

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 7:00pm

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call by City Clerk

Kim Earling

Ron Wilczak Sr.

Warren Wietting

Karen Hart

Dale Walsh

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 Tuesday, January 14, 2025 Regular Meeting

VI. REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

A. Mayor

1. Request motion to approve Ordinance 25-4 Amending Section 22-148 Building Permit Fees of the Braidwood Code of Ordinances
2. Request motion to approve Ordinance 25-5 Approving Amendments to Sections 22-198 of the City of Braidwood Code of Ordinances regarding annual Contractor Registration

B. Administrator

C. Clerk

D. Engineer

E. City Attorney

VII. REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

A. Accounts and Finances

1. Motion to Approve Payment of Bills \$246,325.40
2. Motion to Approve Payroll \$100,763.08

B. Streets and Public Improvements

1. Motion to Approve Resolution 25-1 for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code
2. Motion to Approve Resolution 25-2 for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code

C. Public Buildings & Property

D. Public Health & Safety

1. Motion to Approve Ordinance 25-6 Authorizing the Execution and Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Braidwood and the Policemen's Benevolent Labor Committee to be effective through April 30, 2028

E. Planning & Zoning

1. Next Planning and Zoning meeting is Monday, February 3, 2025 at 7pm.

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, February 11, 2025 at 7:00pm

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council Tuesday, January 28, 2025
Braidwood City Hall 141 W. Main St., Braidwood, IL 60408

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council on January 28, 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, and City Attorney Wellner

Absent: City Engineer Sean Kelly

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 Wietting, to approve meeting minutes from the January 14, 2025 Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Earling, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart)

Mayor's Report: Hart: Requested a motion to approve Ordinance 25-4. Commissioner Wilczak made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walsh to approve Ordinance 25-4 Amending Section 22-148 Building Permit Fees of the Braidwood Code of Ordinances. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays. (Earling, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart).

Mayor Hart also requested a motion to approve Ordinance 25-5. Commissioner Wietting made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilczak to approve Ordinance 25-5 Approving amendments to Sections 22-198 of the City of Braidwood Code of Ordinances regarding annual Contractor Registration. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays. (Earling, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart).

Administrator Report: Altiery: Spoke with Federated bank and they are still planning on opening in March at their new location at the old Busey Bank.

Also, the NLC service that was mentioned before were here at council a couple years ago but did not receive a lot of interest at that time to move forward. They are receiving more requests for information and we are hoping to get them to come to the next meeting for prices and education on their service. If anyone is interested, we do have a link on our website that has additional information.

There has been talk on Facebook about opening new businesses, my opinion, we could be of assistance to people who choose to open a business in Braidwood. Possibly a type of match grant from city funds to

anyone who wants to open a store front. Example, you invest \$20,000 we invest \$2,500 up to a maximum of \$5,000. Maybe this can help people give them the extra push they need to open a business here. I think this is good thing to think about.

Mayor: How would we get this information out to new businesses if we agreed to do that?

Altiery: We would use the city website and Facebook. I have talked to some people who help get information out there is different ways.

Wellner: We would still have to approve an ordinance for this.

City Clerk Report: None.

Engineer Report: Absent

City Attorney Report: None.

Accounts & Finance Report: Commissioner Earling made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wietting, to approve the Payment of Bills, in the amount of \$246,325.40 as identified in the Accounts Payable General Ledger dated January 28, 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 \$100,763.08 as identified in the Payroll General Ledger dated January 17, 2025. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays. (Earling, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart).

Streets & Public Improvement Report: Commissioner Walsh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Earling to approve Resolution 25-1 for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway code. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays. (Earling, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart).

Commissioner Walsh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilczak to approve Resolution 25-2 for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays. (Earling, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart).

Public Property Report: Wietting: We have the back taped off for safety because over the weekend the water tower sprung a leak. We do have a company that will come out to do the repair which will be about \$5,000 depending if they find anything else inside the tower. We have had some issues with bad valves getting things turned down. Our water volume is still in good shape.

We also filled our salt bin with over 400T of road salt for the rest of winter.

Public Health & Safety Report: Commissioner Wilczak made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wietting to approve Ordinance 25-6 Authorizing the Execution and Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Braidwood and the Policemen's Benevolent Labor Committee to be effective through April 30, 2028. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays. (Earling, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart).

The press release for the Braidwood Police Department for January 14 - 27, 2025. Total number of calls for service 235, case reports 20, total subjects arrested 6, total arrest charges 13, total number of traffic stops 77, citations 26, written warnings 46, semi-truck violations 1, total number of P-tickets 2.

Thank you for all those who donated blood last week.

If you need assistance with rides you can participate in the Dial-a-Ride program. Sign up on our website at www.braidwood.us and click the Dial-A-Ride box.

Thank you to all who have worked on our streets to keep us able to get around and avoid accidents.

We will have another Town Hall meeting in 2 weeks if you have questions, you can send them to Commissioner Walsh as dwalsh@braidwood.us.

Planning & Zoning Report: None.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Executive Session: Mayor Hart requested a motion for executive Session. Commissioner Wilczak made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walsh to go into executive session to discuss (i) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees (5ILCS 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)) at 7:17pm. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays. (Earling, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart).

Commissioner Wietting made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilczak to close executive session at 7:36pm. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays. (Earling, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart).

Adjournment: Commissioner Wietting made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilczak, to adjourn the January 28, 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, February 11, 2025 at 7:00pm

Approved this 11 Day of February 2025.

Karen E. Hart Mayor

Sarah Weaver City Clerk

