

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, July 21, 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, Police Chief Steven Thomas, Community Development Manager Erin Corbell and City Secretary Tina Keys.

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. Final Review of Budget Decisions – Mayor Groves turned the meeting over to Lisa Remini who reviewed proposed budget. She confirmed that \$75,000 has been added to the FY21 draft budget and that it would require the Council to adopt the “No New Revenue” tax rate in September. Council also agreed to transfer an additional \$170,000 from Electric Fund to the General fund fund. Additional items that came up during workshop were listed and pointed out. Lisa asked if these meet with what Council wanted. Lisa also pointed out that staff, for FY21, was to determine the cost of a new fire/ems station and that we would potentially have to sell a bond for funding. The bond will be issued in 2021 but that doesn’t mean we spend money in 2021. Council Member Huffman said we need to figure out how much it’s going to cost, but she doesn’t feel like we can afford to spend \$2.5million. She thought we should weigh all of our options. City Manager Jobe confirmed we are going to look at everything. Remini said this does not obligate us to issue debt. Lisa said she estimated what revenue amounts will be including a 5% increase in water rates and a 15% rate increase in dumpster service. Council Member Sutton commented it’s an increase in commercial dumpsters and Lisa confirmed. The only changes made to step grade plan is on line 11, we would start those people out at \$10.00 an hour and then it increases by 3% increments. Also, line 21, pro shop and lake store attendant, originally started \$9.00 an hour and we are proposing starting them at \$10 an hour too. The City Manager asked about starting police at \$20 – that would be the first step, so we need to change that. Lisa will make that change and it will be reflected in the proposed budget and will be in the ordinance brought back in September. Police Vehicle Replacement schedule – council was in favor of allowing the purchase of two police vehicles each year to eventually have a consistent budget of \$60,000 for vehicle replacement. That will also be a part of the budget ordinance. There was discussion if this should be a resolution as a “policy”.

3. Adjournment

Council recessed at 5:10 and resumed at 5:30.

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the budget work session at 5:30 p.m.


Mayor Anthony Groves

Attest: 
Tina Keys, City Secretary