McElrath presented. Council Member Sutton moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 1331. Seconded by Council Member May. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

- B. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding Animal Control. Erin Corbell presented. Council Member Elliston said she doesn't like that other staff are pulled off their regular jobs to work on the Animal Control facility, and it's not the job of the animal control officers either. Corbell said we could hire someone to finish it, but that doesn't take care of the issue that we can't house animals there. Council Member Huffman said this should have been a fairly easy thing to do. Council Member Land ask if we can go in where they are and clean it all out and do it right. Council Member Huffman asked if we could take out the asphalt then put a drain in the middle. Chief Thomas said it wasn't done in a uniform manner. He said they knew in March that it wouldn't work and tried to stop it then. There was no way it would meet the threshold for a 72 hour hold facility. Thomas said we know what it's going to take to do it correctly. None of us wants hundreds of thousands of dollars thrown into a shelter. These issues were brought on very early in this.

Council took a break at 6:53 p.m. and resumed session at 7:05.

Council Member Huffman said we have a facility problem but we also have a problem with our approach on how we're handling. One of Brady's biggest issues has been animals. Council Member Huffman said we talked about getting strict, we talked about fining people. We have to figure out how to fix the animal control problem. We aren't supposed to be a shelter. Erin Corbell told Council that starting November 15th, Animal Control will be moved from Police Department to Code Enforcement. That centralizes money paid for licensing; we have people with free time that can handle licensing, etc. The only drawback is we are not open 7 days a week and they do allow people to pick up on weekends. Council Member Elliston said most people don't pay anyway. It would be better to let them pick them up their pets on Monday. Erin Corbell said council can pass an ordinance saying if they don't pay, they can be ticketed. Corbell also said she will get a contractor working on leveling the building and will find a plumber to finish restroom. Erin Corbell said she will not have staff finish projects. Council Member Elliston asked if we can get the animal control staff some temporary help. Chantal said she could really use a kennel tech.

8. STAFF REPORTS

A. Upcoming Special Events/Meetings:

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
December 7	Regular City Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
December 13	Happy Birthday Larry Land!!!
December 21	Regular City Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
December 24	Christmas Holiday – City offices closed – altered trash schedule
December 27	Christmas Holiday – City offices closed – altered trash schedule

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council Member May said we have an opportunity, BGA is willing to buy a greens mower that's going to cost \$12,000. BGA will buy a new one, wants the City to contribute \$5,000 towards the cost. Council Member Elliston said we definitely need to help the animal control staff. They should not be called out at night unless it's a vicious animal, a bite, etc. other than that, they should not be called out. Council Member Huffman said there probably needs to be some coordination with the City Manager and dispatch. People call and say they have a dog but then dispatch was saying there is nobody to help, but now they're calling them to go pick up dead animals. Erin Corbell said she will send an email to Craig at S.O. dispatch tomorrow. Council Member Elliston asked if an officer be

dispatched to some animal control calls. Chief Thomas said they can certainly go. Council Member Land said a citizen told him there was an electrical problem and the citizen wanted to thank the City for their response time. Chief Thomas said the trunk or treat was awesome.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session

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 8:00 p.m.



Mayor Anthony Groves

Attest: 

Tina Keys, City Secretary