

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 19, 2019 at 6:00 pm at the City of Brady Municipal Court Building located at 207 S. Elm Street, Brady, Texas with Mayor Anthony Groves presiding. Council Members present were Jane Huffman, Jay May, Jeffrey Sutton and Rey Garza. City staff present were City Manager Dennis Jobe, Finance Director Lisa Remini, Public Works Director Steve Miller, Police Chief Steve Thomas, and City Secretary Tina Keys. Also in attendance was Dale Jones.

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 5, 2019

Council Member Garza moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Council Member May. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 4–0 vote.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

There were no presentations

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

There were no public hearings

7. INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS

- A. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the first second and final of Ordinance 1285 of the City of Brady, Texas to amend FY 2020 Budget transferring unfinished FY2019 projects to FY2020 Budget. Lisa Remini presented. Council Member May moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 1285. Seconded by Council Member Sutton. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 4 – 0 vote.

- B. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the first reading of Ordinance 1286 to amend Ordinance 986 reducing the processing fee for the acceptance of credit card payments. Lisa Remini presented. Mayor Groves said if you pay online with a credit card, the City loses 3% of the bill because the City pays 3% to the credit card company. Mayor proposes paying the 3% if you pay with a credit card. Council Member May commented that it saves man hours if you pay online. Customer service reps aren't paid for those transactions so we save on not using customer service reps. Council Member Huffman agreed since we are not re-opening the window and went on to say it's the cost of doing business. Council Member Sutton said if they have a credit card, they can probably afford the extra 3%. Council Member Huffman thinks we need to open window and hire another employee if we charge the 3%. Council Member Garza said the City is not in the business to lose money. Council Member

Huffman moved to table until next meeting. Seconded by Council Member May. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 4 – 0 vote.

- C. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding approval Resolution 2019-039 to adopt a revision to the Personnel Policy to include City related Social Media and retention directives. City Manager Jobe said he would like to see item tabled to next meeting to correct some formatting and to clarify some items. Mayor Groves said he thinks it’s a good thing, but there is a lot of potential for somebody to not follow rules. Council Member May moved to table item until next meeting. Seconded by Council Member Huffman. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 4 – 0 vote.
- D. Discussion, consideration and possible action approving the purchase of 1,500T Limestone Rock Asphalt, Type 1, Grade D (cold mix) material at \$43.40 per ton for \$65,100.00. Delivery charge is \$0.15 per ton/mile at 183 miles for \$41,175.00. Total purchase with delivery equals \$106,275. Steven Miller presented. Council Member Garza questioned the distance and cost for mileage. Mayor Groves commented we have done this for years and this is the lowest of 3 bids. Council Member Sutton moved to approve. There was no second. Motion failed for lack of a second. Council Member May moved to table until the next meeting. Council Member Garza seconded. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 4 - 0 vote
- E. Discussion and summary of City Council action and, if procedures and processes worked. There was no discussion
- F. Discussion by City Council of City improvements to be recognized. Dennis Jobe said the owner of 901 Bombay came in and got a building permit to make improvements to the property. Mayor Groves said he drove through Live Oak Cemetery and commented on the paved roads and said it was a job well done. Mayor Groves went on to say he went out to check the ballfields. He said a comment was made about painting the concession stand, and it looks like it was done, and the playground equipment is up and it’s looking good. Council Member Garza asked about bleachers. Dennis Jobe said they’re working on that now and they have to work on the walking trail too. Council Member May said number 1 green at the golf course was torn up and now it’s green and really pretty. Dennis Jobe commented there is a cleaning station at the fish house and lots of people are out there fishing.

8. STAFF REPORTS

A. Monthly Financial / Utility Reports:

B. **Monthly Activity Reports:** Visit Brady Report, Seniors, Golf, BPD, Fire-EMS Calls, BVFD Expense Report, Animal Control, Airport, Code Enforcement, Chronic Code Complaints, and Structures Inhabited without utilities

C. Upcoming Special Events/Meetings:

November 28 & 29 – Thanksgiving Holiday – City Offices Closed

December 3 – City Council Meeting

December 12 – City Staff Appreciation Christmas Party, Civic Center, 6:00 p.m.

December 17 – City Council Meeting

December 24 & 25 – Christmas Holiday – City Offices Closed

January 1 – New Year’s Day Holiday – City Offices Closed

January 7 – City Council Meeting

Mayor Groves commented that sales taxes are down 3% for November, and down 8% for the first two

months from last year.

Attorney Griffin pointed out that council should look at utility section reports for number of payments being made online.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dennis Jobe pointed out the next meeting should be fairly short. He will try to get the trapper to come and give a presentation.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Regular Session was closed at 6:42 p.m. and Council took a break before going into Executive Session. Executive Session was opened at 6:53 p.m. Executive Session was closed at 7:28 p.m.

- A. 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:
Transmission Operating Agreement, Commercial Electric Rate

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

Mayor Groves opened Regular Session at 7:28 p.m.

- A. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding Transmission Operating Agreement. Council Member May moved to authorize the City Manager to sign the Transmission Operating Agreement with LCRA. Seconded by Council Member Garza. 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 7:29 p.m.


Mayor Anthony Groves

Attest: 
Tina Keys, City Secretary