

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 6, 2022, at 6:00 pm with Mayor Anthony Groves presiding in person. Council Members present were Missi Elliston, Jay May, Jeffrey Sutton, and Jane Huffman. City staff present were City Manager Erin Corbell, Finance Director Lisa McElrath, Public Works Director Steven Miller, Interim Police Chief Randy Batten, Municipal Court Judge JT Owens, and City Secretary Tina Keys. Also in attendance were Mark Moseley & Lisa Selensky.

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 November 15, 2022, 2022
- B. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding Resolution 2022-021 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 May moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Council Member Elliston. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 4 – 0 vote.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

- End of the Fiscal Year 22 Budget Reports – Lisa McElrath presented to Council

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS ON PUBLIC HEARING

There were no public hearings

7. INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS

- A. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding water rates for residents outside city limits. Erin Corbell presented and said we have received phone calls from people north of town that are experiencing what is perceived to be service issues with water and they do pay a higher rate. Erin commented that we do anticipate some improved service once the airport tank project is completed. Steven Miller said we are going to change the pressure plan a little bit. The problem is the mains outside the city limits were not properly sized. There is no easy fix. We have these same problems inside the city limits. It's an unfortunate situation. We're improving our water situation dramatically. Council Member Huffman said she has received phone calls as well. When the City makes the decision to decrease pressure to 40 psi with no notice, we have to make changes. If we're going to charge a premium to deliver water to customers outside the city limits, and we're not giving them water, it's unacceptable. Council Member Huffman said she has a problem with charging them a higher rate at this point. We have to be held accountable. Steven Miller said the only way we are going to correct this is to put in properly sized mains. We have long stretches of pipes that are too small. We will have a difference in pressure with the new

water system, but we still have these inadequately sized pipes. You won't fix the problem until you fix the main. Miller said we're not issuing any new taps at this time. We need to let our new system come online. There's going to be a lot of available pressure, which could mean more breaks on the line. Erin Corbell said we were able to restore that customer that called to 70 psi. Miller said a main break caused the pressure loss. The superintendent had to get the load off to repair the break. Erin said she agrees the customer should have been notified, and we will work on improving that. Miller said they are actually ahead of schedule with the airport tank. Council Member Elliston asked the difference in the rates. Erin said it's about 1 1/3 for people outside the city limits. Most municipalities charge 1 1/2. Council Member said if we're not investing that overage into those lines, it's a problem and has been for a while. Council Member May asked if we went 1.25 instead of 1.3, what would we be looking at financially. Lisa McElrath said she would have to look at it. Council Member May said we have other problems throughout the City as well. Miller said we are working on replacing some mains. Council Member May said we should wait for the new system and see how it goes. There was no action taken.

8. STAFF REPORTS

A. Upcoming Special Events/Meetings:

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| December 13 | Happy Birthday Larry Land |
| December 14 | City Employee Christmas Party, Civic Center, 6:30 p.m. |
| December 19 | City Council WORK SESSION, 12:00 noon |
| December 20 | Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00 |
| December 23 | Floating December Holiday, City offices closed, altered trash schedule |
| December 26 | Christmas Holiday, City offices closed, altered trash schedule |
| January 2, 2023 | New Year's Holiday, City offices closed, altered trash schedule |
| January 3, 2023 | Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00 |
| January 16 | Martin Luther King Holiday, City Offices closed, altered trash schedule |
| January 17 | Regular City Council Meeting |

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements

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 551.074 (Personnel Matters) City Council will meet to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee: Municipal Court Judge

Regular session was closed at 6:35 p.m. Executive Session was opened at 6:47 p.m. and closed at 6:56 p.m. Regular session resumed at 6:57.

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

Council Member May moved to raise Municipal Court Judge salary to \$1,200 per month and give the City Manager authority to increase up to \$1,400 per month. The motion was seconded by Council Member Huffman. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 4 – 0 vote.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.



Mayor Anthony Groves

Attest: 

Tina Keys, City Secretary