

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 January 5, 2021 at 6:00 pm with Mayor Anthony Groves presiding in person. Council Members present were Jane Huffman, Jeffrey Sutton, Jay May, Missi Elliston and Larry Land. City staff present were City Manager Dennis Jobe, Public Works Director Steven Miller, Finance Director Lisa McElrath, Police Chief Steve Thomas, and City Secretary Tina Keys. Also in attendance was Cloy Richards.

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 December 15, 2020.

Council Member Elliston moved to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Council Member Sutton. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

Burns Ave. Elevated Storage Tank preservation – Steve Miller presented

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS ON PUBLIC HEARING

There were no Public Hearings

7. INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS

- A. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding Resolution 2021-001 to call the May 1, 2021 General Election for the purpose of filling City of Brady City Council Members Places 2 and 3 expiring terms. Council Member Huffman moved to approve Resolution 2021-001. Seconded by Council Member Elliston. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- B. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding approval of Resolution 2021-002 to enter into a finance contract with Government Capital Corporation for the purpose of procuring a F-250 regular cab truck. (\$25,000). Lisa McElrath explained to Council that staff would like to withdraw this item. A local bank, Brady National, contacted staff and were able to bid on the interest rate on the note at 2.9% and were willing to hold that rate until we receive the vehicle. In the past, local banks didn’t offer to hold the rate, but they are now. Terms are reasonable and doable and since it’s only \$25,000, item does not require Council approval, so staff went ahead and approved. Government Capital requires a resolution which is the reason it was brought to Council to begin

with. No action was taken.

- C. Discussion, consideration and possible action to approve Resolution 2021-003 rendering null and void the Notification of Intent to Issue Combination Tax and Surplus Waterworks and Sewer System Certificates of Obligation that was published in the Brady Standard-Herald and on the official website of the City of Brady, Texas. Lisa McElrath presented. Council Member Elliston moved to approve Resolution 2021-003 rendering null and void the Notification of Intent to Issue Combination Tax and Surplus Waterworks and Sewer System Certificates of Obligation that was published in the Brady Standard Herald and on the official website of the City of Brady. Seconded by Council Member Huffman. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- D. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding Resolution 2021-004 authorizing the award of Professional Service Provider Contract for the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) 2021-2022 Texas Community Development Block Grant Fund (TxCDBG). Steven Miller presented and introduced Cloy Richards with GrantWorks who reviewed grant process. Council Member Sutton moved to approve Resolution 2021-004 awarding grant application services including administration duties to GrantWorks, Inc. Seconded by Council Member May. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- E. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding Burns Ave. Elevated Storage Tank decision. Council Member Huffman said she cares about keeping a small shred of historical significance of the City. She feels like the water tower is the one thing that still stands. People have an emotional connection to it. She feels like it should stay and take the chance of having or not having to paint it. Council Member Elliston said it’s possible we could get a grant to help pay for it. Council Member Huffman said she had a few people reach out to her and they were passionate about their water tower. Council Member May said we need to take care of our issues now and not just pass it off to future council. He went on to say that somebody is going to have to deal with it at some time. Council Member Huffman said she is trying to preserve what’s there. Not just put it off for somebody else. Council Member Land commented that we talked about getting public opinion and asked if we have done that. Council Member Elliston is concerned about the stigma attached to the City that we do what we want, for example, the playground was taken down with no notice and citizens were not happy. Citizens do entrust Council to make decisions but public needs to still be informed. She thinks if we vote to tear it down, we will get a lot of backlash. Elliston went on to say she wants to keep the tower but if we can’t afford it, then it doesn’t make sense. Council Member Sutton said the old hospital was an icon and people were saying we needed to do something about it. It burned down and nobody has complained about it anymore. Council Member Elliston said we did not choose the fate of the hospital. We are choosing the fate of the water tower. Council Member Huffman thinks there should be a write up in the newspaper so people know every angle of what’s going on and bring it back next meeting after people have had a chance to hear about it. Mayor Groves confirmed with Steve Miller that this decision does not have to be made tonight. Mayor agreed that we should have it in the newspaper and on the radio and get feedback. Council Member Land agreed that we need to let the citizens know before we do anything. Council Member Sutton asked if Council can make a decision that needs to be made, or do we have to let the people make all of our decisions. He said the longer we wait, the costs will increase and it’s serving no purpose. Mayor Groves thinks we should push it back to next month to make sure the article gets in the paper and the word gets out. We are asking to keep a piece of equipment that’s no longer in use for a purpose it was not intended with the hope it will last longer. Council Member

Elliston moved to table to first council meeting in February. Seconded by Council Member Huffman. Three Council Members voted "aye" with two Council Members, May and Sutton voted "nay". Motion passed with a 3 – 2 vote.

8. STAFF REPORTS

There were no staff reports

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Groves said the Texas State Dept of Health has Brady listed for 200 doses of Corona Virus vaccine. Tim Jones said they do not have it yet. When they get it, they will give to critical care and associated folks and then within 48 hours start to give to 1-B folks. Tim will notify KNEL and the newspaper of a contact point for people to call in to get on the list for the vaccination with a scheduled time. We did have 100 initial doses that are being distributed.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session

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

n/a

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.



Mayor Anthony Groves

Attest: 

Tina Keys, City Secretary