

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council Tuesday, June 9, 2026.
Braidwood City Hall 141 W. Main St., Braidwood, IL 60408**

I. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council on June 9, 2026 was called to order at 7:05 p.m., by Mayor Lyons in the Council Chambers of the Braidwood City Hall.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Lyons requested all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call by City Clerk

Upon Roll Call by the Clerk, the following members of the corporate authorities answered "Here" or "Present":

Elected Officials:

Present: Liz Dixon, Warren Wietting, James Mikel, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons

Absent: None.

Appointed Officials:

Present: City Consultant Manager Steve Gulden, Sgt. Det. Chris Altieri in place of Chief Allen, City Clerk Sarah Weaver, City Engineer Sean Kelly, and City Attorney Bryan Wellner

Absent: Chief Eric Allen

Quorum: There being sufficient members of the corporate authorities in attendance to constitute a quorum, the meeting was declared in order.

IV. Public Comment

1. Danita Morgan – Braidwood Area Healthy Community Coalition

Danita Morgan, Community Outreach Coordinator, provided several announcements:

• BASSET Training

- Hosted by Wilmington Coalition for a Healthy Community
- In partnership with Wilmington Police Department, IL Liquor Control Commission, Wilmington Lions Club, and SAMHSA
- June 29, 4–8 p.m., Lyons Hall, Wilmington
- Required for anyone selling or serving alcohol at events
- Flyers available for distribution

• 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

- Available 24/7 for mental health, emotional distress, substance use, anxiety, depression, trauma, or anyone needing support
- Does not automatically dispatch police except in immediate danger situations
- Cards and flyers available

• 2026 Summerfest Baby Contest

- Theme: Little Cruisers of Route 66
- Open to children ages 0–24 months residing in Reed-Custer School District
- Registration fee: \$10
- Online registration opens June 15; deadline July 10

- Winners participate in the Summerfest Parade
- Flyers available

2. Rachel Waller – Volunteer Representative

Rachel encouraged community members to volunteer for Summerfest events, including the Baby Contest and games. She emphasized the value of community involvement and offered to assist with distributing materials at her workplace.

No additional public comments were offered.

V. Approval of Minutes

A. Approve Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2026

Comm. Accounts & Finance Liz Dixon made a motion, seconded by Comm. Public Health & Safety James Mikel, to Approve. Motion Passed with 5 ayes: 0 nays: 0 Abstain (Liz Dixon, Warren Wietting, James Mikel, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)

VI. Reports by City Officials

A. Mayor

1. Mayoral appointment of Regena Crompton to the Special Event Commission for the City of Braidwood
Comm. Accounts & Finance Liz Dixon made a motion, seconded by Comm. Public Buildings & Property Warren Wietting, to Approve. Motion Passed with 5 ayes: 0 nays: 0 Abstain (Liz Dixon, Warren Wietting, James Mikel, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)

2. Mayoral appointment of Annie Wicke to the Special Event Commission for the City of Braidwood
Comm. Public Health & Safety James Mikel made a motion, seconded by Comm. Accounts & Finance Liz Dixon, to Approve. Motion Passed with 5 ayes: 0 nays: 0 Abstain (Liz Dixon, Warren Wietting, James Mikel, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)

B. City Management Consultant

1. Requests a motion for an Ordinance granting approval of variances for two signs and a Final Plat of Subdivision for property located at 515 W. Coal City Road, Braidwood, Illinois (PIN Nos. 02-24-06-200-012-0010 and 02-24-06-200-012-0010)
Comm. Public Buildings & Property Warren Wietting made a motion, seconded by Comm. Public Health & Safety James Mikel, to Approve. Motion Passed with 5 ayes: 0 nays: 0 Abstain (Liz Dixon, Warren Wietting, James Mikel, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)

2. Requests a motion for an Ordinance granting a variance for a six-foot-tall fence in the front yard of 435 Enterprise Drive, Braidwood, IL 60408 (PIN No. 02-24-17-103-018-0000)
Comm. Public Health & Safety James Mikel made a motion, seconded by Comm. Public Buildings & Property Warren Wietting, to Approve. Motion Passed with 5 ayes: 0 nays: 0 Abstain (Liz Dixon, Warren Wietting, James Mikel, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)

