

**CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
141 W. MAIN STREET  
BRAIDWOOD, IL 60408**

**Regular Meeting, Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 7:00pm**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Roll Call by City Clerk**

**Elizabeth Dixon  
James Mikel, Jr.**

**Warren Wietting  
Todd Lyons**

**Dale Walsh**

**IV. Public Comment:** State your full name and spell your last name.

Sec. 2-34. - Public comment. (a) At the beginning of each city council meeting, before action is taken on any item, except for approval of the minutes, there shall be a portion allowed for public comment. Public comment is allowed on any subject matter pertaining to city business and is not restricted to matters on the agenda. (b) No prior registration shall be required for any person giving public comment, but before speaking, the person shall state his name and address. There shall be a three-minute time limit to the public comment of each person, but the mayor may waive such time limit. (Ord. No. 98-16, § 3, 4-28-98; Ord. No. 99-13, § 1, 4-27-99)

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Approve Minutes of the Tuesday, February 10, 2026 Regular Council Meeting

**VI. REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS**

**A. Mayor**

**B. City Management Consultant**

1. Request a motion to approve Ordinance 26-11 Amending the designated meeting dates and times for Plan Commission Meetings in 2026 for the City of Braidwood
2. Request a motion to approve Ordinance 26-12 Approving Text Amendment to the City of Braidwood Zoning Code Regarding Planned Unit Developments

**C. Clerk**

**D. Engineer**

1. Request a motion to approve Ordinance 26-13 Approving and Authorizing the City of Braidwood to enter into and for the Mayor to execute a proposal for Professional Engineering Services with Robinson Engineering regarding a Risk and Resilience Assessment and Emergency Response Plan for the City's Water System

**E. City Attorney**

**VII. REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS**

**A. Accounts and Finances**

1. Approve Payment of Bills \$133,316.90
2. Approve Payroll \$93,199.62

**B. Streets and Public Improvements**

**C. Public Buildings & Property**

**D. Public Health & Safety**

**E. Planning & Zoning**

1. The next Planning and Zoning meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

**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, March 10, 2026 at 7:00pm  
The Next Committee of the Whole Meeting is Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 6:30 pm.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

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Under the tab Residents-Council Agendas and Minutes

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council Tuesday, February 24, 2026  
Braidwood City Hall 141 W. Main St., Braidwood, IL 60408**

**Call to Order:** The Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council on February 24, 2026 was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Mayor Lyons in the Council Chambers of the Braidwood City Hall.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Lyons 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 Dixon, Commissioner Wietting, Commissioner Walsh, Commissioner Mikel, and Mayor Lyons

**Absent:** None.

**Appointed Officials:**

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

**Absent:** None.

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

**Public Comment:**

Danita Morgan, representing the Braidwood Area Healthy Community Coalition (465 E. Reed Street, Braidwood), addressed the Council and provided the following updates:

- The Coalition’s March monthly meeting will be held on March 9 at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom.
- The March meeting topic will focus on healthy sleeping habits, along with a discussion of the Drug-Free Community Grant Year 9 Action Plan and the Annual Member Satisfaction Survey.
- Coalition meetings are open to the public and provide a collaborative space for sharing progress on initiatives, coordinating community efforts, addressing challenges, and strengthening partnerships. Meetings are held the second Monday of each month, except July.
- Contact information was provided for those seeking additional information or Zoom access.

Ms. Morgan also announced that, through a partnership between the Will County Substance Use Initiative, the City of Braidwood, and the Braidwood Coalition, the City will soon receive two naloxone (Narcan) distribution red boxes.

- Naloxone is a life-saving medication that reverses opioid overdoses.
- The red boxes will be installed at City Hall and the Braidwood Public Library.
- She shared Will County opioid overdose statistics:
  - 112 in 2022
  - 95 in 2023
  - 64 in 2024
  - 18 through July 2025

She emphasized the importance of accessibility and education regarding Narcan and offered training opportunities.

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Wietting made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to approve meeting minutes from the February 10, 2026 Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Wietting, Walsh, Dixon, Mikel, and Lyons)

**Mayor's Report:**

The Mayor deferred to department reports, noting that many items were collaborative efforts reflected within the monthly reports.

