

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Regular Meeting, Tuesday January 12, 2016 @ 7:00pm

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Public Comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -December 22, 2015 Regular Meeting
-December 8, 2015 Work Meeting

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor-

Administrator-

Clerk-

Engineer- Approval of Final Pay Estimate for Wastewater Treatment Plant & Lift Stations, Wunderlich-Malek
-Maintenance Contract with Rockwell International

City Attorney-

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Accounts and Finances -Payment of Bills
-Payroll

Streets and Public Improvements -

Public Buildings & Property-

Public Health & Safety-

Planning & Zoning – Discussion on Adoption of Braidwood's Building Permit Application Checklist

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 12, 2016

Call to Order

Mayor Jim Vehrs called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Vehrs lead everyone 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 Bryan Kopman, City Administrator Andy Galatte, Chief Nick Ficarello, City Engineer Brian Hertz and City Clerk Sue Grygiel were present.

Public Comment

Public Comment opened and closed at 7:01pm.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the December 22, 2015 Regular Meeting were approved as read. Motion made by Comm. Hutton, seconded by Comm. Smith. Mayor Vehrs asked for discussion. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays, (Hutton, Smith, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

The minutes for the December 8, 2015 Work Meeting were approved as read. Motion made by Comm. Smith, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Mayor Vehrs asked for discussion. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays, (Smith, Hutton, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Mayor

The Mayor wished everyone a Happy New Year and has a Safe and Prosperous New Year. The Mayor advised that they have started cutting down the Ash Bored Trees but will let Fay cover that under his report. The Mayor commended Commissioner Tessler on the support you have given to the Braidwood Police Department over this past year. The logistics support along with the approval of hiring Part Time Officers to help supplement the Police Department which has helped reduced costs and provide quality experience to the officers patrolling the streets of Braidwood. The Mayor told Eric he appreciates what he's doing with the Police Department from the bottom of his heart. This has allowed us to take a lot of drugs off the street in the past month and a half and I do know that you are on top of it with the Chief. The Chief then informs the Mayor quite often. The Mayor then thanked Comm. Tessler again. Comm. Tessler said he lets Chief know that he runs the department and he's here to help Chief in whatever he needs, he may not be available all the time but he's accessible always by phone.

Administrator

Andy had three things to report. The mayor and commissioners have an update in your mailboxes on the survey and what's being done, prospects coming to town and should be receiving them at least once a month. The second things is the Turnabout Day is scheduled for January 26th and we have eight students now that are interested and as soon as we get them assigned to a council member we will let you know. The last item is an article that he got from our Zoning Board Chairman Michelle, it's a pretty good article. The article is about 4,264 towns in Illinois and how 37 of them rated to be best to raise your family and Braidwood rates

number 18 out of the 37. This article was about towns under 100,000 people. We are planning to use this down the road when we get our video imaging going and hopefully in line sometime in April.

City Clerk

Nothing to Report.

Engineer

Brian Hertz addressed the last invoice from Wunderlich-Malek, programming people that were involved in the scada system at the treatment plant pretty much from the beginning. They kept working through things and a lot of time passed. There were a couple of remaining items that they were supposed to turn over to the city; actual programming language, bunch of files of which they just provided recently. So we are recommending payment for the final invoice of \$3,594.18.

A motion was made by Comm. Hutton to make the final payment, seconded by Comm. Smith. Mayor asked for discussion. Comm. Hutton said this had been a three year project, they were here, they were gone, they were here then gone and just drug out to the point that what we have left to do we could probably contract out. This is just something that kept dragging on and a good time to end it. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Brian's next item is related to Wunderlich-Malek, a proposal they received from Rockwell Automation. They actually are the one that designed the mechanism, made the mechanism talk to each other at the wastewater treatment plant. The program goes up to 80 hrs. for hourly service. Comm. Hutton said Wunderlich never really got this program totally done and this has been dragging on for the last 2 yrs. Rockwell would send 2 technicians out, diagnose what works, what doesn't and make recommendations what to do to get this part working, then move on to the next problem we have. Comm. Tessler asked Comm. Hutton why are we not back charging Wunderlich for this, they're the ones we had contract with. Comm. Tessler said if he would have known all this prior to our last vote to make final payment to Wunderlich he wouldn't of approved their final payment. Tessler said why should we pay someone when they haven't accomplished what they were to do. Comm. Hutton said Wunderlich would say we can't finish this because you don't have this in place, the can just kept getting kicked back and forth in trying to get this done. It's cheaper with Rockwell than to fight them Jim said with a lawyer. Comm. Tessler sounds like we didn't do our due diligence with Wunderlich.

A motion was made by Comm. Hutton to accept Contract with Rockwell Automation, seconded by Comm. Smith. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 4 ayes (Hutton, Smith, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs), 1 nay (Tessler).

City Attorney

Nothing to Report.

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 \$262,981.89 seconded by Comm. Smith. Mayor asked for discussion. 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 \$76,441.21, seconded by Comm. Smith. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Smith, Tessler, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs).

