

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Regular Meeting, Tuesday February 13, 2018 @ 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 – January 23, 2018

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor-

Administrator- Presentation by Jessica Govic from IMIC, Services IMIC Provides to Municipalities
Resolution 18-04, Authorizing the Execution of Consent to Assignment of an Agreement
With Cyber Broadcasting

Clerk-

Engineer- Resolution 18-01, IDOT Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code
Resolution 18-02, IDOT Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code
Resolution 18-03, Engineering Agreement to use MFT Funds to perform Pavement Condition
Surveys

City Attorney-

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Accounts and Finances -Payment of Bills
-Payroll Expenses

Streets & Public Improvements-

Public Property-

Public Health & Safety-

Planning & Zoning-

Executive Session-Discuss Personnel, Pending and/or Imminent Litigation, Collective Bargaining/Labor
Relations or Land Acquisition
-Actions to be taken following Executive Session:

Old Business

New Business

Adjournment

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Mayor Vehrs advised that there are residents here tonight that live in the area of 402 S. Division and they went in the hallway and will be back, so we're going to wait for them. Residents came back in council room at 7:03pm, the Mayor then called the meeting to order.

Call to Order

Mayor Vehrs called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Vehrs asked Anna Koster to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Elected Officials present: Commissioner Hibler, Commissioner Hutton, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Tessler and Mayor Vehrs.

Appointed officials present: City Attorney Kopman, City Clerk Sue Grygiel, City Administrator Don Labriola, Chief Nick Ficarello and City Engineer Todd Gereaux were present.

Public Comment

Opened at 7:05pm.

Joseph Bick, 390 S. Division. He is the spokesperson for the surrounding neighbors of 402 S. Division St. Joe said he's the neighbor directly next to Krueger's. He said all of the neighbors here tonight are here with similar concerns. There is tall grass growing, they have dogs waste on the deck winter and summer, and nobody picks it up so the odor is so bad that he can't even go outside sometimes, the summer is awful. That deck needs to be removed. There are roof rats crawling on the side of their home and Joe's biggest concern is the rats biting kids in the neighborhood. He has found two dead rats on his property. His grandkids like to be on the beach in the summer and we shouldn't have to worry about rats being around and biting them. Joe told the council that he has pictures showing the rats climbing the side of the house, pictures of the back yard that's used for a litter box for six dogs. He said there's one of them that he feels sorry for, it's limping and doesn't know what's wrong, does he call the Humane Society. He's been harassed by the Krueger's, the name calling, the flipping them off and there are fire issues at this home, seven vehicles in a single family home is out of line of which four don't work. He said his list is long but he knows others neighbors want to speak.

Marsha Ortega, 420 S. Division. Marsha said she recently moved to Braidwood 2 yrs. ago and said she supports everything that Joe has said. She said the junk is atrocious and has pictures as well. Just an attempt to walk passed their house when she takes her dog for a walk can't walk on the sidewalk. So when she and her neighbor walk their dogs together they have had to actually walk in the street. Then they get stopped by the police for walking dogs in the street and could get a ticket for walking in the street when they're trying to avoid the problems with the Kruegers. So the question is which way we go. From the day I moved in until now every new person that comes to her home asks what's with the neighbors. You walk passed the front of the house and there's junk everywhere. She lives two doors down from them and said if she wanted to sell her house who's going to buy it when you see this view from your home. She also addressed issue of concern for rats biting as well. This family is a nuisance, even when you just walk over a crack in their driveway they're yelling at you so you can't walk on sidewalk in front of their house. The smell

there is awful and this residence is so unsafe; busted up fence, crates, garbage cans. They burn in the front and the back of their house, not sure what it was they were burning but the last two times she has gotten sick because I was outside with my dog.

Kaylie Barrow, 271 Quail Ct. Kaylie said she just moved to Braidwood on August 7, 2017 and since then she's paid every water bill in full on time for bills received. On February 7th she received a water bill for \$1,122.73. She was told this bill was so high because her water meter had never been read before January 2018 back to August 7, 2017 when moved in. She said maybe they had a water leak since they moved in that's been going on for last 5 months. She said if her meter were read 5 months ago this could have easily prevented this enormous bill. She was told she had no recourse, she must pay the bill. She said she was surprised to learn that citizens of Braidwood water meters aren't read every month or every billing cycle. She said had her meter been read she would have known there was a problem and been able to take care of it and as it stands has no idea where the problem lies. She was told that the water meter company couldn't get inside to read her meter and her yard isn't gated. She said another reason for not reading was she was told there was a hole in her yard large enough that prevented meter reader from accessing the property which was equally outrageous. She said she works from home and is easily accessible by knock on door or a phone call. Neither this water contractor or city staff attempted to contact her when their meter wasn't read month after month and nobody could tell her who was responsible to make that call. She said she was encouraging all residents to find out how their bills are being handled. She had for the council a petition for a Formal Hearing in accordance with the City of Braidwood's local Ordinance and also has a FOIA submitted on documentation that she was refused.

