

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council Tuesday, July 28, 2026.
Braidwood City Hall 141 W. Main St., Braidwood, IL 60408**

I. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council on July 28, 2026 was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Mayor Lyons in the Council Chambers of the Braidwood City Hall.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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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: Warren Wietting, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons

Absent: Liz Dixon, James Mikel

Appointed Officials:

Present: City Consultant Manager Steve Gulden, Police Chief Eric Allen, City Clerk Sarah Weaver, City Engineer Sean Kelly, and City Attorney Hannah Lamore

Absent: None.

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

IV. Public Comment

Swearing-In Ceremony – School Resource Officer

Mayor Lyons introduced Michael Steurer, retired Joliet Police Department officer with 26 years of service, who was sworn in as the City's new School Resource Officer for Reed-Custer Middle/High School. Officer Stoyer took the official oath of office.

Public Comment

No public comment was offered.

V. Approval of Minutes

A. Approve Minutes of Regular Council Meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2026.

Comm. Public Buildings & Property Warren Wietting made a motion, seconded by Comm. Streets & Public Improvements Dale Walsh, to Approve. Motion Passed with 3 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Warren Wietting, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)

VI. Reports by City Officials

A. Mayor

- Heritage Corridor Destination Flag & Sign: The City received a flag and sign for participation in Route 66 festivals. Placement will be determined, likely at Royal 66 Park.
- Summerfest Appreciation: Mayor expressed gratitude to Josh Bolatto, volunteers, and staff for their work and community involvement.
- Sidewalk Repair/Replacement Program: Unsafe sidewalks are being replaced, beginning with Eureka Street. Work performed by union labor.

- Good Neighbor Fund Initiative: Mayor announced development of the City of Braidwood Good Neighbor Fund, coordinated by Steve and Clerk Sarah, to assist residents facing temporary financial hardship with essential property-related expenses. Donations will be solicited from local businesses, organizations, and residents.

1. Requests a motion to approve Ordinance 2026-45 Prohibiting the sale and distribution of certain intoxicating substances within the City of Braidwood.
Comm. Streets & Public Improvements Dale Walsh made a motion, seconded by None, to Approve.
Motion Passed with 3 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Warren Wietting, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)

B. City Management Consultant

- Main Project – Final Design Phase: Project nearing bid release in September; contractor discussions underway.
- Town Center Project: Final design complete; construction documents in progress. Anticipated bid release in September and groundbreaking in October. Staff and council will review pavilion, bench, garbage receptacle, and stage design options.
- Division Street Engineering Issue: Culvert installation underway after initial concrete work proved insufficient.
- Towns of Braidwood – Western Avenue: Developer performing final lift of asphalt; binder failures and sidewalk transitions being corrected.
- Right-of-Way Ordinance Development: City is drafting a right-of-way standards ordinance for utility work, expected for Council consideration in September.
- Planning & Zoning Commission: Public hearing scheduled for August 10, 2026 regarding the Parkside Master Plan.

C. Clerk

1. Request a motion for Braidwood Lions Club Candy Day, Friday, October 9, 2026
Comm. Public Buildings & Property Warren Wietting made a motion, seconded by Comm. Streets & Public Improvements Dale Walsh, to Approve. Motion Passed with 3 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Warren Wietting, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)

D. Engineer

1. Requests a motion to approve Final Balancing Change Order #3 FY2025 Road Program with PT Ferro Construction in the amount of -\$23,843.10
Comm. Streets & Public Improvements Dale Walsh made a motion, seconded by Comm. Public Buildings & Property Warren Wietting, to Approve. Motion Passed with 3 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Warren Wietting, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)
2. Request a motion for the final payout of payment #3 to PT Ferro for the 2025 road project of \$5,897.69
Comm. Streets & Public Improvements Dale Walsh made a motion, seconded by Comm. Public Buildings & Property Warren Wietting, to Approve. Motion Passed with 3 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Warren Wietting, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)
3. Requests a motion to approve Change Order #1 to add sidewalk repairs at various locations west of Division Street.
Comm. Streets & Public Improvements Dale Walsh made a motion, seconded by Comm. Public Buildings & Property Warren Wietting, to Approve. Motion Passed with 3 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Warren Wietting, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)
4. Requests a motion to approve Change Order #2 to modify Stacey Court Sidewalk in the amount of

\$11,880.00.

Comm. Streets & Public Improvements Dale Walsh made a motion, seconded by Comm. Public Buildings & Property Warren Wietting, to Approve. Motion Passed with 3 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Warren Wietting, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)

- E. City Attorney**
No report.

VII. Reports by City Commissioners

A. Accounts and Finances

- 1. Approve Payment of Bills in the amount of \$299,986.09**
Comm. Public Buildings & Property Warren Wietting made a motion, seconded by Comm. Streets & Public Improvements Dale Walsh, to Approve. Motion Passed with 3 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Warren Wietting, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)
- 2. Approve Payroll in the amount of \$97,951.55**
Comm. Public Buildings & Property Warren Wietting made a motion, seconded by Comm. Streets & Public Improvements Dale Walsh, to Approve. Motion Passed with 3 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Warren Wietting, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)

B. Streets and Public Improvements

- Storm debris pickup available; residents asked to place branches at curb.
- Road work beginning on five sections throughout town; caution advised.

C. Public Buildings & Property

- Staff completed: 6 meter repairs, 102 locates, 1 hydrant repair, 38 shutoff tags, 4 shutoffs for nonpayment.
- First compressor installation underway at the plant; testing expected soon.

D. Public Health & Safety

Chief Allen gave report:

- Police Department Statistics (July 14–27):
 - 382 calls for service
 - 35 case reports
 - 16 charges
 - 131 traffic stops
 - 77 citations, 102 warnings
 - Compliance checks on various motor vehicles (including RVs, trailers)
- Speed Limit Reduction – Division Street: IDOT approved reduction from 45 mph to 40 mph; signs installed.
- Senate Bill 3336 – E-Bike & E-Scooter Regulation: Effective January 1, 2027. Will define and regulate electric micro-mobility devices; officers will require training to classify devices by wattage, speed, and age requirements. Enforcement challenges noted; safety concerns discussed.

E. Planning & Zoning

1. The next Planning and Zoning meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 10, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

VIII. Old Business

Commissioner Wietting:

Solar "Trucks Only" flashing signs installed at Easy Street; additional signs forthcoming.

IX. New Business

None.

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, August 11, 2026, at 6:30 pm.

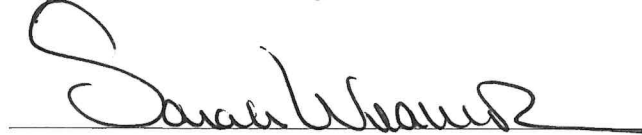
B. The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

XII. Adjournment

Comm. Streets & Public Improvements Dale Walsh made a motion, seconded by Comm. Public Buildings & Property Warren Wietting, to Approve. Motion Passed with 3 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Warren Wietting, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)



Mayor



City
Clerk

