

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 15, 2022, at 6:00 pm with Mayor Anthony Groves presiding in person. Council Members present were Jane Huffman, Missi Elliston, Jay May, Larry Land, and Jeffrey Sutton. City staff present were Acting City Manager Erin Corbell, Public Works Director Steven Miller, Police Chief Steve Thomas, and City Secretary Tina Keys. Also in attendance were Taylor Hoffpauir, Cameron Turk, Mark Mayfield, James Stewart, James Morris, Rebecca Spinoso and Mark Spinoso.

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 – made packets for council and reviewed information regarding sales of her father’s stolen tools. Mayor Groves explained that the Council cannot have a discussion with Mrs. Turk under Public Comments. The comments will be relayed to the City Manager and the police, and they will follow up. Council Member Elliston asked if Council could get a response and Erin Corbell responded and said “not on an open investigation”.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Minutes for Regular Meeting on February 1, 2022.
- B. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding Resolution 2022-003 to request TXDOT/City Street closures for the Chamber of Commerce 2nd Annual Farm to Table Fundraiser Dinner to be held on Saturday, April 23, 2022

Council Member Ellison moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Council Member May. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

5. PRESENTATIONS:

None

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS ON PUBLIC HEARING

None

7. INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS

- A. Discussion, consideration and possible action approving Resolution 2022-002 supporting the development and the allocation of housing tax credits for 218 Lynn Gavit and acknowledging that the City of Brady has more than twice the state average of units per capita supported by housing tax credits or private activity bonds. Mayor Groves introduced Mark Mayfield of the Texas Housing Foundation who presented to Council. Council Member Huffman asked if Sagebrush pays property taxes. Mr. Mayfield said they do not. Council Member Huffman asked if they are a non-profit. Mr. Mayfield said they are a public housing authority so they are exempt from ad-valorm taxes. Council Member Elliston moved to approve Resolution 2022-002. Seconded by Council Member Huffman.

Four Council Members voted “aye” with one Council Member, Sutton, voting “nay”. Motion passed with a 4 - 1 vote.

- B. Discussion, consideration and possible action to approve Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Funding Application from Brady Golf Association for the 64th Annual Dr. Harry C. Priess Memorial Day Classic. Taylor Hoffpaur presented. Council Member Land said he would abstain from voting since he’s on the Golf Association board. Council Member Huffman said it would have to be a true conflict of interest, that Land would benefit monetarily, to constitute a conflict of interest. Council Member Huffman told Council Member Land that he must vote. Council Member May moved to approve an amount to award to Brady Golf Association in support of the 64th Annual Dr. Harry C. Priess Memorial Day Classic. Seconded by Council Member Huffman. All Council members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- C. Discussion, consideration and possible action to approve Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) Funding Application from McCulloch County Historical Theater Society for their Live from the Palace Theater events. Taylor Hoffpaur and James Stewart presented to Council. Stewart said it is an attempt to bring live events to the theater on a monthly basis on the 2nd weekend of the month. The improvements are lights and sound for stage events and set up and take down. Council Member Elliston moved to approve an amount to award to the Palace Theater in support of the Live from the Palace Theater events. Seconded by Council Member Huffman. All Council members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- D. Discussion regarding golf course fees and contracts. Erin Corbell said Council Member Huffman believes there was a previous discussion regarding membership for a portion of the year so she requested it come back for further discussion. Council Member Huffman had a citizen come to her asking about monthly memberships. Council Member Huffman said she believes we talked about in budget and decided we would allow monthly memberships to allow for people who were elderly and could only play 3 months out of a year. Even college kids, different people would benefit. It came to her attention that it was not being enforced. She was told it would be enforced. Council Member Huffman would like to spell out that discussion. Erin Corbell said it takes year round memberships to maintain the course so it’s playable during the summer months, so it’s difficult to structure to where people are only members during the summer but the full time year round members bear the annual cost. Corbell said she doesn’t think we should make that available to everybody. Council Member Huffman said the decision was made during budget. Council Member Sutton said he questions that because we would be constantly checking if somebody is in college or out of college. The elderly doesn’t bother him if the correct parameters are put in place. Council Member Huffman said it’s good for the community. She thinks it will bring more people in. Council Member Huffman said there is already a student rate that’s not verified anyway. Mayor Groves said City Manager Corbell to collect more information, and since fees are determined by ordinance, Erin Corbell could look at building a draft ordinance and bring back to Council.
- E. Discussion regarding street sanitation fees. Erin Corbell said Council Member Elliston has been talking with a citizen who has city utilities and live in the city limits but we do not maintain their street so they don’t think they should pay the street sanitation fee. Erin Corbell said we do maintain that street in question. It’s possible they simply haven’t seen the street sweeper. Corbell said the only place in the city limits that does not get serviced by the street sweeper is Simpson Lake Club and that was at their request; and they still pay the fee. Corbell said she is working with staff in reconciling. What triggers the street sweeper fee is if you have trash. She’s trying to see who pays but doesn’t get the service. Corbell said currently the truck is down. Council Member Elliston asked

how long it has been down. Steven Miller said before the new year. Miller went on to say we got it fixed, but then the street sweeper employee has been out with COVID off and on. Miller said the street sweeper runs on a weekly basis. Sometimes there's no reason to sweep because the streets haven't had any accumulated debris. Council Member Elliston asked what it costs to maintain that fund. Erin Corbell said it goes to its own fund and it does not make enough money to support itself. Erin said the fund is street maintenance. Steven Miller also confirmed that the road in question, Old Mason Road, is on the schedule for sweeping and is being swept.

8. STAFF REPORTS

A. Monthly Financial / Utility Reports:

B. Tourism Report 2021

C. Upcoming Special Events/Meetings:

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| February 21 | President's Day Holiday – City Offices closed – altered trash schedule |
| March 1 | Regular City Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m. |
| March 15 | Regular City Council Meeting – 6:00 p.m. |
| April 5 | Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00 |
| April 15 | Good Friday Holiday, Altered Trash Schedule |
| April 19 | Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00 |
| April 23 | Happy Birthday Missi Elliston |

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Corbell said she will be in Austin next Tuesday morning to meet with TxDOT on an airport project and will be in Granbury Thursday and Friday for a conference. She will be out of the office but will be available by phone.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- A. Pursuant to Section 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), the City Council will deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real properties of the City as the deliberations in an open meeting will have the detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person
- B. Pursuant to Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) City Council will meet to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee: City Manager

Regular Session was closed at 6:50 p.m. Executive Session was opened at 7:00 p.m. and closed at 8:47 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 8:48 p.m.


Mayor Anthony Groves

Attest: 
Tina Keys, City Secretary