Pete DeLaquila, of Braidwood Healthy Community Coalition presented to the council the opportunity to join the Coalition in the 2018 Healthy Communities Drug Per Community Grant. With this grant they're looking to bring in about \$125,000 each year to support the Coalition and to support the substance abuse initiatives. This issue the city's administration has already been able to combat and has on their agenda since the inception of this new administration. He said the BAHCC is looking for formal support to help underwrite this initiative for us. We aren't asking for funds but we are asking that the city be their fiscal agent for this Grant. Two of the Coalition Board Members are on the city council so they could fill you with more information if there are any questions. This Grant is due at the end of March. Mayor Vehrs said we will sit down and talk about it. At the next council meeting we should have the final word. The Mayor also thanked Pete for his leadership with the Coalition through the years and said he has done a great job.

Closed at 7:15pm.

Approval of Minutes

Comm. Smith made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2018, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hutton, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

Mayor Vehrs said we take every complaint and look into it, and take it to our hearts. The Mayor said all issues will be addressed this evening here as a group that were brought up during Public Comment. The Mayor said this council is close and we talk almost every day with one Commissioner or another. He thanked everyone for coming up and addressing their concerns. The Mayor then addressed the use of Narcan by the Police Department and Fire Department explaining that is now accessible over the counter. He said it came to his attention at the Coalition meeting yesterday that some of this Narcan is being misused by either the parent or the child administering the drug to the parent. The city is looking into an Education & Awareness Program here and will be hosted by Braidwood. It will be posted on the website and our outside marquis when it's put together.

Administrator

Don addressed his second Agenda item, Resolution 18-04. This Resolution Authorizes the Execution of Consent to Assignment of an Agreement with Cyber Broadcasting. The city is currently in Agreement with Cyber Broadcasting to lease space from the city for antenna broadcasting and equipment. They're going to be merging with Surf Air Wireless and they're requesting that we reassign the Lease Agreement to Surf Air. This doesn't change anything in our Agreement or the Terms, it would be a convenience to Cyber Broadcasting. So the Administrator asked the council to entertain a motion to support the acceptance of this change. Comm. Hutton made a motion to approve Resolution 18-04, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Don then addressed the Presentation on the Agenda. He said Jessica Govic from Illinois Municipal Insurance Co-op is our Risk Management Provider that the city has been with for a long time now. As the city council probably never gets to talk with them or meet with them or know what they're about so he's asked Jessica to come and give our council and residents in attendance tonight a brief presentation. Jessica then gave an overview on how the Insurance Co-op was formed, which originated from the city's previous Property & Liability Insurance, Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association. IMIC is made up of many Municipalities large and small, all of which have a say in how its run, who is allowed into this Co-op and all are included at the IMIC Board Meetings. The last meeting was hosted here by the City of Braidwood. Each town in IMIC is given the opportunity to host the Board Meetings.

City Clerk

Nothing to Report.

Engineer

Todd advised that he and Comm. Smith and others have been working on the 2018 Road Maintenance Program. He has three Resolutions of which IDOT requires Maintenance Resolution Construction and Engineering Agreements, each are done separately.

The first one is Resolution 18-01, IDOT Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code. Comm. Smith has resolved to spend \$150,000 on asphalt pavement overlay and then IDOT Resolution will be sent to IDOT for their approval.

Comm. Smith made a motion to approve IDOT Resolution 18-01, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hutton, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

The second is Resolution 18-02, IDOT Resolution for Improvements Under the Illinois Highway Code. Some of the city's sections of roadway will require excavation, curb, and some storm sewer. They call that construction and cover that under a separate Resolution. Comm. Smith has committed \$150,000 and the Resolution will be submitted to IDOT for their approval.

Comm. Smith made a motion to approve IDOT Resolution 18-02, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hutton, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

The Mayor asked the Engineer to explain what street the curb and storm sewer will be done on. Some of them are the heavily traveled roads like around the new grade school. The school did a vast amount of improvements adjacent to the roadway they just didn't own the property towards Main St. So we are going to finish that widening and overlay it. Like I said there's a lot of traffic on this road during the school year, so we're going to improve that road to make it safe. The other locations are the large amount of cluster mailboxes, being 72 which were put in with stone shoulder which become messy and hard to navigate. So under new construction Comm. Smith has committed to putting asphalt pavement by the cluster boxes to make them accessible to all. There are IDOT regulations to do that, some meet the requirement and don't have to do that but of the 72 there are 46 that have are going to be done under this program.

