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CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Regular Meeting, Tuesday February 14, 2017 @ 7:00pm

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Public Comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 24, 2017 Regular Meeting

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor-

Administrator-

Clerk- Proclamation for Certified Government Financial Manager Month in March

Engineer-

City Attorney-

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Accounts and Finances -Payment of Bills
-Payroll Expenses

Streets & Public Improvements-

Public Property- Resolution 17-5, Authorizing Execution of a Pipeline Crossing Agreement

Public Health & Safety- Resolution 17-3, Execution of Equipment Lease Contract for 2- Way Radios
- Resolution 17-4, Authorizing Execution of Contract for Architectural Services

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

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 14, 2017

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

Pledge of Allegiance
Mayor Vehrs asked Engineer Gereaux 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 Kopman, City Clerk Sue Grygiel, Chief Nick Ficarello, City Administrator Don Labriola and City Engineer Gereaux.

Public Comment
Opened and Closed at 7:01pm.

Approval of Minutes
Comm. Smith made a motion, seconded by Comm. Hibler to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2017. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hibler, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS
Mayor
The Mayor wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day today. Mayor addressed a few items advising that June 20th is the Hearing for the new Treatment Hospital at Silver Cross in Normal, IL at 9:00am. Mayor said he was at meeting today and they have 450 letters of support for this New Treatment Facility for substance abuse and mental health. Mayor said he himself wrote 50 letters of support to our State Representatives and so far (4) have responded. It looks like this project is going to move forward which is much needed in Will County. Mayor addressed a water leak city had on February 9th, he thanked all city workers that were on this leak for over 24 hrs. working very hard, with temp of low 13 degrees that night and did a great job.

Administrator
Don said he would be brief, let the meeting move on.

City Clerk
Clerk addressed a Proclamation that was in everyone's packet. Proclamation is for the Chicago Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants requesting that the City of Braidwood issue a proclamation designating March 2017 as "Certified Government Financial Manager Month". Illinois became one of the states to recognize this in 2016. They're asking Braidwood to adopt this Proclamation for Government Accountants.
Comm. Smith made a motion to adopt the Proclamation for Certified Government Financial Manager Month in March, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hutton, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

The Clerk now a Chamber Board member advised everyone starting at their next meeting they are starting a Business Spotlight at the beginning of each meeting. The goal is to have a Business Owner on the Chamber talk for the first 10-15 minutes about their business and what their business does. We welcome anyone to stop in our meetings to hear what the businesses are all about. I will be posting dates of Chamber Meetings on our sign outside and what business will be at that meeting also.

Engineer
No Report.

City Attorney
Atty. Kopman addressed some housekeeping issues. At the council meeting on January 20, 2017, there were (2) Resolutions on the Agenda; 17-1 and 17-2 that dealt with Lease Radios. They were more place holders and hadn't done the Resolutions because we didn't receive the documentation that accompanied them. We now have the documentation and that is now Resolution 17-3. We're going to move on, ignoring Resolutions 17-1 and 17-2, don't need to bring those back for anything, they're going to remain on the table. Atty. wanted to make sure that everyone knew there's no need to call those back, the Lease Radios are now under Resolution 17-3.

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 $199,891.98, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Smith, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Hibler made a motion to pay the Payroll Expenses due in the amount of $91,511.51, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Smith, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Streets & Public Improvements
Comm. Smith said he has work lined up and looks like the weather is going to let them get some work done. They are going to be working outside for the next 6-10 days.

Public Property
Comm. Hutton addressed his Agenda item Resolution 17-5. This Resolution Authorizes Execution of a Pipeline Crossing Agreement for the High Speed Rail, to extend our water main casing when they widen the intersections. This Agreement is for both IDOT and the High Speed Rail.
Comm. Hutton made a motion to approve Resolution 17-5, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).
Comm. Hutton then gave the Plant Crews Report then the Outside Crews Report.

Public Health & Safety
Comm. Tessler gave the Chief's numbers report from 1/25-2/13/17, total calls for service 245.
Comm. Tessler then gave an update on the Laraway Communications Center. Before the meeting Tessler met with the Engineer and it looks the first phase of Erie Street is progressing nicely.

Next addressed were his Agenda items. First is Resolution 17-3, the Execution of an Equipment Lease Contract for 2-way radios. The Commissioner provided numbers at the last meeting what the cost would be for these radios.
Comm. Tessler made a motion to approve Resolution 17-3; Authorizing Execution of Equipment Lease Contract for 2-way radios, lease option is $24,735.52-quarterly payments for 3-yrs., for a total purchase cost of $64,667.50, seconded by Comm. Hutton.

Next item is Resolution 17-4, Execution of Contract for Architectural Services with Carlisle in the amount of $8,750. They are doing some reconfiguring in the Police Department by adding a couple of interview rooms, deleting a bathroom and plan to use Local hands from our town for this project.
Comm. Tessler made a motion to approve Resolution 17-4, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hibler, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs).

Planning & Zoning Board Report
No Report.

Executive Session
Motion made by Comm. Hutton to go into Executive Session at 7:17pm to discuss Pending and/or Imminent Litigation and Land Sales, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Tessler made a motion to Reconvene the Regular Meeting at 7:50pm, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hibler, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs).

No Action taken following Executive Session.

Old Business
A discussion came about possibly getting rid of our Annual City Stickers. Both surrounding towns of Wilmington and Coal City are no longer selling their Municipal City Stickers. Mayor Vehrs said that Lockport has put an assessment on their water bills in lieu of city stickers. This is something we need to look into and possibly have in place before our stickers are due again in 2018. The city clerk said she believes we spend more in expenditures with; cost of stickers, the mailing and Payroll Expenses-time away from staff's daily duties.

New Business
Mayor Vehrs said he's been talking with the Chief about assisting our Senior Citizens within a 25-30 mile radius using a Cadet Program through the Police Department. This Cadet Program would have applicants that are planning Law Enforcement as a career, and their hours would be 8am - 4pm. The Mayor said he and the Chief are going to sit down and work out a plan, pending legal review with our Legal Counsel.

Adjournment
Comm. Tessler made motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:55pm, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs)
Meeting adjourned.

Approved this 28th day of February 2017

J Vehrs Mayor

Sue Grygiel City Clerk

AYES: 4
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1
ABSTAIN: 0