

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Regular Meeting, Tuesday January 9, 2018 @ 7:00pm

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Public Comment (Comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes per Sect. 2-34(b) of the City's Code of Ord.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 12, 2017 & December 21, 2017

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor-

Administrator-

Clerk-

Engineer-Letter of Understanding for Improvement of Pedestrian Ramps on Rte. 53 & Rte. 113

City Attorney-Ordinance 18-01, Amending Chapt. 26 Business, Sect. 26-113 of the City of Braidwood Code of Ordinances in Relation to Payment of License Fee

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Accounts and Finances -Payment of Bills
-Payroll Expenses

Streets & Public Improvements-

Public Property-

Public Health & Safety-

Planning & Zoning-

Executive Session-Discuss Personnel, Pending and/or Imminent Litigation, Collective Bargaining/Labor Relations or Land Acquisition
-Actions to be taken following Executive Session:

Old Business

New Business

Adjournment

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City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 9, 2018

Call to Order

Mayor Vehrs called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Mayor Vehrs advised everyone of a tragedy that happened recently with a young man, Mike Wilkey, that was killed in Wilmington from a gunshot. Mike was the Fire Chief during our last Turnabout with the 8th grade students. Mike has also helped the city out with Red Carpet Corridor last year, Summerfest and Scarecrow Fest. Mike was a nice young man who liked to volunteer his time and work around the community. So in his honor, the Mayor asked everyone to please stand for a moment of silence.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Vehrs then lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Elected Officials present: Commissioner Hibler, Commissioner Hutton, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Tessler and Mayor Vehrs.

Appointed officials present: City Attorney Kopman, City Clerk Sue Grygiel, City Administrator Don Labriola, Chief Nick Ficarello and City Engineer Todd Gereaux were present.

Public Comment

Opened at 7:01pm.

Angie Hutton, 285 Mitchell St. Angie said that she keeps getting questions asking if the council is going to have more discussions on the PACE Bus before council approves anything with them. Mayor Vehrs said it's going to be about 4 months before we have all our paper work done and the closer it gets to signing an agreement with PACE, it will be brought up more by the council. Angie asked if this will be done at a meeting or are you going to have a Work Meeting. The Mayor said it will be at a city council meeting. She then asked are you going to let the people in town know and the Mayor said yes they will. Angie said the people in town have all kinds of questions. The Mayor explained that the city is in limbo with PACE right now because we're going through their application process. The people that would drive the PACE bus have to be drug tested, get DOT Certified, have physicals, it's a process but the closer we get to it we will let the public know. Angie continued to ask the Mayor are you going to fill the public in so they know what's going on because when she gets asked about it, all she can say is I don't know. Comm. Tessler told Angie to tell people who ask the questions that we have 2 meetings a month and they can by all means come to the meeting and ask questions.

Closed at 7:06pm.

Approval of Minutes

Comm. Smith made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2017, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hutton, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Smith made a motion to approve the Rescheduled Regular Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2017, seconded by Comm. Hibler. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hibler, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

Mayor Vehrs said he hoped everyone had a good holiday. He also advised everyone to be careful this weekend, there's a major snow and ice storm coming towards us.

Administrator

Don advised everyone that thanks to a joint effort between the City of Braidwood and the Fire Protection District our homeowners will have an opportunity to reduce the costs of their homeowners insurance this year. The National Insurance Services Office (ISO) has improved the city's public protection insurance classification rating to a level 3 which will be in effect after April 1, 2018. This improvement is due to the level of service that we give residents with their water service, along with the Fire Department. This information helps set the rates for homeowners insurance in Braidwood. So residents can contact their insurance carriers and get a reduction in their premium rate. Don advised that the city is currently in discussion with Verizon to utilize more of our water tower space for radio and cell transmission allowing us an increase in our revenue stream.

City Clerk

The clerk let everyone know that our longtime Barber, Muzzy, is in the hospital after suffering a stroke that went into pneumonia and he's now in a coma. Thanked Comm. Smith for letting us know after receiving a call from his son couple of hours before the meeting.

Engineer

Todd commented on the Letter of Understanding the city received from IDOT for Pedestrian Ramps that are going to be constructed on Routes 53 & 113. Basically the state is upgrading their sidewalks to meet Americans with Disabilities requirements. This Agreement is between the State and municipalities and they'll be paying for all the work. We didn't receive plans with the Letter of Understanding so he's in process of tracking those down. Todd recommended that the city accept this Letter of Understanding pending Engineering review so there are no utility conflicts.

Comm. Smith made a motion to accept the Letter of Understanding for Pedestrian Ramps at Routes 53 & 113 with the State subject to Engineering review and approval of the plans, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hutton, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

City Attorney

Atty. Kopman addressed his Agenda item Ordinance 18-01, Amending Chapter 26-Business, Section 26-113 of the City of Braidwood Code of Ordinances in Relation to Payment of License Fee. The city passed a Raffle Ordinance at the last meeting and the gentlemen with the Braidwood Baseball Softball Association came in and indicated that it could be a concern for them because having to pay \$50 for each Raffle could add up over time. So with the council's direction along with the Mayor, we have drafted an Amendment to that Ordinance. It says that a not for profit entity requests a license for a raffle they would only have to pay one License Fee per calendar year. There's an exception to that which would be if they come in and instead of doing the regular raffle, anything where there's a prize under \$150,000, if over that the council would have to approve the Raffle if the prize is over \$150,000.

Comm. Tessler made a motion to adopt Ordinance 18-01, Amending Chapter 26-Business with regards to Raffles, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hutton, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs).

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Accounts & Finances

Comm. Hibler made a motion to pay the total bills due on our Check Register in the amount of \$156,843.72, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Smith, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Hibler made a motion to pay the Payroll Expenses due in the amount of \$119,775.47, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Smith, Hutton, Tessler, & Mayor Vehrs).

Streets & Public Improvements

Comm. Smith said he'd like to get together with the Engineer to see what the frost brought on the streets that were recently done. Then wants to see what money there is for roads, not waiting until the last minute to get roads done and this time wants the roads done right! He would like to get this done as quickly as we can, get bids out and get the roads done the right way. Todd said he and Fay are going to do a Pavement Condition Index on all the streets so we know where they're at today and what treatments have been done in the past and use this as a guide for your future MFT.

Comm. Smith we need to get on Reed Road as quickly as we can and that's a big project, he wants to get rid of all the saw cuts across there.

Public Property

Comm. Hutton said the old boom truck is surplus and he's called around to 4 different junk yards to see what price they would give us for it. He called Berlinski in Joliet and wanted us to strip it down to no tires, no windows, no gas tank and take to them which might give us a few dollars for. He called Belson in Kankakee and they wanted nothing to do with it, then called Acme in Kankakee and they didn't want to talk about it. After talking with River Valley they offered us \$1,800 and they'll tow it away. So looks like it's going to go to River Valley Recycling in Kankakee. Comm. Hutton then gave the Outside Crews Report.

Public Health & Safety

Comm. Tessler gave the report and numbers provided by the Chief from 12/23/17-1/8/18, having 200 total calls for service.

Planning & Zoning

No recommendations.

Closed Session

Comm. Tessler made a motion to go into Closed Session at 7:20pm to discuss Imminent Litigation, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hutton, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs).

No action was taken following Closed Session.

Comm. Hutton made a motion to Reconvene the Regular Meeting at 7:32pm, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Old Business

Nothing to Report.

New Business

Nothing to Report.

Adjournment

Comm. Tessler made motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:33pm, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hutton, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs).

Approved this 23 day of January 2018

[Signature] Mayor

[Signature] City Clerk

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

