

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 7:00pm

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call by City Clerk

Kim Earling

Warren Wietting

Dale Walsh

Ron Wilczak Sr.

Karen Hart

IV. Public Comment: State your full name and spell your last name. Section 2-34 of the Braidwood Code of Ordinances imposes a three (3) minute limit for each person during public comment.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approve Minutes of the Thursday, December 26, 2024 Regular Meeting

VI. REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

A. Mayor

1. Request motion to approve Ordinance 25-1 Amending Section 22-34 of the City of Braidwood Code of Ordinances as it pertains to the Energy Conservation Code

B. Administrator

C. Clerk

D. Engineer

E. City Attorney

VII. REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

A. Accounts and Finances

1. Approve Payment of Bills \$275,847.77
2. Approve Payroll a. \$93,447.44
b. \$28,416.30 – Retirement Payout per agreement

B. Streets and Public Improvements

C. Public Buildings & Property

1. Motion to approve Ordinance 25-2 Amending Section 86-147 of the City of Braidwood Code of Ordinances Regarding Waste Hauling Charges

D. Public Health & Safety

1. Motion to approve Ordinance 25-3 Waiving Competitive Bidding and Approving the Purchase of a 2025 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicle from Terry's Ford for use by the City of Braidwood Police Department

E. Planning & Zoning

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Motion to go into executive session to discuss (i) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)) and (ii) pending, probable, or imminent litigation against, affecting, or on behalf of the City (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11))

B. Motion to close executive session

XI. Next City Council Meeting is Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 7:00pm

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council Tuesday, January 14, 2025
Braidwood City Hall 141 W. Main St., Braidwood, IL 60408

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council on January 14, 2025 was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Mayor Hart in the Council Chambers of the Braidwood City Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Hart requested all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Upon Roll Call by the Clerk, the following members of the corporate authorities answered "Here" or "Present";

Elected Officials:

Present: Commissioner Earling, Commissioner Wietting, Commissioner Walsh, Commissioner Wilczak and Mayor Hart

Absent: None

Appointed Officials:

Present: City Clerk Weaver, City Administrator Altiery, Chief Goodwin, City Engineer Sean Kelly, and City Attorney Wellner

Absent: None

Quorum: There being sufficient members of the corporate authorities in attendance to constitute a quorum, the meeting was declared in order.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Wilczak made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to approve meeting minutes from the December 26, 2024 Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Earling, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart)

Mayor's Report: Hart: Announcement of our Blood Drive here at City Hall on January 22, 2025 from 2pm-6pm.

Requested a motion for Ordinance 25-1 to amend the City of Braidwood's Energy Code. This is passed by the state and we are adopting the updated codes. Commissioner Wilczak made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wietting to approve Ordinance 25-1 Amending Section 22-35 of the City of Braidwood Code of Ordinances as it pertains to the Energy Conservation Code. Motion carried with 4 ayes; 1 nay (Earling, Wietting, Wilczak, and Hart).

Administrator Report: Altiery: NLC is requesting to come and talk to council about insurance for water and sewer lines to your house.

Also, asking if the Council is good for donating a \$1000 for Fishing for a Cure to Constellation.

City Clerk Report: No Report.

Engineer Report: No Report.

City Attorney Report: No Report.

Accounts & Finance Report: Commissioner Earling made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wietting, to approve the Payment of Bills, in the amount of \$275,847.77 as identified in the Accounts Payable General Ledger dated January 14, 2025. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays. (Earling, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart)

Commissioner Earling then made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilczak, to Approve Payroll Expenses, in the amount of \$93,447.44 as identified in the Payroll General Ledger dated January 3, 2025. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays. (Earling, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart).

Commissioner Earling made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilczak, to approve a retirement payout per an agreement in the amount of \$28,416.30. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays. (Earling, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart).

Streets & Public Improvement Report: Walsh: We had some call outs for snow removal. Our guys did a great job as always.

Public Property Report: Commissioner Wietting made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Earling to approve Ordinance 25-2 Amending Section 86-147 of the City of Braidwood Code of Ordinances regarding waste hauling charges. This pertains to septic trucks that we charge a fee to dump at our facility. They help bring in “good” bugs that help breakdown the waste. The fee is changing from \$85 to \$100. They have bigger trucks now and we need to accommodate for that. Motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays. (Earling, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak, and Hart)

Reported on about some complaints about the smell of chlorine in the water. We compared our numbers with Coal City and Wilmington and we are good on the numbers and well within the range. Braidwood was .8, Coal City was .7, and Wilmington was up and down but very similar.

Public Health & Safety Report: Wilczak: Braidwood Police Department Press Release for December 23, 2024 – January 13, 2025 was total number of calls for service 352, case reports 23, total subjects arrested 11, total arrest charges 15, total number of traffic stops 138, citations 35, written warnings 71, semi-truck violations 1, total number of P-tickets 6.

Braidwood ESDA service report for December, total manhours 45, Police Non-Emergency assistance 24, administrative duties 12.5, and total fiscal year hours 605. They assisted in activities with Wilmington PD, Shop with a Cop, Christmas parade, EMA Municipal Symposium and mutual aid to Coal City ESDA.

Consider donating blood with the Blood Drive here at City Hall on January 22nd from 2-6pm.

Reminder there is no parking on City Streets after 2 inches of snowfall to allow snow plows to do their work.

If assistance is needed to get warm take advantage of the Warming Centers. City Hall is a warming center from 9am – 5pm and after hours call the Braidwood Police Department Non-Emergency number 815-458-2341. For other locations go to www.willcountyema.org/warmingcooling to find out more.

December 30, we swore in three new police officers; Jeremy Bailey who is returning after serving in Texas, Michelle Potter, and Joshua Mikel. The later two have started their training in the Police Academy.

Recap of the Braidwood Police Department Service in 2024: There were 6,094 calls of service and 469 case reports. This averages 16.7 calls daily.

Thanks to our Police Chief Bret Goodwin and the excellent job he has done over the past year leading our police force.

Commissioner Wilczak made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walsh to approve Ordinance 25-3 waiving competitive bidding and approving the purchase of a 2025 Ford Police Interceptor Utility vehicle from Terry's Ford for use by the City of Braidwood Police Department. Motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays. (Earling, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak, and Hart)

Planning & Zoning Report: No Report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Walsh: The next Town Hall meeting will be Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 6pm with special guest Darren Bauer and Alli D'Orazio.

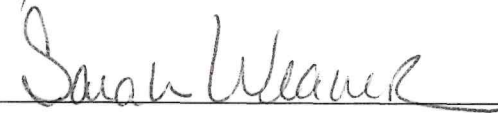
Wilczak: Thank you to Commissioner Walsh for arranging the Town Hall meetings and guests.

Adjournment: Commissioner Wietting made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Earling, to adjourn the January 14, 2025 regular meeting of the Braidwood City Council. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays. (Earling, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart)

The next regular meeting of the Council will be held Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 7:00pm

Approved this 28 Day of January 2024.

 _____ Mayor

 _____ City Clerk

