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CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Regular Meeting, Tuesday January 10, 2017 @ 7:00pm

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Public Comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 27, 2016 Regular Meeting

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor-

Administrator-

Clerk-

Engineer- EZ Street Roadway Construction (TIF), Change Order #4 & Final
-EZ Street Roadway Construction (TIF), Pay Request #3 & Final
-North Division St. Sanitary Sewer Extension, Approval of Bid & Award Contract

City Attorney-

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Accounts and Finances -Payment of Bills
-Payroll Expenses

Streets and Public Improvements -

Public Property- Rollover of Current Electric Supplier (NIMEC) for Treatment Plant

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 10, 2017

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

Pledge of Allegiance
Mayor Vehrs asked City Engineer Brian Hertz to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Public Comment
Public Comment Open and Closed at 7:02pm.

Approval of Minutes
Comm. Smith made a motion, seconded by Comm. Hutton to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 27, 2016. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hutton, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS
Mayor
The Mayor wished everyone a Happy New Year. The Mayor advised the council that he attended a meeting this morning with ECS. ECS is a 16 bed facility for clients with opiate abuse for rehabilitation. During this meeting there was a firm out of New York venturing with a hospital out of Chicago. They're looking for support from all the Will County residents and Police Departments for support for this new 400 bed facility to treat opiate abuse. This program has a 9 day turn around. Also discussed was mental health which may also become part of this rehabilitation. Statistics have shown that over 20% of our grade school children have considered suicide. They have attributed this to a study of children being given cell phones when they're in 2nd and 3rd grade. They get on social media and the disturbing information they see on websites; sexting, being bullied, etc. They're working on starting an educational program through the school districts for parents and educating them on cell phone usage for young children. The Mayor said he was going to be contacting our State Representatives to get support for this facility.

Administrator
Nothing to Report.

City Clerk
The city clerk commented that she had given all the council members a copy of the 2016 FOIA Request Log. As of December 28th we had 105 FOIA's for the year. The clerk said what she would like to do is give the council a copy of the FOIA Log on a quarterly basis.

Engineer
Brian Hertz advised that he had 3 Agenda items for tonight. The first one is the EZ Street Final Change Order and all the work has been completed. The Final amount is an increase of $68,991.60 which would be added to the previous contract price of $463,089.36 with a new adjusted contract price of $532,080.96.

A motion was made by Comm. Smith, seconded by Comm. Hutton to approve the Final Change Order #4 for EZ Street in the amount of $68,991.60. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hutton, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

The second item is Pay Request #3 and Final for EZ Street Roadway Construction. This includes the release of retainage that was held on the job. They have been out there and everything seems to be in order. The contractor is due $307,258.70 to final out the job. Comm. Smith spoke and said that he and Brian have looked this over but feels we need a flag or something because there is a pipe that sits a little high and doesn't want anyone to drive over.
A motion was made by Comm. Smith to approve Pay Request #3 and Final for EZ Street Roadway in the amount of $307,258.70, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Mayor asked for discussion. Mayor asked Brian if "D" could put an inverter instead of a 10". Brian said with that structure that would be hard to do and feels the best thing to do is put a marker there otherwise you would be cutting some pavement and you don't want to cut the street so it's about as good as it's going to get. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hutton, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Brian then addressed his last agenda item, the North Division Street Sanitary Sewer Extension. This project went out for bid once already, the bids came back high so did a little more work. The project was rebid and bids were opened on December 28th with 6 bidders. They ranged in price from the low bid of $75,000 up to $238,000. MG2A is recommending that the city accept the low bid from Len Cox & Sons in the amount of $75,000. They also have done other projects in the city before. Mayor asked for further discussion. Comm. Hutton made a motion to accept the low bid from Len Cox & Sons in the amount of $75,000, seconded by Comm. Tessler. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Tessler, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs).

City Attorney
Nothing to Report.

<u>REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS</u>

Accounts & Finances
Comm. Hibler made a motion to pay the total bills due on our Check Register in the amount of $449,554.87 which includes the big payment to "D" Construction, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Hutton, Smith, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Hibler made a motion to pay the Payroll Expenses due in the amount of $92,781.48, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Smith, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Streets & Public Improvements
Comm. Smith said we had more ice again last night. He just hopes that the weather holds up and we can get through this and don't have to worry about running out of money during the rest of the winter season. He also said we have plenty of salt and we will make it one way or another.

Public Property
Comm. Hutton read the Outside Crews report. Then gave the Plant Crews Report and they've been working on the sludge. Monday Stewart Spreading was in town and they hauled out 30 loads of sludge up to Kendall County which is our contract for the year. That cuts sludge storage way down at the plant to almost nothing.
Comm. Hutton then addressed his agenda item regarding the rollover of the Current Electric Supplier, NIMEC, for the Treatment Plant. Comm. Hutton made a motion to rollover with NIMEC as the Electric Supplier for the Treatment Plant, seconded by Comm. Tessler. Mayor asked for discussion. Comm. Smith questioned how we could get it cheaper than ComEd. The Mayor advised that he met with this gentlemen last week and we currently have this service with them. NIMEC shops the current rate which fluctuates and when the rate gets to where they want they then lock the price in. They watch the rates to see what the rates are going to be for the year and if they can lock it in at a percentage lower, NIMEC

locks themselves in. They have a deadline in which to lock this in by and they call us and let us know they're locking the rate in and whatever the percentage is lower than ComEd can sell to us at that time. They basically watch the stock market.

Public Health & Safety
Comm. Tessler gave the Chief's numbers report from 12/28-1/9/17, total calls for service 212. Then read a statement given him by the Chief on a traffic stop near Kennedy Road that resulted in 4 rock crack cocaine. Will County Sheriff K9 Officer had to assist and the crack cocaine was found on the arrested subject.

Planning & Zoning Board Report
Nothing to Report.

Executive Session
Comm. Hutton made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:22pm to discuss Pending and/or Imminent Litigation, Collective Bargaining and Land Acquisition. Also invited in were Administrator Labriola and Police Chief Ficarello, seconded by Comm. Tessler. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Tessler, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Smith made a motion to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 8:09pm, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hutton, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

No action taken following Executive Session.

Old Business
Comm. Tessler brought up the new Police Radios that were discussed at the last meeting. He advised they are waiting on a contract for 25 Radios.
Comm. Hutton said he has been talking with Jim Earlywine about putting new LED lights in all of the buildings that the city owns.

New Business
Nothing to Report.

Adjournment
Comm. Tessler made motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs)
Meeting adjourned.

Approved this 24th day of January 2017

______________________ Mayor

Sue Grygiel City Clerk

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