

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday February 12, 2019 @ 7:00pm

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Public Comment (Comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes per Sect. 2-34(b) of the City's Code of Ord.)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -Special Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2019

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor- Presentation of Audit Report-FY 2017-2018

Administrator-

Clerk-

Engineer- Ordinance 19-2, Adopting the Will County Storm Water Management Ordinance and Replacing Chapter 42-Floods of the Braidwood City Code

City Attorney-

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Accounts and Finances- Approve Payment of Bills
-Approve Payroll Expenses

Streets & Public Improvements-

Public Property- Ordinance 19-1, Approving & Authorizing the Execution of a TIF Redevelopment Agreement Between the City of Braidwood and Warren's Collision Center, Inc.

Public Health & Safety- Resolution 19-1, Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Northeastern Illinois Regional Crime Laboratory

Planning & Zoning-

Closed Session- Discuss Personnel, Pending and/or Imminent Litigation, Collective Bargaining/Labor Relations, Land Acquisition or Review of Closed Session Minutes.
-Actions to be taken following Closed Session

Old Business

New Business

Adjournment

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Vehrs asked the City Administrator to lead us 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 Campbell, City Clerk Sue Grygiel, City Administrator Don Labriola, Chief Ficarello and City Engineer Todd Gereaux were present.

Public Comment

Opened at 7:00pm.

Rich Girot, 239 Brian Lane. Rich asked the Mayor if the Auditors were here tonight to present the Audit. Mayor replied yes they are here. Then asked if they're going to be able to discuss tonight and maybe talk to a few people after the meeting? The Mayor told him that Jim our Auditor is going to present it tonight. Rich then asked the Auditor if they can talk with him tonight or make an appointment to come to your office and talk with you about this Audit. Then Rich said even if I have to pay you, whatever it takes and said to Jim you're not going to turn down money right. Then said to Jim I can make an appointment to come to your office right to discuss this. Rich then turned in a FOIA request and commented that he knows he won't get it, then said he never gets them but is going to try again. He handed it to the city clerk and the city attorney commenting that he always looks at all of them before he decides to answer them or not. Rich then said it's almost impossible to get a FOIA request and turned to Jim the Auditor and said I'll be calling you.

Chris Erling, 204 E. 1st St. Commented about things being discussed by the council at a meeting and then after the meeting he's had people come to his house to talk. Chris said that the person that came to his house and asked him about Ficarello here likes to run his police department and how he likes to round up kids who are basically breaking the law. So instead of arresting them, which they should do because they're breaking the law, how he likes to give me some information and I'll cut you a deal. These people aren't getting charged with anything and are back on the street within a matter of an hour. Chris commented to the Chief "I like how you smile about that", "it's awesome". Chris said he got someone from the Herald News who has caught wind of this as well and looked at the Chief and said "you're making it all the way down to the Herald News, good job. Chris said he sat down with this reporter for about an hour and a half, said he really loved what I had to say, giving him all the same information, same names he gave to Ficarello and they're looking into it. Whether something comes out of it or not it will be awesome. He then said in the meantime he's going to keep pursuing it and hopefully the Police Department is going to screw up and said emphatically that he really can't wait, he's going to be the first one there and said it's just a matter of time. Chris said that since the city is already broke and eventually someone is going to file a lawsuit and he can't wait for that to happen.

Closed at 7:05pm.

Approval of Minutes

Comm. Smith made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2019, seconded by Comm. Hibler. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hibler, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

The Mayor welcomed everyone and advised that we have a presentation of the 2017-2018 Audit Report by Jim Savio of Sikich.

Jim thanked the council for allowing him to present the Annual Financial Report of the city for the Fiscal Year ending April 30, 2018. Jim thanked the city staff for their assistance throughout the Audit process. Jim said they had a few obstacles to overcome, but he had to say they were very helpful and tried to answer all of their questions, getting all the documents we requested which they did and helped out the most that they could. Jim then addressed some of the important highlights in the Annual Financial Report then touched briefly on the Auditor's Communication Report and then said he will answer any questions by the city council. Regarding the Auditor's Communication Report, if you look at the Table of Contents we have some required communication that we have to have which are covered by governance. Looks pretty routine this year but did note that we did have a delay with schedules and some other information we were waiting on which was a delay. The Audit adjusting journal entries are listed on Page's 5-14. Jim said they had one that they call past adjustments, adjustments that deemed to be immaterial so they're not recorded and there was one entry related to that. The Mayor thanked him for completing in timely manner and giving us a True Audit and being very patient with the city during this Audit. The Mayor also said that the city has already acted on some of their recommendations in the Audit and making those corrections. Comm. Hutton asked Jim the status of the city's financial position today. Jim said his firm was hired to give an opinion on the financial statements and really cannot comment on what's going to happen in the future. Jim said as of today he wouldn't know because they've only audited the financial statements through April 30, 2018. Comm. Hutton then asked where we stood then. Jim said he thinks the financial statements speak for themselves and the financials they went through as far as where the city stands. Jim said that they've given recommendations in the Auditor's Communication Report, including some of the deficit balances that the city does have so he really can't speak on the financials beyond that point.

