

**CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA**  
**Regular Meeting, Tuesday February 28, 2017 @ 7:00pm**

Call to Order  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call  
Public Comment

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – February 14, 2017 Regular Meeting

**REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS**

**Mayor-**

**Administrator-**

**Clerk-**

**Engineer-**

**City Attorney-** Resolution 17-6, Authorizing Execution of a Commercial Listing Agreement  
-Resolution 17-7, Reaffirming City of Braidwood's Membership in WESCOM  
-Ordinance 17-1, Approving Sale of Real Estate in a TIF District to Restoration America

**REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS**

**Accounts and Finances** -Payment of Bills  
-Payroll Expenses

**Streets & Public Improvements-**

**Public Property-**

**Public Health & Safety-** Swearing in of P.T. Officer Joel Marchio  
-Motion to Appoint a Representative & Alternate to the Laraway Communication  
Center Board

**Planning & Zoning-**Recommendations

1) Public Hearing: Hendricks Rezoning Request-Rezone (3) parcels from I-1 Industrial to RM  
Multi Family Zoning Board Motioned to Deny Request

2) Regular Zoning Meeting: Hendricks Rezoning Request, Board Motioned to Deny

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

Old Business

New Business

Adjournment

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**City Council Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 28, 2017**

**Call to Order**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Vehrs asked Comm. Hutton to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

Elected Officials present: Commissioner Hibler, Commissioner Hutton, Commissioner Smith, and Mayor Vehrs were present. Commissioner Tessler was absent.

Appointed officials present: City Attorney Kopman, City Clerk Sue Grygiel, Chief Nick Ficarelo and City Administrator Don Labriola were present. City Engineer was absent.

**Public Comment**

Mike Compton, 852 N. English. He asked the council to consider putting a speed limit sign on North English St. in Townes of Braidwood. People are speeding well before they get to Anndon and with kids playing out soon it can become a hazard. Mayor Vehrs said they will look into it. Closed at 7:02pm.

**Approval of Minutes**

Comm. Smith made a motion, seconded by Comm. Hutton to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2017. Mayor asked for any further discussion. Motion approved 4 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hutton, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs), 1 absent (Tessler).

**REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS**

**Mayor**

The Mayor thanked everyone for coming out and weathering the storm tonight.

The Mayor advised that the Secretary of State's Office will be setting up a Mobile Unit, scheduled to be in Braidwood sometime in May. This Mobile Unit will help out our surrounding communities, be for Driver's License Renewal, Senior Citizens Vision and Written Tests, License Plate stickers and many other general services that are provided by the Secretary of State's Office. It will be hosted here in the Council Room and the Mobile Unit will be outside. The hope is to help make things a little easier on our Senior Citizens. The Mayor said that he received a letter of Support from Senator Sue Rezin, strongly supporting the Silver Oaks Hospital and said that if anyone would like to see her letter please come up after the meeting. Also, Congressman Kinzinger is sending a letter of support for Silver Oaks Hospital and thanking the residents of Braidwood, Chief of Police and his Officers for their support as well.

**Administrator**

Don said it's been a few weeks since he gave a report on commercial development. We're still waiting on confirmation on a few projects we are working on. Until some paperwork is completed we don't want to make formal announcements, but we do have a lot of things in process. Hoping to make some announcements in the next few weeks on these projects.

Don was happy to report that last week he was part of the Braidwood Team that attended the first

formal meeting of the newly formed Laraway 911 Communications Center. The plans call for the Center to become operational in the next 10-12 months. He told the Mayor one of the benefits for Braidwood would be a sizeable savings as you know as well as fees we pay for our Dispatch for many years to come.

Don advised that Comm. Smith has requested a Work Meeting to continue our discussion on city Building Codes and Ordinances. A tentative schedule for this Work Meeting is on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm and will release more information as it comes available.

### **City Clerk**

Clerk asked the Mayor if he'd like to bring up the All Town Cleanup. He told clerk go ahead and explain. In our Contract with Waste Management, it allows a (1) day cleanup for the entire town, date determined by Mayor. Waste Management contacted the Mayor and April 3<sup>rd</sup> is the tentative date at this time and when a date is confirmed we will let the residents know. This cleanup will include white items like washers, dryers, etc.

### **Engineer**

Absent.

### **City Attorney**

Atty. Kopman addressed his Agenda items; (2) Resolutions and (1) Ordinance.

Comm. Smith made a motion to adopt Resolution 17-6, Authorizing Execution of a Commercial Listing Agreement for Townes of Braidwood with Coldwell Banker for a 6 month listing at 5%, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Mayor asked for further discussion. Motion approved 4 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hutton, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs), 1 absent (Tessler).

Comm. Smith made a motion to adopt Resolution 17-7, Reaffirming the City of Braidwood's Membership in WESCOM, seconded by Comm. Hibler. Mayor asked for further discussion. Motion approved 4 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hibler, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs), 1 absent (Tessler).

