

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD
Agenda
City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 12, 2013, 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Public Comment
Approval of Minutes

January 22, 2013 - Regular Meeting

Reports by City Officials

Mayor

A Motion to Approve An Ordinance to Vacate the Alley behind Casey's General Store
A Motion to Approve A Resolution for an Access Easement Agreement with Casey's General Store

Administrator

Clerk

Reminder: Vehicle Sticker sale starts February 15, 2013
Request for a Tag day on June 15, 2013 for the annual Fundraiser for DAD's (Dollars Against Diabetes) Day
Request for Donut Day on Friday & Saturday, June 7 & 8, 2013
Request for Red Kettle Campaign Friday, Nov. 15 – Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2013
Request for the use of the council on July 18, 2013 at 7:00 pm for a Coal Mining Program sponsored by BAHS

Engineer

Monthly Report

City Planner

City Attorney

Reports by City Commissioners

Accounts and Finances

Payment of Bills
Payroll

Streets and Public Improvements

Public Property

Declare WWTP 1999 GMC Pick-up as surplus property

Public Health & Safety

Planning & Zoning Board Report

Old Business

New Business

Executive Session to discuss personnel, pending and/or imminent litigation, collective bargaining/labor relations, or land acquisition
Adjournment

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Call to Order

Mayor Rulien called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present.

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, Police Chief /City Administrator Rich Girot, City Planner Doug Carroll and City Clerk Lisa Glisson

Public Comment

Dee De Groh, 116 N. Lincoln Street – Ms. DeGroh thanked the City and Council for the museum support, each council member was given a written report of the number of people that have visited the museum since it opened in July 2011. The total visitors that signed the book is 1,198 to date. The museum is now having tours for students and different troops.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the January 22, 2013 Regular Meeting were approved as written.

Reports by City Officials

Mayor Rulien requested a motion to Approve Ordinance 13-02 An Ordinance Vacating an Alley in the City of Braidwood Illinois (the east/west alley situated parallel to Route 113 and perpendicular to Mitchell Street) motion made by Comm. Graf. Seconded by Comm. Hibler. Discussion: Comm. Hutton advised there is a sewer line that runs down the center of the alley. Scott Pyles advised that section 3 of the ordinance grants an easement, Doug Carroll advised that nothing will be put over the alley so we will have access. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nays.

Mayor Rulien requested a motion to Approve Resolution 13-01 A Resolution Authorizing an Agreement Between Casey's General Store and the City of Braidwood for Access to Easements. Comm. Tessler made the motion. Seconded by Comm. Hutton. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nays.

members will be there. It will be put on the next agenda to move those meetings to the Thursday of each week and voted on.

City Planner Doug Carroll read the month report on engineering and projects.

City Attorney Scott Pyles reported after attending a training session he wanted the council to be aware of the state legislated court costs. The cost at this point is close to \$200.00 dollars on fines that the city does not get but has to collect on behalf of the State for court costs. This may result in a reduction of revenue from citations.

Planning and Zoning Board

Michelle Serena advised the recommendations will be done by the next council meeting.

Reports by City Commissioners

Comm. Hibler moved to pay \$90,257.99 in bills. Comm. Hutton seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nays.

Comm. Hibler moved to pay \$63,810.26 in payroll. Comm. Hutton seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nays.

Commissioner of Streets and Public (Comm. Graf) – thanked Comm. Hutton since he has been out sick. Comm. Hutton has watched over.

Comm. Hutton motioned to declare the WWTP 1999 GMC pick-up as surplus property. Comm. Graf seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nays.

Commissioner of Public Properties (Comm. Hutton) read the biweekly reports and advised they were having some problem with a trouble alarm at the plant but it has been fixed.

Commissioner of Public Health & Safety (Comm. Tessler) read the press release regarding the search warrant executed at 156 N. Hickory Street, with the subsequent arrest. Also reported stats for the police department and they upcoming testing for the hiring list of officers.

Old Business

Police Chief Rich Girot advised regarding the overtime in the police department, 80% of the overtime is reimbursed by ILEAS or DEA, so if you see an amount that someone is making in overtime, be aware that most is being paid back. The Exelon detail is also paid out by us but then billed and paid back to us by Exelon. Also comments regarding the amount of money spent on squad cars most of it has come from drug forfeiture funds not taxpayer dollars.

Comm. Hutton asked if anyone had called or gotten ahold of you from last month when you asked them to call with questions. Chief Girot reported that no one has called him or asked him anything. Girot advised we are the only small community that does our own search warrants and so far this year we have done two with arrests resulting.