Administrator

Don commented that a little over a year ago we put a team together to address the Past Due water billing issues which were frankly out of control and now with different leadership we are now more in control. No longer having outstanding bills totaling over \$150,000. And we are now working through some of the recommendations of our Auditor-Jim Savio that were brought to our attention during the Audit.

City Clerk

Brought up an item from Immaculate Conception Parrish on their 150th Anniversary and plans they have for it and it will be on the next Agenda.

Engineer

City Engineer Todd Gereaux advised that he was contacted by the IDNR, FEMA's publishing maps and its been quite some time since they were updated. FEMA is going to adopt this update on February 15, 2019. Part of the request by IDNR was that Ordinance 19-2 adopting Will County's Storm Water Management Ordinance and replacing Chapter 42 Floods in the Ordinance for the City of Braidwood Code. Ordinance 19-2 before the council tonight was a clean-up of part of the Ordinance and bring us in compliance with IDNR. Todd said the new FEMA maps are published on the city's website which shows the current and the new one. Most of the southern floodplain extensions have moved so now we have less floodplain area. Comm. Hutton made a motion to approve Ordinance 19-2, adopting the Will County Storm Water Management Ordinance and replacing Chapter 42-Floods in the Braidwood Code of Ordinances, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

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 \$134,595.80, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Hutton, Smith, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Hibler made a motion to approve the Payroll Expenses in the amount of \$132,782.27 and includes \$3,415.41 that will be reimbursed by the Braidwood Healthy Coalition, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Smith, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Streets & Public Improvements

Comm. Smith said that with all the snow and ice they've had to use a lot of salt. He also reported that he has a truck down for repair and it's not going to cost that much to fix. He asked the council if he could spend \$800 to repair this truck. The Mayor replied to him sure go ahead and fix it. Comm. Smith then looked at George Weaver who was at the meeting, asking how much it was and George said \$886. Comm. Smith said it should take about a week to get fixed.

Public Property

Comm. Hutton addressed his Agenda item first, Ordinance 19-1, Approving & Authorizing the Execution of a TIF Redevelopment Agreement Between the City of Braidwood and Warren's Collision Center, Inc. The Mayor then asked the commissioner to explain the Agreement. We agreed that the payout would be in increments over a 6 yr. period for a total payout to the Developer an amount not to exceed \$34,147.

Comm. Hutton made a motion to approve Ordinance 19-1, a Redevelopment Agreement with Warren's Collision Center over a 6 yr. period not to exceed \$34,147.00 and subject to Attorney review and modification, seconded by Comm. Tessler. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Hibler, Smith, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Hutton then gave the Plant Crews report followed by the Outside Crews Report.

Public Health & Safety

Comm. Tessler gave his numbers report provided by the Chief for the period from 1/22/19- 2/11/19. Their total calls for service for this period were 269. Comm. Tessler then addressed his Agenda item Resolution 19-1, Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Northeastern Illinois Regional Crime Laboratory. We are currently using the Illinois State Crime Lab which our tax dollars pay for. With the epidemic that this country has or state has with the drug issue, substance abuse, we are finding that there is a 6-8 month turnaround on evidence. What that does basically is it delays search warrants and arrests. So we have to wait 6-8 months for a piece of evidence to get a search warrant to arrest someone. So this Crime Lab guarantees a turnaround of 8 days. So by the time we get the evidence, get the file and send to them we should get back within that 8 day period. The cost of this is an annual fee of \$3,000 plus \$1.36 multiplied by our population (using 6500) is \$8,840.00 plus the \$3,000 would be about \$11,840.00. This cost can be completely covered by our Federal Forfeiture Fund which has about \$24,000, so it will more than cover it. The commissioner explained that waiting this 6-8 months is a long time, unfortunately there have been some situations where the turnaround took so long, people actually passed away from over doses. He knows it's not a good solution but if these people would have been reprimanded or arrested they may still be alive. This Crime Lab covers everything including drugs, toxicology, biology and fire arms. Comm. Tessler made a motion to approve Resolution 19-1, Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Northeastern Illinois Regional Crime Lab, seconded by Comm. Hibler. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hibler, Hutton, Smith & Mayor Vehrs).

Planning & Zoning

Nothing to Report.

Closed Session

No Closed Session requested.

Old Business

Nothing to Report.

New Business

Nothing to Report.

Adjournment

Comm. Tessler made motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:34pm, seconded by Comm. Smith.
Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hutton, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs).

Approved this 26 day of February 2019

Jim Vehrs. Mayor

Sue Gruppil City Clerk

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