Comm. Smith made a motion to adopt Ordinance 17-1, Approving the Sale of Real Estate in a TIF District to Restoration America in the amount of \$23,200, seconded by Comm. Hibler. Mayor asked for further discussion. Comm. Smith commented on. Motion approved 4 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hibler, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs), 1 absent (Tessler).

## **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 \$143,199.37, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Hutton, Smith, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs), 1 absent (Tessler).

Comm. Hibler made a motion to pay the Payroll Expenses due in the amount of \$97,319.08, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 4 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Smith, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs), 1 absent (Tessler).

### **Streets & Public Improvements**

Comm. Smith said they put in about 400 ft. of pipe where the old concrete pipe collapsed. This pond back there that came out there at top was blocked and had to go over the street. Thought this job wouldn't take very long to do, we had the pipe but ran into a mess. Ran into roots and a gas line running right in the middle of the ditch, cut it off and tap it, finding out it was live, doesn't make sense. Took the guys about four days to do a day's work.

### **Public Property**

Comm. Hutton brought up the Sanitary Sewer Extension on North Division St., Len Cox started that project today. Talked with Phil Gibson, Resident Engineer on North Division St. Going to remove that hydrant on Thursday or Friday so we're ready whenever "D" is ready. Comm. Hutton gave Plant Crew and Outside Crews reports.

### **Public Health & Safety**

Chief Ficarello gave crime stats for Comm. Tessler from 2/14-2/28/17, total calls for service 249. Chief then introduced Joel Marchio, a new Part Time Officer. He is currently employed as an Animal Control Officer, and has been an Auxiliary Officer for Will County for many years. Chief asked council for a motion to approve the hiring of Joel Marchio as a Part Time Officer as well as swearing him in by the clerk.

Comm. Hutton made a motion to approve the hiring of Joel Marchio, seconded by Comm. Hibler. Motion approved 4 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs), 1 absent (Tessler). At this time the City Clerk swore in Joel Marchio.

Chief Ficarello then addressed Comm. Tessler's second Agenda item pertaining to Appointment of Representative to the Laraway Communications Center. For this position he referred to Comm. Hibler as far as a Representative.

Comm. Hibler made a motion to appoint Don Labriola, City Administrator as our Representative to the Laraway Communications Center Board of Directors and to appoint Eric Tessler, Comm. Of Public Health & Safety as an Alternate to the Laraway Communications Center Board of Directors. Mayor asked for further discussion. Motion seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved 4 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Hutton, Smith & Mayor Vehrs), 1 absent (Tessler).

### **Planning & Zoning Board Report**

Zoning Chair Serena addressed the council with the Zoning Boards recommendations. They had a Public Hearing on February 6<sup>th</sup> for Rezoning from I1 to Residential Multi Family for Hendricks on Will Road. The Zoning Board then held their Regular Meeting following the Public Hearing and discussed the Rezoning Request.

The Zoning Board made a motion to deny the request for the rezoning of (3) parcels from I1 to RMF. The Board also made a stipulation that the city building inspector go out and look at it, and the inspector completed it on Friday. Michelle just received the Inspection Report today and handed out copies to the council. The inspector looked at many things that had been brought up at the Public Hearing. Also things were brought up at the Zoning Board meeting about items that were being done and had to be completed out there. The main thing the inspector was concerned with was underneath the building they had an actual heat lamp. The building inspector made them remove that and showed them how to insulate the pipe, eliminating a fire hazard. He also advised them to get an electrician out there right away. They have a new electrician and he's already been to the city in regards to licensing and he will be completing this checklist.

In the meantime a request has been received from Faith Nance, Hendricks' daughter, to withdraw the Rezoning Application because they've decided to leave the property as is. Faith had mentioned the property was up For Sale and listed with Pro Realty. Michelle asked her what it was listed as and she said I1. After Michelle talked with Chris Shell at Pro Realty she had it listed as RMF and she advised him that it's zoned as I1. Chris said the listing has been pulled.

Atty. Kopman said the Mayor received a letter from Faith Nance, Power of Attorney, where she states her parents are asking to withdraw their Rezoning Application. The Zoning Board's actions and recommendations will stay a record. Counsel's recommendation since they've withdrawn and there is no action for the council to take, a motion can be made to accept the withdraw of the Rezoning Application on record.

Comm. Hutton made a motion to accept the request to Withdraw the Rezoning Request Application for the Hendricks property on Will Road and no monies will be refunded because the Public Hearing has already been held, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 4 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs), 1 absent (Tessler).  
The Zoning Board's March meeting has been cancelled.

### **Closed Session**

No request made for Closed Session.

### **Old Business**

Comm. Smith spoke as he left something out earlier. There are some places like Wildwood, Novy Road, Hickory Street, that look like a garbage dump. He's working on getting some free help to pick up garbage that is on the side of the roads so no cost to the city.

### **New Business**

Nothing to Report.

### **Adjournment**

Comm. Hutton made motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:35pm, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs), 1 absent (Tessler). Meeting adjourned.

Approved this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2017

J. Vehrs Mayor

Sue Gregiel City Clerk



AYES: 4  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0  
ABSTAIN: 1