

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF McCULLOCH

CITY OF BRADY

The City Council of the City of Brady, Texas met in a Work Session Meeting on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. at the City of Brady Municipal Court Building located at 207 S. Elm Street, Brady, Texas with Mayor Tony Groves presiding. Council Members present were Jeffrey Sutton, Jim Griffin, Missi Davis and Jane Huffman. City staff present were City Manager Kim Lenoir, Finance Director Lisa Remini, Public Works Director Steve Miller, Community Services Director Dennis Jobe, Fire Chief Lloyd Perrin, Court Clerk Valerie Gonzalez, City Attorney Sarah Griffin and City Secretary Tina Keys. Also in attendance were Jay May, Stan Weik and Erin Corbell.

### **1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Certification of a Quorum**

Mayor Groves called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Council quorum was certified.

### **2. Discussion regarding goals, vision and budget 2020**

Kim Lenoir and San Saba City Manager Stan Weik moderated. Stan asked Council what areas are “needs” and what items are “wants”. There was discussion on doing away with demolitions of dilapidated structures, for now, not including hospital. Most were in favor. Employees: Frozen positions – Council Member Huffman thinks all non vital vacant positions should be frozen. Mayor Groves suggested instructing City Manager to look at every vacant job and give recommendation to Council to decide whether or not to fill positions. Council agreed to leave pot hole and street sign budget as is. Mayor asked if street sign budget could be cut in half and asked if there is a reason for the \$10,000 budget. Lenoir said it could be cut. Lenoir said she hears we need to focus on those street signs that are missing. Council Member Huffman thinks the ambulance needs to be replaced now and asked to see figures to pay cash for ambulance vs costs to finance. Chief Perrin said Fire / EMS needs an ambulance and more training. Chief Perrin will come up with costs. Public property needs to be cleaned up / repaired. There was discussion about PPM needing more personnel to take care of the issues. Jay May commented about the improvements that have been made at City Hall where people feel more welcomed. Stan asked what the role the EDC plays in the City. He also asked what role the Chamber plays.

Wants discussed by Council included comments that new park improvements need to be put on hold. Demolition of dilapidated structures to be put on hold. Council Member Sutton asked about the budget for Christmas lights. Erin Corbell said the people in Brady are passionate about their Christmas lights.

Kim Lenoir will prepare documents outlining frozen and vacant employee positions, recommendations for FY2020. Staff look at ambulance situation. Also as FY2020 budget is prepared, we will have a better projection on what revenue losses will be due to sand plant closings. The true effect may take several years. EDC will take a hit along with sales tax and hotel / motel tax.

Mayor spoke of the need to determine a new vision for the city with the sand plants not being so dominate as in the past. Erin Corbell expressed that the council approved Tourism Strategic Plan addresses the Vision.

Following Flip charts recorded the discussions by Council:

1) "Needs" Listed:

Streets, potholes, and missing street signs  
Replace Medic 3 ambulance (requested/not funded in FY18 and FY19 budget)  
Water System  
Wastewater system  
Electric System  
Gas System  
Police  
Fire/EMS (20 hours of training is required each year for each employee)  
Employees – determine needs – 3 Ms – man, machines, and management(training)  
Review frozen and vacant positions  
Remove dilapidated structures only with safety and crime reduction as goal  
Continue plan to remove old hospital – need asbestos survey first  
Improve Maintenance of all city facilities and town – r.o.w. mowing, fishing dock, city buildings  
Improve Citizen trust – Council are the elected cheerleaders; celebrate positive change and build on that each time;  
follow Keep Brady Beautiful / Keep Texas Beautiful best practices

2) "Wants" listed:

High quality street maintenance  
Parks – new playgrounds  
Removing dilapidated structures

3) "Parking Lot" Items to visit at a later date:

Close streets; abandon and sale street ROW to adjacent landowners

**3. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

  
Mayor Anthony Groves

Attest:   
Tina Keys, City Secretary