

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Regular Meeting, Tuesday February 23, 2016 @ 7:00pm

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Public Comment

Executive Session- Discuss personnel, pending and/or imminent litigation, collective bargaining/labor relations or land acquisition
-Actions to be taken following Executive Session:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - February 9, 2016 Regular Meeting
-February 9, 2016 Work Meeting

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor-

Administrator- FAIRCOM, NRC Public Comment Period re: Decommissioning

Clerk- Will-Grundy Counties Bldg. & Const. Trades Annual DAD's Day, Saturday June 18, 2016, 8-12

Engineer- Tabled Change Order #3 "D" Construction EZ Street Roadway Construction (TIF)

City Attorney-

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Accounts and Finances -Payment of Bills
-Payroll

Streets and Public Improvements -

Public Buildings & Property- Resolution 16-3 Agreement with Exelon for Continued Services of Domestic Waste

Public Health & Safety-

Planning & Zoning -

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Old Business

New Business

Adjournment

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City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 23, 2016

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Vehrs asked all Vets to please stand up and lead everyone 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 Bryan Kopman, City Administrator Andy Galatte, Chief Nick Ficarello, City Engineer Brian Hertz and City Clerk Sue Grygiel were present.

Before opening the floor to Public Comment, he asked Leann Novy to come up to the council table. On February 9th we had a telephone call from senior citizens that their dog had to be put down. Unfortunately we had Turn About Day going on with the students. We contacted Leann who runs a pet grooming service in Coal City. She came to Braidwood and had the dog put down then found two men who came over to bury the dog in their yard. Leann sat with the elderly couple for about 4 hours. The mayor expressed to Leann everything that she did for that couple, shook her hand and was given a round of applause from council and audience.

Public Comment

Public Comment opened and closed at 7:03pm.

Executive Session

A motion made by Comm. Hutton, seconded by Comm. Tessler to go into Executive Session at 7:04pm to discuss Personnel, Pending and/or Imminent Litigation and Land Acquisition and asked that Andy Galatte come in for Land Acquisition. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Tessler, Smith, Hibler, & Mayor Vehrs).

A motion made by Comm. Smith, seconded by Comm. Hutton to Reconvene to Regular Session. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hutton, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).
The mayor advised there is no action to be taken after executive session.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the February 9, 2016 Work Meeting were approved as read. Motion made by Comm. Smith, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Mayor Vehrs asked for discussion. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays, (Hutton, Smith, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

The minutes for the February 9, 2016 Regular Meeting were approved as read. Motion made by Comm. Smith, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Mayor Vehrs asked for discussion. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays, (Hutton, Smith, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Mayor had only one thing to report, Emmy's Café is moving along well and they should be opening here within the next month. Also, Walter is doing some remodeling at the old Knights of Columbus and he should be opening up April 1st. Walter also has a fundraiser scheduled for April 9th. Mayor Vehrs then wished these two new businesses the best of luck here in the City of Braidwood.

Administrator

Andy explained they he had two things that were talked about in the Work Meeting. One was the vacant property and he will have a list of the 2-3 pieces, and then will ask for direction from the council on what they would like to do those parcels. The other thing is hopefully in the next two weeks will have a copy of the Rental Proposal Contract that we also talked about at the Work Meeting. The last thing Andy had was an NRC Public Comment period where we have time to make comments about the Nuclear Plant and turned over to the city attorney.

Attorney Kopman advised that through their representation with another client that's a public entity he received contact from a law firm out of Aurora that represents Faircom. They are a fair assessment resource committee. Faircom sent a letter asking their other governmental client if they'd be interested in submitting public comment to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The NRC has opened up for public comment and is listing from any agencies interested concerning the processes and rules they have in place for the decommissioning of their power plants. Right now the way the process is set up doesn't call for a lot of input from local communities whether it be state, county or municipal entities such as Braidwood. They have provided a sample letter which everyone has received a copy which was drafted for their other client and came from the Faircom Attorney that way. If the city would like to make a comment it would be simply a letter signed by the Mayor that Bryan would submit via email to the NRC saying that the city supports the idea of involving more global input when it comes to the decommissioning of a Nuclear Power Plant. As the attorney views it this is not in any way adversarial to Exelon and the Braidwood Station. This would be just a way for the City of Braidwood to have a say in the shutting down of the Braidwood Station somewhere down the road. If it's something that city is interested in doing he just ask that someone make a motion authorizing the Mayor to send such a letter and he would work in getting that together.

