

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 7:00pm

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call by City Clerk

Doug Money

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 23, 2024 Regular Meeting

VI. REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

- A. Mayor**
- B. Administrator**
- C. Clerk**
- D. Engineer**
- E. City Attorney**

VII. REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

A. Accounts and Finances

- 1.** Approve Payment of Bills **\$250,081.39**
- 2.** Approve Payroll **\$87,166.86**

B. Streets and Public Improvements

C. Public Buildings & Property

- 1.** Motion for Ordinance 24-4 Adopting Section 86-203 to the City of Braidwood Code of Ordinances Regarding Utility Service Charges

D. Public Health & Safety

E. Planning & Zoning

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 27, 2024 at 7:00pm

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council Tuesday, February 13, 2024
Braidwood City Hall 141 W. Main St., Braidwood, IL 60408**

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council on February 13, 2024 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 Money, Commissioner Wietting, Commissioner Walsh, Commissioner Wilczak and Mayor Hart

Absent:

Appointed Officials:

Present: City Clerk Weaver, City Administrator Altiery, Chief Goodwin, City Engineer Dave Weber and City Attorney Wellner

Absent:

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 23, 2024. Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Money, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart)

Mayor's Report: Hart: Asked Josh Bolatto to come up and make a presentation: At the last meeting the Mayor talked about a need or registration of a program for individuals that have special needs or access or functional needs in the event of a natural disaster or emergency in the community. I want to share the information on the program that we currently have in town. What we use is the Will County Emergency Management Agency access and Functional Needs Registry. I will give you a little bit of an idea of what this is, how we use it, who can sign up for it, and how to sign up for it. The Access and Functional Needs Registry have been around for several years and we know that being prepared for any kind of disaster or emergency is important for everyone. But it is very critical for those who have access and functional needs who might need assistance during those types of emergencies. When signing up for the Access and Functional Needs Registry, what it does is that it places an individual's name and information on the contact list with the Will County EMA. However, we want to make sure that everyone understands is by being on this list, it doesn't mean that registrants don't have to have a plan for evacuation. This is just an extra thing for us as first responders. Make sure you have your own plan in place to evacuate with neighbors, friends, or family. When you are on the list it doesn't guarantee that first responders will make contact with someone during any type of disaster or evacuation. We don't want people to wait for

assistance to come from them. This allows us to be aware of where someone is at in the event we do have something going on. The Access and Functional Needs Registry again, is intended to inform us of their location and they may need assistance should we need to evacuate an area. The evacuation could be anything from natural disaster, to man made disaster, and anything along those lines. Furthermore, it allows Will County EMA to share that information with the local agencies and local first responders. We want to make sure that it is up to the residents to update their information annually with Will County in the event that something changes. How do people sign up? There are a few different ways: Online you can go to www.willcountyma.org, click on the resources tab, then click Access and Functional Needs Registry, from there it will bring up the form to fill out. You can also sign up on the Ready Will County App, this is a free download via Google Play or Apple App Store. This is a really good app, there are a lot of resources on there. When you go on this app you can click on the Access and Functional Needs and it bring up the form to fill out on a mobile device. There are a lot of resources for preparedness in an emergency situation in the app. You can make a disaster preparedness plan for your family or business. It does allow some Emergency Alerts to come through for various types of instances. Information on local cooling and warming centers in the area. There is also a portal to report damage, if we had a storm, we can report damage to local and state. On the EMA website there is also a PDF that you can print and fill it out and email it in or mail it in. There are forms available here at City Hall. When filling it out the form it does ask if you are completing this form for yourself or someone else. So, you can help with a family member or neighbor. Then fill out the all the demographics and basic information. It asks about living situations and functional needs. It asks do you live with someone what type of home do you live in, caregivers. Then are functional needs, along the lines of mobility, hearing impaired, speech related, and all the different types of needs, if one is not listed you can always add. Medical Needs and Support Devices, this what you talking about at last meeting. If you are on oxygen dependencies or along those lines, respirator or ventilator or any other type of medical device you might need to have special attention for. Then different types of support, whether it be for daily living, mobility, or device as a wheelchair. When it comes to transportation, asking if they have a vehicle or mode of evacuation or if they need a wheelchair lift vehicle, scooters, or that type of need. Then if we do have to utilize this list, we know that this person is going to need this type of assistance. Then emergency contact section where you can list a family member, neighbor, or friend in case something did happen. Then there is any addition information you can write in there as well. There are currently in our district about 22 which includes Braidwood and Shadow Lakes that are signed up on this program. We are bringing the awareness of what is available in our area in the event that something might happen.

