

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 August 16, 2022, at 6:00 pm with Mayor Anthony Groves presiding in person. Council Members present were Missi Elliston, Larry Land, Jay May, Jeffrey Sutton and Jane Huffman. City staff present were City Manager Erin Corbell, Public Works Director Steven Miller, Finance Director Lisa McElrath, Electric Superintendent Joe Solis, Police Chief Steve Thomas, and City Secretary Tina Keys. Also in attendance were Taylor Hoffpauir, James Griffin, Charles Bush, R. S. Bush, Annita Ellison and Steve Moffitt.

#### **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 August 2, 2022.
- B. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding Resolution 2022-015 to request TXDOT/City street closures for Brady High School Homecoming Parade to be held on October 10, 2022.
- C. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the temporary closure of 6<sup>th</sup> Street at Parkview as well as 11<sup>th</sup> Street where it intersects with 6<sup>th</sup> Street on September 2, 2022 thru September 4, 2022 and a noise variance on Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> for the concerts that go along with the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual World Championship BBQ Goat Cook-off.

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:**

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 police department officer recruiting. Steve Thomas presented to Council. Chief Thomas proposed paying for the academy and some miscellaneous expenses with a promise that the officers would be here for a time period that we designate. Council Member May asked if the person would be a full time employee with benefits. Chief Thomas said yes, but we would bring them in at a reduced rate. Thomas said if they leave, they would have to reimburse the City. Chief Thomas said he has someone who wants to be here. Council Member Elliston agreed we need to do something different. Erin Corbell said she doesn't agree with paying someone during the entire academy. It's within the budget. Council Member Sutton moved to approve innovation in hiring process for police officers to come to Brady for the Police Chief to work with the City Manager and promote opportunities and bring back to Council. Seconded by Council Member May. All Council Members voted

“aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

## 8. STAFF REPORTS

### A. Upcoming Special Events/Meetings:

August 17	Back to school
August 21	HAPPY BIRTHDAY MAYOR GROVES
September 5	Labor Day Holiday, City Offices closed, altered trash schedule
September 6	Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00

## 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Erin Corbell wanted to update council about the fairways at the golf course. She said well #5 has been offline for several months which is the primary well for the community. We waited for a contractor to come out and it was finally determined that we needed a new pump. We did an emergency PO to acquire that on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are anticipating a 3 week delivery then the pump needs to be installed and the well flushed and then send 3 samples to TCEQ to give their blessing to bring well back on line. If the golf course irrigates too much it compromised the integrity of the system used to provide to the rest of the community with water, so they asked the golf course to limit watering to once a week which is having an effect on the golf course. It's looking at another month before the golf course can significantly water again.

Erin also said we're still waiting on the elevated tank at the airport.

Charlie Bush said Ed Davenport donated \$50,000 to drill a well.

Mayor said it will be discussed at a future meeting.

Charlie asked if everyone agreed with what the Chief Thomas said, and asked council if Chief Thomas focused on the part about somebody that wants to be here is a good fit. Mr. Bush asked if they agree with that. Council Member Huffman said if it's a good fit, yes. Mr. Bush asked how that is determined. Council Member Huffman answered "in an interview process". Mr. Bush asked how you get an interview. Council Member Huffman said you apply for a position. Council Member Elliston said just applying for a job doesn't guarantee you get an interview. Mr. Bush asked if an applicant would usually get a call back. Missi said no. Council Member May said Charlie's son has applied with the golf course. He wants to work here and nobody has ever called him.

## 10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- Pursuant to Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), the City Council will consult with the City Attorney about pending or contemplated litigation or 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
- Pursuant to Section 551.086 (Deliberations, vote or final action about competitive matters of the public power utility), the City Council will deliberate, vote or take final action on a competitive matter.

Council took a break at 6:51 p.m. and resumed at 7:02 p.m.. Executive Session was opened at 7:02 p.m. and closed at 8:10 p.m. and Open Session resumed at 8:10 p.m.

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

Council had a discussion on electric distribution system and related issues. No action was taken as a result of executive session.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

  
Mayor Anthony Groves

Attest:   
Tina Keys, City Secretary