

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 June 21, 2022, at 6:00 pm with Mayor Anthony Groves presiding in person. Council Members present were Missi Elliston, Larry Land, Jay May, Jane Huffman and Jeffrey Sutton. City staff present were City Manager Erin Corbell, Public Works Director Steven Miller, Police Chief Steve Thomas, and City Secretary Tina Keys. Also in attendance were Hanna Schwertner, Lisa Berglund, Craig Davee and James Stewart.

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 June 7, 2022.

Council Member Elliston 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:

There were no presentations

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS ON PUBLIC HEARING

There were no Public Hearings

7. INDIVIDUAL CONCERNS

- A. Discussion, consideration and possible action to elect Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor Groves presented.
Council Member Elliston nominated Council Member Huffman
Council Member Land nominated himself
Council Member JM nominated Council Member Land
Mayor Groves nominated Council Member Huffman
Council Member Huffman nominated herself
Council Member Sutton nominated Council Member Huffman
Resulting in two votes for Council Member Land and four votes for Council Member Huffman. Council Member Huffman was elected Mayor Pro Tem.
- B. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the **second and final reading of Ordinance 1340** of the City of Brady, Texas adopting a Specific Use Provision (SUP) as requested by Lisa Berglund to allow for a Bed and Breakfast Inn or Facility, in a Single Family Residential (5,000 S.F.) District for property located at 1004 S. College St. Erin Corbell presented. Council Member Elliston moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 1340. 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 regarding the **second and final reading of Ordinance 1341** of the City of Brady, Texas adopting a zoning change from Single Family Residential District to Manufactured Home District for property located at 1817 Old Mason Rd. Erin Corbell presented. Council Member Elliston moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 1341. Seconded by Council Member Sutton. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- D. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding the **second and final reading of Ordinance 1342** to amend the FY 22 Budget to allow for municipal purposes. Erin Corbell presented. Council Member May moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 1342. Seconded by Council Member Sutton. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.
- E. Discussion regarding modifying city ordinances pertaining to trapping within the city limits. Erin Corbell presented. Said she has gotten phone calls from citizens who are concerned about traps set out in their neighborhoods. Council Member Huffman said she does not think we should tell people they cannot trap on their property. The goal of our trapper was to reduce the population. If we have seen a drastic decrease in population, then maybe we should have our trapper take a break. Council Member May said there is not a decrease in his neighborhood. Council Member Huffman said maybe we could have our trapper move to a different location. Council Member Elliston said we can’t tell people what they can do on their property. Council Member May said he traps coons, skunks, squirrels, possums, a lot of traps. City Attorney Sharron Hicks said you have to make sure people understand how they can properly dispose of them. Council Member Huffman said they are being moved to ranches. Council Member Sutton said if you’re going to let them trap on private property, they just tell their neighbors what they’re going to do. Council Member Huffman said her property rights are her property rights and she doesn’t have to tell her neighbors anything. Council Member Sutton said he is talking about Axis that they sell for profit. Council Member Sutton said he doesn’t want them to trap on their property. Council Member May said he doesn’t think they’re trapping Axis deer on their property. Erin Corbell said they absolutely are, and they sell them for profit. Council Member Huffman said she thinks right now there is a very small group of people that is doing this, it’s mostly on personal property. If it starts to get out of hand, we might have to revisit it. Mayor Groves asked if people are putting feeders out to trap them, Erin said yes. Erin said the game warden has no issues with it. Council Member May said he has seen a reduction in the big bucks. They’re gone. Council Member Huffman said there are tons of big bucks on the creek. Council Member May said at Simpson Lake Club, on any night, you will see at least 400 Axis deer. Erin Corbell said there used to be 40 that came in around her house every night, but they’re not now. Council Member Huffman said she does know that people have expressed concerns that they’re not seeing them anymore. The people are sad. Craig Davee said he doesn’t have a problem with catching axis, but there are traps behind his backyard and it wakes everybody up at 1:00 at the morning. He had the deer he would feed, they’re no longer there. Council Member May told him to call the game warden. Davee said he has called, he won’t do anything. Davee said we need to have regulation and control; there needs to be control. The game warden needs to be out there. Davee said he would like the traps gone. They’re disturbing the peace. Davee also insinuated that he would retaliate against the Irish neighborhood by revving up his motorcycle in the middle of the night. Hanna Schwertner said everything is done legally. Everything is videoed and paid personally so there are no questions. White tail deer are never trapped. If they get in a trap, they are released. Schwertner said she feels like if you like Axis, you can buy property and make them pets but right now they are free-range. Most deer and transported to local ranches where people come in from out of town to hunt and contribute to the economy. If somebody has an issue, it can be settled appropriately. Council Member Elliston said it is her understanding that everything they are doing is legal. Council Member May moved to not change the ordinance. Seconded by Council Member Elliston. All Council Members voted “aye” and none “nay”. Motion passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

8. STAFF REPORTS

A. Monthly Financial / Utility Reports

B. Monthly Activity Reports: Seniors, Golf, BPD, Fire-EMS Calls, BVFD Expense Report, Animal Control, Airport, Code Enforcement, Chronic Code Complaints and Structures Inhabited without utilities, Municipal Court

C. Upcoming Special Events/Meetings:

- July 4 Independence Day Holiday, City offices closed, altered trash schedule
- July 11, 13, 14 Budget Work Sessions, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- July 18 Possible additional Budget Work Session, if needed
- July 28 HAPPY BIRTHDAY JAY MAY

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Secretary Keys told Council they are invited to ride on the fire trucks for the July Jubilee parade and need to be at the fire station no later than 9:30 a.m.

James Griffin said \$20,000 was raised for the volunteer fire department at Smoke on the Hill

Council took a brief break at 6:30 p.m. and resumed Open Session at 6:35 p.m.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- 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
- 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 Erin Corbell

Regular Session was closed at 6:37 p.m. Executive Session was opened at 6:37 p.m. and closed at 7:17 p.m. and Open Session resumed.

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

No action was taken as a result of Executive Session

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.


Mayor Anthony Groves

Attest: 
Tina Keys, City Secretary