

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, June 16, 2020 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 Missi Elliston, Rey Garza, Jay May, Jeffrey Sutton and Jane Huffman. City staff present were City Manager Dennis Jobe, Public Works Director Steve Miller, Finance Director Lisa Remini, Community Development Manager Erin Corbell, Police Chief Steve Thomas, PPM Superintendent Steve Morgan, Golf Course Manager Mark Hamersly and City Secretary Tina Keys. Also in attendance was Maggie Sawyer.

### **1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL & CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM**

Mayor Groves called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Council quorum was certified.

### **2. Discussion Regarding**

- A. Budget Work Session schedule – City Manager Jobe asked Council what they wanted to do as far as the schedule. Council Member Huffman suggested one day 9:00am – 4:00pm then the next day 3:00pm – 7:00pm. Council Member Davis said she's not ok with using all her vacation days for budget sessions, but she can do that schedule. Council Member Huffman said she will not be here July 14<sup>th</sup>. Council Member Garza will be gone July 15. Council Member May said he won't be here the 14<sup>th</sup> either. All agreed on July 7<sup>th</sup> 10:00am – 5:00pm, and on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm – 7:00pm with the third day left open. Since there is also a regular meeting on July 7<sup>th</sup>, we would need to make Council meeting agenda light. City Manager Jobe asked Council if they want anything that's not listed on the schedule. Council Member said we need to talk about cutting positions. Council discussed having a work session next Tuesday June 23. Council Member Huffman said base budget needs to start with a reduction in electric rates. She said Council also needs to discuss the Organizational Chart and positions. Lisa Remini said if they decide to cut positions, action needs to be reflected in base budget. Council Member Huffman had asked for a list of unnecessary expenses and said it needs to be discussed. Lisa Remini mentioned that Council Member Huffman had asked about insurance. Huffman said she wants to know how we pay employee insurance, what kind of plans, etc. Lisa said we are looking at all that and it will be added to the 23<sup>rd</sup> agenda. Council Member Sutton also wants to discuss senior center.
- B. New Animal Control / Shelter – Mayor Groves explained the conversations he has had with Jamie Klenin then got her on the phone to talk to Council. She is involved because the current shelter is unacceptable and wants to try to help get a new building built. She can help with raising the money or have materials and labor donated. She said the staff has a really hard time taking care of the animals with what they have. She is asking for Council to work with her so they can figure out a way to get them in a new building. Council Member Elliston asked what kind of fundraising is she looking at and Council Member Huffman said she doesn't think we can do that. Jamie said this is what she does; from cash donations to free materials to free labor. There are people who work with her and help her raise the money including the Humane society in Colorado and state director in Texas. She needs Council to say what we can help with and they will finish it. She understands we don't have a lot of funds. Council Member Huffman said she doesn't think we can realistically set aside any money right now for an animal shelter and she feels like we should crack down on people and start making people pay and hold people accountable.

- C. Brady Golf Association – Council Members Huffman and Davis discussed different concerns. Council Member Huffman requested a meeting with BGA. There were discussions about tournaments and clean up after tournaments. Council Member Huffman would like an understanding of what the relationship is. Maggie Sawyer said more people are playing and revenues are up and said we need to promote ours better. Council Member Huffman asked why BGA members do not have memberships for our golf course. Maggie said there has been friction in the past. Mayor Groves said Erin Corbell will work on membership packages and that will be a good start. He also discussed some sort of agreement with BGA. Staff will work on it..
- D. Elevated Water Tank Demolition – Council Member Elliston said Erin Corbell did a survey regarding landmarks and asked people what reminded them of home. There were very few that voted for the water tower but we are still going to get some backlash. Council Member Elliston wants to let the public know in advance so they can voice their opinions. Steven Miller said we can look at the site as a potential park.
- E. Employee Annual Reviews – There was discussion on when the reviews were held and who was responsible for reviews for what departments.

### 3. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 5:29 p.m.

  
Mayor Anthony Groves

Attest:   
Tina Keys, City Secretary