C. Engineer

1. Requests a motion to award the FY 2027 FMT Resurfacing Program to D Construction in the amount of \$343,340.20
Comm. Public Health & Safety James Mikel made a motion, seconded by None, to Approve. Motion with 5 ayes: 0 nays: 0 Abstain (Liz Dixon, Warren Wietting, James Mikel, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)

D. City Attorney

1. Requests a motion for an Ordinance directing the sale of property located at 585 W. Main Street, Braidwood, Illinois 60408
Comm. Public Health & Safety James Mikel made a motion, seconded by Comm. Streets & Public Improvements Dale Walsh, to Approve. Motion Passed with 5 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Liz Dixon, Warren Wietting, James Mikel, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)

VII. Reports by City Commissioners

A. Accounts and Finances

Comptroller Fine Notice

- First fine notification received from the Illinois Comptroller
- Current assessed amount: \$6,700
- Related to the delayed FY25 audit
- Audit expected by end of month; fines may reach ~\$8,000
- Once FY25 is complete, FY26 audit will begin and the City will be current

1. Approve Payment of Bills in the amount of \$625,066.51

Comm. Accounts & Finance Liz Dixon made a motion, seconded by Comm. Public Health & Safety James Mikel, to Approve. Motion Passed with 5 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Liz Dixon, Warren Wietting, James Mikel, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)

Breakdown included:

IL EPA Loan – \$320,985.50
Amazon – \$3,900
Axon (body cameras) – \$20,300
V&F Construction – \$6,200
Fuel vendors – approx. \$7,500 combined
Fratco – \$2,900
Golden & Associates – \$9,000
Hawkins (chemicals) – \$4,500
Jamie McPherson (selfie wall brickwork) – \$12,400
Omega Industries – \$8,600
Robinson Engineering – \$83,200
Ryan (TIF report) – \$2,800
Smith Painting – \$14,900
Uniforms – \$5,900
Vulcan Industries – \$5,600
Westcom – \$13,200

2. Approve Payroll in the amount of \$100,360.10

Comm. Accounts & Finance Liz Dixon made a motion, seconded by Comm. Public Buildings & Property Warren Wietting, to Approve. Motion Passed with 5 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Liz Dixon, Warren Wietting, James Mikel, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)

B. Streets and Public Improvements

- Pipe installation completed on West Bergera under the City's cost-share program
- Additional ditch and drainage work completed on Mitchell
- Ongoing work near Ultimate Rides related to parking lot improvements
- Updated engineering plans expected soon from Ultimate Rides

C. Public Buildings & Property

Public Works recent tasks included:

- Repairs at the food pantry
- 85 JULIE locates
- Fire hydrant repairs
- Meter repairs
- Sewer manhole adjustments
- Concrete work assistance
- Removal of decals and equipment from a former police vehicle

1. Motion to approve an Ordinance waiving competitive bidding and approving the purchase of two 2026 GMC Sierra 250HD Trucks with plows from Arnie Bauer Chevrolet LLC
Comm. Public Buildings & Property Warren Wietting made a motion, seconded by Comm. Public Health & Safety James Mikel, to Approve. Motion Passed with 5 ayes: 0 nays: 0 Abstain (Liz Dixon, Warren Wietting, James Mikel, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)

D. Public Health & Safety

Police Department Activity Report (May 26 – June 8):

- 284 calls for service
- 32 case reports
- 8 arrests (18 total charges)
- 89 traffic stops
- 17 citations
- 27 written warnings
- 18 pre-tickets
- 5 abandoned/improper vehicles brought into compliance

E. Planning & Zoning

1. The next Planning and Zoning meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

VIII. Old Business

None.

IX. New Business

Commissioner Walsh thanked the Council for continued support of vehicle replacements and roadway improvements, noting significant progress over the past three years.

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 Meeting

A. The next Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 6:30 pm.

B. The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

XII. Adjournment

Comm. Public Buildings & Property Warren Wietting made a motion, seconded by Comm. Streets & Public Improvements Dale Walsh, to Approve. Motion Passed with 4 ayes: 1 nays: 0 Abstain (Warren Wietting, James Mikel, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)

Todd Lyons

Mayor

Sarah Weaver

City Clerk

