

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, February 25, 2025 at 7:00pm

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call by City Clerk

Kim Earling

Warren Wietting

Dale Walsh

Ron Wilczak Sr.

Karen Hart

IV. Public Comment: State your full name and spell your last name. Section 2-34 of the Braidwood Code of Ordinances imposes a three (3) minute limit for each person during public comment.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approve Minutes of the Tuesday, February 11, 2025 Regular Meeting

VI. REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

A. Mayor

1. Recognize the Reed-Custer Middle School Cheerleaders as IESA State Champions
2. Request a motion for Ordinance 25-7 Vacating a street within the City of Braidwood Regarding East Cody Lane (Southern Parcel – PIN No. 02-24-09-301-018-0000)

B. Administrator

C. Clerk

D. Engineer

E. City Attorney

VII. REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

A. Accounts and Finances

1. Approve Payment of Bills \$88,032.51
2. Approve Payroll \$93,576.61

B. Streets and Public Improvements

C. Public Buildings & Property

D. Public Health & Safety

E. Planning & Zoning

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 11, 2025 at 7:00pm

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council Tuesday, February 25, 2025
Braidwood City Hall 141 W. Main St., Braidwood, IL 60408

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council on February 25, 2025 was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Mayor Hart in the Council Chambers of the Braidwood City Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Hart 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 Earling, Commissioner Wietting, Commissioner Walsh, Commissioner Wilczak and Mayor Hart

Absent:

Appointed Officials:

Present: City Clerk Weaver, City Administrator Altiery, Chief Goodwin and City Attorney Hannah Lamore

Absent: City Engineer Sean Kelly

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

Public Comment: Dan Kojder; 234 Teal Lane: (his nephew is speaking on his behalf) Accused Tony of robbing his life savings when they were partners in K&A Development. More to come.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Wietting made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilczak, to approve meeting minutes from the February 11, 2025 Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Earling, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart)

Mayor's Report: Hart: Recognized the Reed-Custer Middle School Cheerleaders as IESA State Champions. Had the girls come to the table to be recognized and announced their names.

Requested a motion to approve Ordinance 25-7. Commissioner Earling made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilczak to approve Ordinance 25-7 Vacating a street within the City of Braidwood regarding East Cody Lane (Southern Parcel – PIN No. 02-24-09-301-018-0000). Admin. Altiery noted that there is a reservation of easement granted to the City of Braidwood for the purpose of maintaining and accessing the public utilities. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Earling, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart)

Administrator Report: Altiery: We have been talking to a company for almost two years that wants to put in a data center on about 200 acres south of Kennedy Road. They have dropped off their preliminary plans and should be coming to the zoning board within the six weeks or so. The data center will employ about 250-300 employees. They will annex the 200 acres into Braidwood.

We are looking into purchasing a new dump truck for the water/street department to replace the older trucks. The price is about \$120,000 for truck and plow. This information will be given to the commissioners for review. If possible, we are looking at bids for another pick-up truck.

We also have our Constellation agreement for our electric. This is not the towns supply this is for the city. This will be brought to the council at the March 11 meeting. This is a three-year deal but there is a \$9,000 incentive for upgrades. We are currently upgrading our phones and this will help offset that cost. These should be installed March 3, 4, and 5.

City Clerk Report: Weaver: Reminder if anyone has auto-pay for their water bill and for whatever reason the payment does not process, the system will automatically remove you from auto-pay. You will need to log into your account and update your payment method. This tends to happen if you have fraud or if your card expires. Please check your email because they do send notices about this.

Engineer Report: Absent.

City Attorney Report: Lamore: No report.

Accounts & Finance Report: Commissioner Earling made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilczak, to approve the Payment of Bills, in the amount of \$88,032.51 as identified in the Accounts Payable General Ledger dated February 25, 2025. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays. (Earling, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart)

Commissioner Earling then made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Wietting, to Approve Payroll Expenses, in the amount of \$93,576.61 as identified in the Payroll General Ledger dated February 14, 2025. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays. (Earling, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart).

Streets & Public Improvement Report: Walsh: No report.

Public Property Report: Wietting: We are still working on the water tower; we found a couple more valves that were not documented. We did find the main valve and now it is just a matter of draining the tower before we can get the repairs done. We have a pipe coming in for Well #5. We are putting in a new stainless well casing and the last section at the top will be galvanized. Well #4 had some work done also. We are in the final stages of that work. This was a chemical treatment so; it should be up and running in a couple days. Our crew now is documenting as they are finding things to improve our records. We will continue on the repairs of our infrastructure.

Public Health & Safety Report: Wilczak: Braidwood Police Department Press Release for February 11 – 24, 2025. Total number of calls for service 239, case reports 18, total subjects arrested 5, total arrest charges 8, total number of traffic stops 67, citations 23, written warnings 46, semi-truck violations 4, and total number of P-tickets 3.

Congratulations to the Reed-Custer Cheerleading team, coaches, parents, and family.

We are also proud of the Reed-Custer Girls Basketball Team which achieved State Tournament success.

We have an election on April 1, 2025, and suggest attending a “Meet the Candidate Meeting” when one is available.

I want to apologize for a mistake I stated at the last meeting. Due to limited seating, I have been informed that the "Meet the Candidates" meeting announced at the last council meeting in Shadow Lakes is only open to Shadow Lakes residents.

Amanda Beasley; Oak St.: She is requesting a meeting with the Mayor to review some video and discuss how the police department has failed to serve and protect her.

Planning & Zoning Report: The next meeting is Monday, March 3, 2025, at 7:00 pm.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Comm. Walsh: Our next Town Hall meeting is Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 6:00 pm with a guest speaker, Cris Miroballi, our account.

Admin. Altiery: I wanted to announce the 2023 Audit is complete, this will be brought to council soon to be approved. Then we will have the agreement to start the 2024 Audit. I did reach out to neighboring towns and they are also behind with their audits because there is a shortage of auditors. We do have our audits done every year, not when the state thinks something is wrong and requests it. Also, we will be bringing the Fiscal Year 2026 budget to the council on March 25 to be voted.

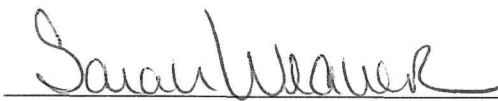
Comm. Wilczak: We will have the CMAP coming up for approval soon also. Will this be at the next council meeting?

Clerk Weaver: We have to have it in the paper for two weeks and bring it in front of the Plan Commission board for a public hearing and then it should be brought to council by March 25.

Adjournment: Commissioner Wilczak made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wietting, to adjourn the February 25, 2025 regular meeting of the Braidwood City Council. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays. (Earling, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart) The next regular meeting of the Council will be held Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Approved this 11 Day of March 2025.

 Mayor

 City Clerk