**Administrator Report:**

Requested a motion for Ordinance 26-11. Commissioner Mikel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walsh to approve Ordinance 26-11 Amending the designated meeting dates and times for the Plan Commission Meetings in 2026 for the City of Braidwood. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays (Mikel, Walsh, Dixon, Wietting, and Lyons).

Requested a motion for Ordinance 26-12. Commissioner Mikel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve Ordinance 26-12 Approving Text Amendment to the City of Braidwood Zoning Code regarding Planned Unit Developments. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays; (Mikel, Dixon, Wietting, Walsh, and Lyons).

**Department Updates:**

Replacement downtown light poles are expected to be installed by March or early April.

- The final Planning & Zoning meeting on a first Monday will occur March 2 regarding a fence setback variance for the Hickory Self-Storage project.
- Hitchcock Design Group completed a park inventory tour for the Park Site Master Plan.
- Pre-construction boring for City Hall and Police Department fiber internet installation has been completed.
- Well #1 updates: wellhead nearing completion; motor and installation expected soon.
- Building Code Update: Structures over 800 square feet require a foundation; under 800 square feet may utilize a thickened edge slab.
- Approximately 60 open permits from 2024–2025 are being closed out.
- Budget meetings are underway.

**City Clerk Report:** No report.

**Engineer Report:**

Requested a motion for Ordinance 26-13. Commissioner Wietting made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walsh to approve Ordinance 26-13 Approving and Authorizing the City of Braidwood to enter into and for the Mayor to execute a proposal for Professional Engineering Services with Robinson Engineering regarding a Risk and Resilience Assessment and Emergency Response Plan for the City's Water System. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays; (Wietting, Walsh, Dixon, Mikel, and Lyons)

**City Attorney Report:** No report.

**Accounts & Finance Report:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Mikel, to approve the Payment of Bills, in the amount of \$133,316.90 as identified in the Accounts Payable General Ledger dated February 24, 2026. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays. (Dixon, Mikel, Wietting, Walsh, and Lyons)

Commissioner Dixon then made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to Approve Payroll Expenses, in the amount of \$93,199.62 as identified in the Payroll General Ledger dated February 13, 2026. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays. (Dixon, Wietting, Walsh, Mikel, and Lyons).

Additional Finance Updates:

- FY 2026–2027 budget process ongoing.
- FY 2024–2025 audit in progress; completion anticipated before June 30.
- 2024 TIF Review nearing completion; public review meeting anticipated late March.

**Streets & Public Improvement Report:**

- Reminder of the City’s Ditch Filling Program: Residents pay for pipe materials; City crews complete installation work.
- Salt barn garage door installation nearing completion; roof improvements planned when weather permits.
- Social media promotion of ditch program to be posted.

**Public Property Report:**

Monthly Activity Report:

- 4 emergency water shutoffs
- 99 locates
- 2 water service repairs
- 5 shut-off tags
- 1 new meter inspection and flex net installed
- 2 water shutoffs for non-payment

Well #1 motor installation is anticipated soon.

**Public Health & Safety Report:**

- **ESDA Severe Weather Spotter Training** scheduled for March 21 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Braidwood Fire Department.
- Police Activity Report (Feb 10 – Feb 23):
  - 276 calls for service
  - 29 case reports
  - 7 subjects arrested (16 total charges)
  - 101 traffic stops
  - 26 citations
  - 55 written warnings
  - 3 semi-truck violations
  - 16 parking tickets

- o 8 abandoned vehicle cases brought into compliance

The Police Department successfully investigated and resolved a stolen vehicle case, leading to the arrest of individuals linked to a multi-community vehicle theft ring across at least 11 Chicagoland communities.

**Planning & Zoning Report:**

The next Planning and Zoning meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

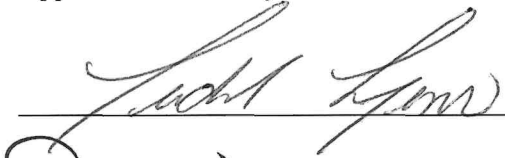
**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**Adjournment:** Commissioner Wietting made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to adjourn the February 24, 2026 regular meeting of the Braidwood City Council. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays. (Wietting, Walsh, Dixon, Mikel, and Lyons)

The next regular meeting of the Council will be held Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 7:00 pm  
The next Committee of the Whole meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 6:30 pm.

Approved this 10 Day of March 2026.

  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

  
\_\_\_\_\_ City Clerk

