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CITY OF BRAIDWOOD

Minutes

City Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 24, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers

Call to Order

Mayor Bill Rulien called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present.

Roll Call

Elected officials present: Mayor Rulien, Commissioner of Public Property Jim Hutton, Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements Danny Graf, Commissioner of Public Health and Safety Eric Tessler, and Commissioner of Accounts and Finances Elena Hibler.

Appointed officials present: City Attorney Scott Pyles, City Planner Jim Testin, and City Clerk Pat McGuire.

Public Comment

Dee de Groh, 116 N. Lincoln, encouraged all to attend the Jan. 26 welcome reception for Richard Ashley, new director of the Fossil Ridge Public Library District.

Judy Chinski, 195 N. English, thanked the city employees who did a "wonderful" job of snow removal, even in alleys, during the recent storm.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 10, 2012 Regular Meeting were approved as written.

Reports by City Officials

Mayor Rulien said the sign proposed by WC Media on the Sun Motel property has been approved by IDOT (Illinois Department of Transportation). Moreover, the city will have free use of the sign three months each year for ten years.

Cmmr. Graf moved to approve Ordinance 12-6 for a Zoning Variance for the WC Media sign. Cmmr. Tessler seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) and 0 nays.

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City Planner Testin said he and City Administrator-Police Chief Giroi met with IDOT regarding the Illiana Expressway. Eight alternative routes are under discussion. Public hearings might be held this summer.

City Attorney Pyles recapped the Waldick request and noted that state statutes require the council to take action on a zoning change request.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve the proposed Waldick Re-Subdivision. No motion was offered.

Cmmr. Hutton moved to deny approval of the proposed Waldick Re-Subdivision. Cmmr. Tessler seconded. The motion to deny approval was adopted with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) and 0 nays.

City Clerk McGuire had no report.

Reports by City Commissioners

Cmmr. Hibler moved to pay \$203,282.72 in bills. Cmmr. Graf seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) and 0 nays.

Cmmr. Hibler moved to pay \$65,327.11 in payroll. Cmmr. Hutton seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) and 0 nays.

Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements Graf (a) praised Public Works employees for their excellent snow removal work; (b) reported an Illinois State Police truck inspection team performed Level I inspections in Braidwood in mid-January, inspected seventeen trucks resulting in twelve warnings and five trucks being taken out of service, and will return; (c) asked residents to remember a street-parking ban is in effect when there are over two inches of snow

Commissioner of Public Property Hutton moved to approve the Bid and Award of Contract for Front Street (IL Rte 53) Sanitary Sewer Extension Project. Cmmr. Tessler seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) and 0 nays.

Cmmr. Hutton then (a) read two biweekly reports; (b) said the water pressure issue at the new BP car wash was solved, so final inspections are next; (c) reported that work on Will Rd. is down for the winter; (d) said work continues at the Waste Water Treatment Plant on tie-ins, railings, and walkways.

Commissioner of Public Health and Safety Tessler said Com Ed soon will install a streetlight at Rt. 53 and S. Center with no cost to the City of Braidwood for installation.

Planning & Zoning Board Report

Chairperson Michelle Serena said the Planning & Zoning Board (a) recommended approval of the Chapter 23 amendment regarding off-street parking; (b) recommended approval of the updated zoning map; (c) forwarded its shed requirement recommendations to the City Council.

Chairperson Serena said the Feb. 6 meeting of the Planning & Zoning Board likely will be cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Session

Cmmr. Tessler moved to enter executive session to discuss personnel. Cmmr. Graf seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) and 0 nays at 7:20 p.m.

Call to Order

Mayor Rulien reconvened the regular meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Elected officials present: Mayor Bill Rulien, Commissioner of Public Property Jim Hutton, Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements Danny Graf, Commissioner of Public Health and Safety Eric Tessler, and Commissioner of Accounts and Finances Elena Hibler.

Appointed officials present: City Attorney Scott Pyles and City Clerk Pat McGuire.

Adjournment

Cmmr. Hutton moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Cmmr. Tessler seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) and 0 nays.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Approved this 14th day of February 2012

Bill Rulien Mayor

Patrick McGuire City Clerk