

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 November 1, 2022, at 6:00 pm with Mayor Anthony Groves presiding in person. Council Members present were Missi Elliston, Larry Land, Jay May, Jeffrey Sutton and Jane Huffman. City staff present were City Manager Erin Corbell, Public Works Director Steven Miller, Municipal Court Judge J.T. Owens, Code Enforcement Officer Connie Echols, Police Captain Randy Batten, and City Secretary Tina Keys. Also in attendance were Lacey Grant, Lance Grove, James Griffin and Charles Bush.

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 October 18, 2022.
- B. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding Resolution 2022-019 to enter into an agreement with the State of Texas through the Texas Department of Transportation for the temporary closure of roads around the courthouse square for the annual Christmas in the Heart Lighted Parade to be held on December 10, 2022 from approximately 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and further keeping the east side of the square closed until 9:30 p.m. for the remainder of the Christmas in the Heart activities

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 regarding the second and final reading of Ordinance 1351 of the City of Brady, Texas approving request for a Residential Group R1 use as a Specific Use Provision, for a Central Business District property, for the purpose of a retreat center for property located at 100 N. Blackburn Street in the Fulcher Subdivision, Block 3 Lots 8-9. Erin Corbell presented. Council Member May moved to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 1349. 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 appeal of Planning & Zoning decision from October 11, 2022, denying the request of an enclosed 8/9 foot fence built on property, as a Specific Use Provision, for a Multi-family District property located at 401 S. Pine Street, Brady, Texas in the Luhr Subdivision, Block

No. 116 Lot. 1 as requested by Lance Grove. Mayor Groves said no action will be taken. Erin Corbell said Planning & Zoning (P & Z) did deny request and Mr. Grove did file an appeal, but we failed to notify adjacent property owners and did not post in newspaper, so no action will be taken. Mr. Grove said there was a sign put out at the corner of 3rd & Pine St. Council Member Elliston asked what kind of sign. He said it said it was informing neighbors to call if they were opposed to the fence. Mr. Grove asked if anyone called to oppose. Erin Corbell said that was for the P & Z meeting, not for this City Council meeting, but nobody called. Mr. Grove said his progress was stopped before he could landscape or anything and said it's to enhance the neighborhood, not bring it down. Attorney Sharon Hicks explained the process when P & Z denies a request. Hicks said we have to post for another public hearing and give the public another opportunity to come again to a city council meeting. Sharon said we will bring back at another meeting when we can have a properly posted public hearing. Council Member Elliston said she doesn't feel comfortable overriding a P & Z decision. She feels like we might need to address the ordinance and thinks staff should have input. Council Member Elliston said staff was doing what they were supposed to do according to the ordinance that is already in place. Council Member May said he doesn't think a variance is a bad thing. Attorney Hicks said we're talking about a special use provision not a variance. This is a request to change the ordinance to allow for a special use provision. Council Member Huffman asked if this fence is something Mr. Grove is going to want to do on more than this one property. Mr. Grove said yes, he did want to do the same on other properties. Mr. Grove said he is actually going to live on 6th Street and wants to do it to that house too. Council Member Land said we do appreciate Mr. Grove fixing up these homes and asked if there is anything that can be done to make it not a fence. Council Member Huffman said typically when you think courtyard there is like an iron fence. The fence or wall is wood or brick and you would see a fence or gate that is iron or see through which helps with safety as far as law enforcement. Mr. Grove said he is planning on planting blue spruces that will soften the look; you wouldn't even hardly notice the fence. Mr. Grove said somebody mentioned changing his address to 3rd Street. He's going to look into that possibility. No action was taken.

- C. Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding appointments to Citizen Advisory Boards. Erin Corbell said Lisa Selensky applied for P & Z and so did James Griffin. We have one position plus alternate open at this time. Council Member Huffman asked how many positions are open on the Building Standards board. Erin Corbell said all of them. Erin said Lisa Selensky can be primary on P & Z and James Griffin can be Alternate on P & Z and then James can be on the Building Standards. Mayor Groves appointed Lisa Selensky to be on Planning and Zoning board. All Council Members were in favor, and none opposed. Mayor Groves appointed James Griffin to be alternate on Planning & Zoning board as well as on the Building Standards board. All Council Members were in favor, and none opposed. Mayor Groves appointed Tonya Rankin for Building Standard board. All Council Members were in favor, and none opposed.

8. STAFF REPORTS

A. Upcoming Special Events/Meetings:

November 11	Veteran's Day Holiday, City Offices closed, altered trash schedule
November 15	Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
November 23	Happy Birthday Jeffrey Sutton
November 24	Thanksgiving Day Holiday, City Offices closed, altered trash schedule
November 25	Floating Holiday, City Offices closed, altered trash schedule
December 6	Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00
December 20	Regular City Council Meeting, 6:00
December 23	Floating December Holiday, City Offices closed, altered trash schedule
December 26	Christmas Holiday, City Offices Closed, altered trash schedule
January 2	New Year's Holiday, City Offices Closed, altered trash schedule

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Erin Corbell said November 10th is City’s Thanksgiving luncheon and invited Council to join.

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: Emergency Medical Services
- 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: Police Chief Steve Thomas / Municipal Court Judge J.T. Owens

Regular Session was closed at 6:32 p.m. Executive Session was opened at 6:48 p.m. and closed at 8:37 p.m. and Open Session resumed. Council went back into discussion under “Staff Reports” and said they want a discussion on recent electric interruptions put on next agenda.

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

There was no action taken as a result of Executive Session

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.



Mayor Anthony Groves

Attest: 

Tina Keys, City Secretary