Hart: I would like to call up the 8th Grade Couch Matsko and Coach Dinelli. I am going to ask you to call up the players and family to recognize their 22-1 basketball season. We wanted to take the time and recognize them here at City Council.

Coach Jimmy Matsko: Our first player is Caedan Baumgartner, Trent Boudreau, Eddie Bryan, Jayden Cisco, Jagger Garcia, Colin Hakey, Chase Isaac, Kaiden Klein, Matt Kuban, Carson Lowe, Zach Pruss, Damien Sanchez, Corbin Stahl; who was not present, Manager Kenny Hopf, and Manager Gabe Whittenburg.

Comm. Wilczak: Congratulations young men. We are very happy and hope you enjoy your great achievement on your season and playoffs. This is something you will always be able to look back on and enjoy. Always remember though, winning is great but good character and being a good person is even more important. Congratulations and have even more success moving forward.

Hart: There is one other announcement I would like to make is to introduce our new reporter from the Free Press, Rose, she is also a Braidwood resident.

Administrator Report: Altiery: I have a few different things. We are working with people here at the Sun Rise Café on Main St. They will be opening a new diner, hopefully everyone one will come and eat when they open. They should be open in about 30-45 days.

We are working with a developer on the corner of Coal City Rd and 113. They should be coming in front of the zoning board in March. Some of the land is not annexed into Braidwood. So, they will be doing an annexation and zoning. That will be a gas station and car wash. They will be tearing down the old restaurant down there.

We are meeting this week with a developer on about a 24-lot subdivision in town. Hopefully we can get some more houses here.

Another thing, is that they have Bingo Night, Tuesday nights at the old Jonez-ees building. They are looking to open in the next 30-60 days for other gatherings like baby showers, birthdays, or anything like that. Possibly a wedding venue in the future.

City Clerk Report: None

Engineer Report: Weber: The only thing I would like say is an update on the street assessments survey. So far, we are setting up GPS maps, in the next week or so you should see Robinson Engineer trucks driving around. They will be doing their evaluation so we can get a comprehensive map of the condition of the town.

City Attorney Report: None

Accounts & Finance Report: Commissioner Money made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wietting, to approve the Payment of Bills, in the amount of \$250,081.39 as identified in the Accounts Payable General Ledger dated February 13, 2024. I would like to explain that out of the \$250,000 in bills, \$170,000 is our normal amount. In addition to that there is \$35,000 in plant repairs which is coming out of the grant money and \$50,000 in road salt. Which we haven't used a lot this year, thankfully. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays. (Money, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart) Commissioner Money then made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilczak, to Approve Payroll Expenses, in the amount of \$87,166.86 as identified in the Payroll General Ledger dated February 2, 2024. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays. (Money, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart).

Streets & Public Improvement Report: Walsh: There will be speed limit signs at the exit of Shadow Lakes on Novy Rd. I believe there are two gates on Novy Rd. Right by the stop sign there will be a speed limit sign. Over the years we have had an issue with people speeding on Novy Rd. The people who leave Shadow Lakes will see that sign.