A motion was made by Comm. Tessler, seconded by Comm. Hibler to authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the NRC for our public comment. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hibler, Hutton, Smith & Mayor Vehrs).

City Clerk

The only agenda item the clerk had was a letter from the Will-Grundy Counties Building & Construction Trades requesting their Annual Dad's Day on Saturday June 18, from 8-12. Clerk asked for a motion by the council.

A motion was made by Comm. Smith, seconded by Comm. Hutton to approve Dad's Day on June 18th from 8-12. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hutton, Hibler, Tessler and Mayor Vehrs).

Engineer

Brian Hertz addressed Change Order #3 for the EZ Street Road Construction Project. It included some additional base repair, there were some soft spots out there that have occurred over time as the project kept moving through construction, so they needed to be repaired properly now before going forward. There was a binder for the asphalt. The majority actually is some additional street patching that was done in various locations throughout town. Change Order #3 is an increase of \$20,554. The miscellaneous patching is about \$12,000.

A motion was made by Comm. Hutton to approve Change Order #3 in the amount of \$20,554.00 seconded by Comm. Smith. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion Approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Due to point of order the attorney advised that a motion is needed to remove from the table before make motion to approve.

A motion was made by Comm. Hutton, seconded by Comm. Smith to remove the Pay Request #2 from the table. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

A motion was made by Comm. Hutton, seconded by Comm. Smith to approve payment for Pay Request #2 in the amount of \$106,310.71 for the EZ Street Road Construction Project. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

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 \$80,261.99 seconded by Comm. Smith. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Smith, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Hibler advised that there is one additional check going out from our State Seizure Account, thanks to the police department. Comm. Hibler made a motion to pay Morrow Bros. Ford for a Wagon Explorer in the amount of \$27,231.00, seconded by Comm. Smith. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved 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 \$78,405.17, seconded by Comm. Smith. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Smith, Tessler, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs).

Streets & Public Improvements

Comm. Smith advised they are doing well. He commented that they have a lot and he mean a lot of potholes patched, side streets patched and must be making people happy because they are getting their picture taken as they work. We are getting work done; getting gravel put in and hopes the weather keeps up so we can keep working to move forward.

Public Buildings & Property

Comm. Hutton advised that the Acting City Council members had toured the plant. Comm. Hutton gave his maintenance report for the last 2 weeks. On March 22nd the public works guys are going to a Pipeline Safety Class in Joliet. Jim talked with the Mayor and Fay earlier and the Rail Spill Seminar they're having in Frankfort on April 13th, they are sending public works to that also.

Comm. Hutton made a motion to approve Resolution 16-3, Authorizing Execution of a Service Agreement with Exelon Generation, subject to Attorney review and modification of Agreement, seconded by Comm. Hibler. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Hibler, Smith, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Public Health & Safety

Comm. Tessler read the Chief's Press Release for the last two weeks. The officers have been staying busy as usual. The Chief informed him that the DEA seized a Semi Tractor/Trailer hauling multiple kilos of cocaine and the vehicle is being stored in the Public Works building, and one subject was arrested. The Police Department will be obtaining ownership of that vehicle and hopefully getting money when we sell that vehicle.

Planning & Zoning Board Report

Nothing to Report.

Old Business

Nothing to Report.

New Business

Nothing to Report.

Adjournment

Comm. Tessler made motion to adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hutton, Smith, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs). Meeting adjourned.

Approved this 8th day of March 2016

Mayor

Sue Greyquil
City Clerk