

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 February 1, 2022, at 6:00 pm with Mayor Anthony Groves presiding in person. Council Members present were Missi Elliston, Jay May, Larry Land, and Jeffrey Sutton. City staff present were Acting City Manager Erin Corbell, Public Works Director Steven Miller, Finance Director Lisa McElrath, Police Chief Steve Thomas, City Attorney Sharon Hicks, and City Secretary Tina Keys. Also in attendance were Don Miller, Cameron Turk and James Griffin.

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

Cameron Turk asked if the police can get a secure line of communication where thieves cannot get ahold of them; the equipment the police use, radios. We need to keep the public from accessing to it. Chief Thomas said yes, there's a thing called encryption. The Police Department communication is encrypted, Sheriff's office is not. Erin Corbell explained that the Sheriff's office handles dispatch and they're not using an encrypted system. Chief Thomas said Sheriff's office is in the process now of moving to encrypted equipment. It's a priority. Cameron asked what are things as a community do to bring thefts and crime down. Attorney Hicks said a possibility is a neighborhood watch, security cameras are reasonably priced now, and citizens can request extra monitoring by law enforcement if there are extra break-ins in the neighborhood. Hicks told Turk, "you're never going to stop crime" but encouraged her to talk to Erin Corbell and Chief Thomas and let them work on it. Missi Elliston said citizens seem to have the idea that if you have a camera and it catches a crime in the process, some citizens are told the video is no good, that the officers have to catch the crime in process. Chief Thomas said that's not true. If they can identify who is on the video, they can certainly use it. Erin Corbell said another issue is that the person who owns the storage units will report there has been a break in, but the renter is not reporting it, so there's no property missing. The person renting the unit needs to report the crime. And the storage unit owners could install security lights and cameras and that would help. Missi Elliston said she sees lots of Facebook posts about thefts, she always asks "have you reported it" and 9 times out of 10, they are not reporting. Police can't do anything if they don't have a report. Elliston went on to say they need proof of illegal activity. Chief Thomas said he did meet with Mrs. Turk about her situation and she is one of the few who has tried to forward helpful information. Most people do not do that. They identified an area because of her that they can be more diligent with. Chief Thomas said they know what they need to prosecute and she now knows what they need as well. She is trying to do her part and they appreciate that. "If more people did that, we would be in better circumstances." Chief Thomas said he understands it's frustrating. They need to know they can get a jury to say "beyond a reasonable doubt". They would always like to have that phone call when something is going on. Mayor Groves said the newsletter had information on a Citizens Self-Reporting system. It's for non-emergency crimes. Turk said is more concerned about the secure lines because the criminals know where the cops are and where they're going.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting on January 18, 2022.

Council Member Sutton moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Council Member Elliston. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 4 – 0 vote.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

- Status Report – Radium Reduction System Drinking Water Improvements – S. Miller presented. March 24th is preferred date for Ribbon Cutting.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS ON PUBLIC HEARING

None

7. INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS

- A. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the **second and final reading of Ordinance 1332** of the City of Brady adopting a zoning change from Industrial District to Single Family Residential for property located at 1107 E. 11th St. in the Luhr Subdivision, Block No. 82, Lot Nos. 8-14 as requested by David Riley Thorpe. Erin Corbell presented. Council Member May moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 1332. Seconded by Council Member Elliston. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 4 – 0 vote.
- B. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the **second and final reading of Ordinance 1333** of the City of Brady adopting a zoning change from Single Family Residential to Manufactured Home District for property located at 500 S. Plum Street in the Luhr Subdivision, Block 30, Lot 2 as requested by Randall D. Morgan. Erin Corbell presented. Council Member Elliston moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 1333. 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 the **second and final reading of Ordinance 1334** of the City of Brady adopting a zoning change from Single Family Residential to Manufactured Home District for property located at 701 Grace Ave. in the Jendale Subdivision, Block 9, Lots 7-10 as requested by Elizabeth Pena Olalde. Erin Corbell presented. Council Member Elliston moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 1334. Seconded by Council Member Sutton. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 4 – 0 vote.
- D. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the **second and final reading of Ordinance 1335** of the City of Brady, Texas amending Ordinance 1328, a Schedule of Fees for the Administration of Utility Rates, Programs, Regulations and Other Operations of the City, adding an additional maximum number of days allowed to camp overnight in City parks. Erin Corbell presented. Council Member Elliston moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 1335. Seconded by Council Member May. Three Council Members voted “aye” and one Council Member, Sutton, voting “nay”. Motion passed with a 3 - 1 vote.
- E. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding approval of Resolution 2022-001 authorizing the Mayor to sign tax foreclosure deeds for real estate property. Erin Corbell presented. Council Member May moved to approve Resolution 2022-001. Seconded by Council Member Elliston. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 4 – 0 vote.
- F. Discussion, consideration, and possible action regarding Mayor’s appointment to the Brady Type B EDC to fill vacancy. Erin Corbell presented. Mayor Groves appointed Don Miller. Erin said there is a vacancy, and Don Miller submitted his application. He is eligible to serve on the board. He also served on Type A board and Type B. Council Member Elliston asked how long is left on Erin Betts

term. Erin said June of 2022 is when it expired. Council Member Sutton moved to approve Mayor's appointment. Seconded by Council Member May. All Council Members voted "aye" and none "nay". Motion passed with a 4 – 0 vote.

8. STAFF REPORTS

A. Upcoming Special Events/Meetings:

February 15	Regular City Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
February 21	President's Day Holiday – City Offices closed – altered trash schedule
March 1	Regular City Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
March 14 – 18	BISD Spring Break
March 15	Regular City Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council of the City of Brady adjourned into Executive Session for the following:

- a. Pursuant to Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), the City Council will consult with the City Attorney about pending or contemplated litigation or on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Texas Open Meetings Act – Scott vs. City of Brady

Regular Session was closed at 6:52 p.m. Executive Session was opened at 7:03 p.m. and closed at 7:52 p.m. and resumed Open Session

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

There was no action as a result of Executive Session

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.


Mayor Anthony Groves

Attest: 
Tina Keys, City Secretary