Streets & Public Improvements

Comm. Smith talked about the Ash Bored Trees being removed that the Mayor mentioned in his report earlier. Fay was very happy that on the first day they removed more trees than they anticipated, they are making great progress.

Public Buildings & Property

Comm. Hutton gave his maintenance report for the last 2 weeks. The Plant crew issued a boil order last week. Lightening hit the tree near First St. and South English putting a hole in a 10" water main, losing

185,000 gallons in a matter of half hour. The boil order was issued due to losing so much pressure in towers. We have a procedure in place, system works quite well. We notified Will County 911, illuminated sign outside city hall had information on it, sign outside Fire Dept. had notification, and businesses were notified by police department. We found out that some people weren't notified by 911 and we now are telling them to go online and add their phone(s) or they can call and update themselves or the girls in city hall are calling and updating for them. Wescom was notified and they did reverse call, contacted Reed Custer and they initiated calls for student's homes, contacted local radio stations, all local papers and city's website had all information and was updated for public to see.

Public Health & Safety

Comm. Tessler read some recent drug arrests given to him by Chief. December 30, 2015 served search warrant and executed on West Cermak by our department and assisted by DEA, 2 adults arrested for possession of heroin-10 bags, along with hypodermic syringes and drug paraphernalia. January 7, 2016 a consensual search was conducted by our department and DEA at a local motel in Braidwood, collecting 262 bags of heroine with syringes, 2 adults were arrested. January 8, 2016 during a traffic stop a Braidwood Officer came across Rock Cocaine on suspect, he was arrested along with a previous suspect as well. Comm. Tessler reiterated what the Mayor said that the Police Department is doing a great job and is running pretty smooth. Hopefully we can get some more support for more Officers with the Fire & Police Board in tact now. Also on January 1, 2016 we had an Officer administer Narcan, agent used on people suspected of an overdose, Narcan neutralizes the Heroine. The Officers were Chris Altiery and Tom Friddle responded to overdose of an unresponsive person, Narcan was administered and person regained consciousness.

Planning & Zoning Board Report

Zoning Chair Michelle Serena addressed the council. Everyone should have copy of updates to the Building Permit Checklist worked on very hard by the Zoning Board. It needed to be updated so they revised the entire checklist. Michelle then noted some key things they did. Michelle wasn't sure if they needed board approval to begin using the updated Building Permit Checklist. The attorney advised that they would need a motion approving the changes to the checklist.

A motion was made by Comm. Hutton, Comm. Smith at this time requested to wait until the next meeting to research a little more, then Michelle explained the reason why they made changes, and Engineer Hertz commented on costs on some of items.

Andy said to Michelle you used word Bonded, years ago city had a Compliance Bond not a Performance Bond, so we need to make sure which type of Bond you are talking about. Andy wasn't sure if the city had a Performance Bond in place now or not which is a fee to the Contractor. Comm. Tessler had a question regarding the providing of a CAD drawing for a deck or a Shed. The building clerk said that most people are going to Mendards and printing drawings off the machine which is a CAD drawing. Michelle said they are going to allow free hand drawings on certain things that have been allowed. There are people who are adding onto a garage and are doing it free hand, Donna cannot tell what they are doing and actually have put second stories on garages this way. There are more and more people going to Menard's and buying kits. Mayor asked for any further discussion. Motion seconded by Comm. Tessler to approve changes to the Building Permit Checklist. No vote taken on motion.

Motion made by Comm. Tessler to table till next meeting to clean up the issue on type of Bond to be used, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hutton, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs).

Michelle advised that at next meeting the Zoning Board has some updates for Chapter 22, building changes to be presented to the city council and will get them to the council. At their January 4, 2016 meeting we had Public Hearing on Center St. property for Thompson Transport who purchased that property. At the next council meeting she will have recommendations to vacate the current subdivision and then recommendations for rezoning the property.

Executive Session

No request made by Council.

Old Business

The Mayor addressed the High Speed Rail. The plans are not ready yet and probably won't be ready until about March 3rd, and hope to find out more at the meeting tomorrow with IDOT on the High Speed Rail. They want to get prints and bids out by April. With the project it sounds like there is some Federal money that has to get used. Mayor said he should have more accurate information after meeting tomorrow. This project is supposed to end in November. We have acquired the property in front of Exelon to move our Meter Pit because they are going to move Route 53 over to the East at that intersection. In town they're moving Route 129 over cutting in just past Mazon Bank and the polls on the west bank there it will be moved over about 5 ft. from the power poles. IDOT is going to be using up all of their right-of-way that they have available for this project. The reason for the widening at these intersections is to catch the grade of the railroad track and allowing enough room for semi-trucks turning. The railroad controls everybody and that's why the city is having a problem along with IDOT who has a major problem.

New Business

Nothing to Report

Adjournment

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

Approved this 26 day of January 2016

J. Vehrs Mayor

Sue Greggill City Clerk