The last Resolution is something that we have talked about for some time. We need an Evaluation Program and IDOT encourages that. Resolution 18-03 is the Engineering Agreement to use MFT Funds to perform Pavement Condition Surveys. We will analyze the pavement of our 45 miles of roadway in Braidwood which are color coded, evaluated and placed for improvements based on the conditions. This will be added to the GIS which is part of our new electronic mapping system that we have in the city and can evolve that program going forward.

Comm. Smith made a motion to approve IDOT Resolution 18-03 the Evaluation Program for Pavement Conditions in the amount of \$29,750, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hutton, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs). Comm. Smith then brought up the cluster mailboxes which there are more good to this than you would think. People at these boxes are spinning out the gravel then water sets there and gets under the road. So both issues will be addressed at the same time and Comm. Smith said there's going to be a lot of work and a lot of the roads will be improved with this. Comm. Smith said he's very proud of what they've got laid out and the taxpayers should be very proud of this.

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 \$157,840.25, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hutton, Tessler, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Hibler made a motion to pay the Payroll Expenses due for the Pay Period ending 1/25/18 in the amount of \$129,138.81, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Tessler, Smith, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Hibler made a motion to pay the Payroll Expenses due for the Pay Period ending 2/8/18 in the amount of \$100,598.02, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Tessler, Smith, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs).

Streets & Public Improvements

Comm. Smith jokingly said we need some snow. He is very proud of the bunch of guys that got out there cleaning snow off our streets, working 16 hrs. and did a great job! Reiterated again that he was very proud of the job they did keeping our roads clean. He said in the spring he's going to have his men take the cement mixer and fix cuts in sidewalks and in 10 days it will be done, not left like that all year. He also asked the city council with their approval of the people older, people we know and are unable to get out, where the guys plowing see it or the police, especially where an ambulance can't get in driveway he'd like to see city to clear these drives when gets too deep. This is mainly for emergency purposes of elderly, shut in during the winter months and they themselves cannot do it. The city doesn't plow driveways but if there's a need to keep a driveway clean for emergency personnel he asked if the council would agree to that. The Mayor said to set that up we should have it published in the newspaper and put on our sign outside. The Mayor then asked if there are any disabled people here in town or someone under medical care where they have services coming in to assist them, he asked people to contact the city and will make arrangements for those drives to be cleared.

Public Property

Comm. Hutton advised of the Deer Run service break that resulted in a shut off of the main, that resulting in a Boil Order. The home owners were advised of the Boil Order. The sample was sent in for testing and came back 23 hrs. later with an all clear and Boil Order was lifted. We did post the order on the sign outside city hall. The commissioner said they're going to purchase a portable

welder because we have fixed things in house but don't have the leads to get out somewhere and weld. Advised that Well#5 should be back online next week, that's the goal. The guys assisted the street department in plowing of snow to keep the town moving.

Public Health & Safety

Comm. Tessler gave the numbers report provided by the Chief from 1/23/18-2/13/18, with 250 total calls for service, roughly up about 68 from the last couple of weeks.

Planning & Zoning

No recommendations.

Closed Session

No request for Closed Session.

Old Business

Nothing to Report.

New Business

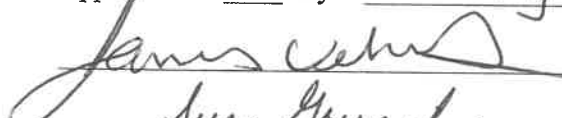
Comm. Tessler questioned who our contact with IDOT is for Main & Division St. (113)? Is there a specific contact we have because the state roads full of snow days later is unacceptable. The city clerk said we actually had to call IDOT twice as well as someone else and they finally plowed.

Comm. Tessler said in past times our guys had to plow occasionally but this past snow on the state road is ridiculous, they had 2-3 nights to clear it. The Mayor said they tell you these are secondary routes and they have to keep the entire highway crews out there. Comm. Tessler said they should be cleaning secondary routes prior to doing highway shoulders. He said we need to make phone calls and complain more.

Adjournment

Comm. Tessler made motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:51pm, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hutton, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs).

Approved this 27 day of February 2018

 Mayor
 City Clerk

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