Public Property Report: Wietting: I have a couple things tonight. Commissioner Wietting made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilczak, to approve Ordinance 24-4 Adopting Section 86-203 to the City of Braidwood Code of Ordinances Regarding Utility Service Charges. What this means is, in this ordinance; our employees work an eight-hour day; but after 3:00pm and before 7:00am if there are any call outs for water repairs there will be a \$75.00 charge. It costs the city quite a bit to have these guys out on overtime. The best explanation is; If any utility repair or emergency call requires a City water or sewer employee(s) to respond between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., then the property owner and/or utility user shall be responsible for reimbursing the City for the overtime pay it is required to pay its employee(s), in addition to any other reasonable and related fees and costs. Comm. Money: This only has to do with turning the water on and off for private parties? Comm. Wietting: In the event if something

happens on the persons property where the city crew has to come out and turn the main on/off. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays. (Money, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart)

Next, I would like to announce that we will be posting that we have an opening in the water department for maintenance. You can go to the city website or City Hall for an application. We will take applications until we fill that position.

Public Health & Safety Report: Wilczak: The Braidwood Police Department Press Release for January 23, 2024-February 12, 2024. The total number of calls for service were 339, case reports 27, total subjects arrested 7, total arrest charges 9, total number of traffic stops 90, citations 20, written warnings 42, total number of P-tickets 15, and P-tickets issued to trucks 4.

The Braidwood E.S.D.A. Monthly Activity/Calls for Service Report for the month of January 2024. I am going to highlight the bigger areas. The Severe Weather Operations they spend 10-man hours and year to date is 32.5-man hours. The Assistance to other Law Enforcement Agencies were 49.5-man hours and year to date is 61-man hours. Mutual aid to other Agencies were 10-man hours and year to date is 77.5-man hours. Their total monthly man hours last month were 80. The total yearly man hours are 675. This is from May 1st to current. That is a lot of hours of help. We are thankful for all the members of E.S.D.A. Some notable incidents of why the hours were higher in some categories were; there was a highway closure due to a fatal vehicle accident on 1/1/2024, traffic control at Main Street railroad crossing due to a blocked crossing on 1/5/2024, also on 1/5/2024 was a traffic control/road closure with multiple crashes on I-55 between MM 220 and MM 236. They also assisted the Braidwood Police Department with a power line down in top of a garbage truck and Mutual Aid to Wilmington with traffic control and road closure for major flooding incident. We appreciate all the services of E.S.D.A.

Planning & Zoning Report: None

Old Business: None

New Business: Comm. Wilczak: Welcome, Rose.

Hart: Yes, we are glad to have her.

Comm. Walsh: I just wanted to urge people, like Tony said to go to the eating establishments that we have and businesses that we have in town. I have not had a bad meal at any of them. Please, when the Sun Rise opens up, it's another opportunity for us to patronize the businesses that are here.

Comm. Wilczak: I have one more comment. Referring to what I said last meeting about the Polk-a-dot facility, they were on a TV show recognizing those on Route 66. I was at an appointment and spoke to some people who saw that and are planning on making a special trip out there for that. It's good to recognize the places that we have and all the new places that come in.

Comm. Walsh: The Red-Carpet Corridor, is that happening this year?

Liz Dixon: May 4 and 5

Dave Slager: Can I ask Dale a question? I appreciate what you just said, but the problem, I am not saying that it is a bad problem is parking, if you want to go to that restaurant. I think before they get those doors open, there is a parking lot across, behind the water machine, instruct people to know where to go. If you park on Main St, there are doctor office there, it gets filled pretty quick. I think they should put a sign up where they can park. It is a limited parking area.

Comm. Walsh: Parking is on the south side of Main St behind the ice machine.

Hart: I want to wish everyone a Happy Fat Tuesday and a Happy Valentine's Day. We are also starting Lent and tomorrow is Ash Wednesday. There is a lot going on.

Adjournment: Commissioner Money made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilczak, to adjourn the February 13, 2024 regular meeting of the Braidwood City Council. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays. (Money, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart) The next regular meeting of the Council will be held Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 7:00pm

Approved this 27 Day of February 2024.

Karen E. Hart Mayor

Sarah M. Weaver City Clerk