Comm. Graf commended the police department, Chief and Comm. for the traffic stop that resulted in \$28,000.00 drug seizure money.

Mayor Rulien reported that the Braidwood Area Healthy Coalition the group that has been working hard to help keep our kids off drugs sponsored the naming of the zoo animals contest. The area business picked the winning name of the animal they donated. The Zoo animals were all donated at no cost to the City. Mayor Rulien announced the winning names for the zoo animals: Gabrielle Fitzwater age 7, winner for the cow: Lulu belle donated by JC Travel, Will Crutchfield age 8, winner for the elephant: Trunker donated by Beaver Creek, Josh Mikel age 10, winner for the polar bear: Shivers donated by Midwest Auto Locators, Megan Glovier age 8, winner for the giraffe: Sarafina donated by Mc Donalds and Kayley Kohier age 7, winner for the bull: Bosco donated by Polk-a-Dot.

Mayor Rulien gave a state of the City address to advise what has been happening over the last year. The highlights were the reduction of the deficit due to TIF ending and frugal spending on the part of City Officials. The Mayor thanked all the Commissioners and employees for working together and watching expenditures to keep the city in check. Mayor Rulien reported on each departments accomplishments for the last year: keeping expenses down, street repairs, WWTP completed, Exelon water and sewer line, settled union contracts, keeping drugs out of town, school plan, cleanup of properties, demolition of properties beyond saving, mowing plan, code enforcement, cross training in City Hall and written procedures. Business additions: Step-by-Step, Quizno's, Bark land beauties and BP car wash, negotitaions with several more businesses are ongoing. Infrastructure complete to Broucek's property. Special Events to bring people and businesses to spend dollars in our town. The Mayor advised the future plans are to continue with cleanup, continue with special events, keep open book government, comprehensive plan for Coal City Road, fill in demolished area, increase revenue from sales tax and real estate taxes from businesses to help our schools, bring new business into town.

City Administrator Rich Girot advised he didn't know what else to add to all of that, but they are working hard to bring in more business. They are also working on getting more community service workers to help clean up the town by picking up trash once the weather clears.

City Clerk Lisa Glisson advised vehicle stickers go on sale Feb. 15th – March 28th since we are closed on the 29th. We will also mail the vehicle stickers to anyone who drops them in the drop box with a self-addressed stamped envelope. Lisa advised we have 3 requests for tag days and 1 for the use of the council room.

Mayor Rulien requested a motion to approve a tag day for DAD (Dollars Against Diabetes) on June 15, 2013. Comm. Tessler made the motion. Seconded by Comm. Hibler. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nays.

Mayor Rulien requested a motion to approve a tag day for Donut Day) on Friday and Saturday June 7 & 8, 2013. Comm. Tessler made the motion. Seconded by Comm. Hibler. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nays.

Mayor Rulien requested a motion to approve the Red Kettle Campaign from Friday, Nov. 15 – Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2013. Comm. Tessler made the motion. Seconded by Comm. Graf. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nays.

Mayor Rulien requested a motion to approve the use of the council room by BAHS to present a Program in Coal Mining on July 18, 2012 at 7:00 pm. Comm. Graf made the motion. Seconded by Comm. Hibler. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nays.

City Clerk advised that in April both meeting dates have conflicts. April 9, 2013 is the election and the council room will be having voting and on the 23rd, it is Lobby Day in Springfield and the council

Adjournment

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to adjourn. Comm. Hutton made that motion, seconded by Comm. Tessler. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) and 0 nays.

Approved this 26 day of February 2013

William Dahl Mayor

Lisa Ahlsson City Clerk

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD

City Council

Public Hearing to Vacate the Public Alley behind Casey's General Store

Tuesday, February 12, 2013, 6:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers

Call to Order

Mayor Bill Rulien called the hearing to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present at the meeting.

Roll Call

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Items to be heard

Mayor Rulien requested Doug Carroll give an explanation for the vacation of the alleyway. Doug Carroll advised state statute requires a public hearing be held whenever the City vacates property. Doug advised this alley is empty of utilities and is about 20 x 10 behind Casey's. Once the new building is completed the alley will be in front of it, unless the public hearing finds a problem with the alley, it is recommend the alley be vacated.

Public Hearing comment on proposed vacation

Mayor Rulien asked for public comment on the vacation of the alleyway. There were no comments.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Cmmr. Tessler, seconded by Cmmr. Hutton, and adopted: 5 ayes (Rulien, Graf, Tessler, Hibler, Hutton), no nays.

The Public Hearing adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Approved this 26 day of February 2013

Bill Rulien

Mayor

Lisa Glisson

City Clerk