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City Council Regular Meeting
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City Council Chambers

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so they need an easement. The motion was approved with 4, ayes (Hibler, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nays, 1 absent.

Mayor Rulien advised there is a nice write up in the RT. 66 Magazine. It's a world wide publication to English speaking countries, with a half page color article about the Rt. 66 Zoo. It is a nice article that did not cost the city a dime for the advertisement.

Mayor Rulien advised there is a 10K race and 5K walk on Rt. 66 in Braidwood, on April 14, 2013, he would like to challenge everyone to come out and try to beat him as he will be walking. He has been training at the field house for the walk, but the girls at the field house keep beating him.

Mayor Rulien reported that he has been speaking with Pace Bus Service to have a small bus with the wheel cheer lift to start offering rides to the VA clinic and to seniors to the hospitals. There is a grant available through Pace, takes about 3 months to get in place, but would like the feed back from the residents and the Veterans if they would like this service. The City would also have to see if someone would like to volunteer to drive the bus, they would have to get a CDL but with volunteers we could make this work.

City Administrator Rich Girot advised still working with Doug Carroll on the Casey's.

City Clerk Lisa Glisson advised there is a request for a tag day by the American Legion Koca Post #39 for their annual Poppy Days on Friday May 17, 6 – noon and Saturday, May 18, 8 - noon.

Mayor Rulien requested a motion to approve a tag day for Poppy Days on May 17th and 18, 2013. Comm. Tessler made the motion. Seconded by Comm. Hibler. The motion was approved with 4, ayes (Hibler, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nays, 1 absent.

City Clerk also reported on the FOIA requests and the training she and Tari Atherton attended for the BAHCC to help prevent our kids from using drugs and alcohol.

City Engineer reported on the Well 5 project that is underway and under budget and on the WWTP computer controls is still being worked on.

City Attorney Scott Pyles reported himself, Administrator Girot and Zoning Board Comm. Duran have been working on updating and modernizing the ordinances in regards to the contractors working in the city of Braidwood. The City did not have an ordinance making the contractors responsible to pay the prevailing wage and to comply with the training standards within the department of labor.

Mayor Rulien requested a motion to Approve Ordinance (13-6) An Ordinance Relating to the Prevailing Wage Act.. Comm. Tessler made the motion. Seconded by Comm. Hibler. The motion was approved with 4 ayes (Hibler, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nays, 1 absent.

Reports by City Commissioners

Comm. Hibler moved to pay \$100,556.68 in bills and \$9,184.06 for tazers from Federal Forfeiture account. Comm. Graf seconded. The motion was approved with 4 ayes (Hibler, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nays, 1 absent.

Comm. Hibler moved to pay \$68,939.56 in payroll. Comm. Tessler seconded. The motion was approved with 4 ayes (Hibler, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nays, 1 absent.

Comm. Hibler moved to Approve the Bid Proposal from Mack & Associates for the April 30, 2013, 2014 and 2015 Audits in the amount of \$16,900.00, increasing by \$500.00 each year after. Comm. Tessler seconded. Discussion: Mayor Rulien advised these people were here under the last administration and when he came he thought it was high until he shopped it and the closest was almost \$25,000.00. They have always done a spectacular job and they are a local company. The motion was approved with 4 ayes (Hibler, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nays, 1 absent.

Commissioner of Streets and Public (Comm. Graf) – commended the public works employees for the great job they have done with the snow plowing this year. During the last big storm we again had great road conditions due to the job our public works people do. Comm. Graf also thanked the police department for all of their work on keeping things clear.

Commissioner of Public Properties (Comm. Hutton) was absent due to illness, but Mayor Rulien read the biweekly report for him.

Commissioner of Public Health & Safety (Comm. Tessler) reported the cad calls for Feb was 907 , was down a little from January 1061 compared to Wilmington that only had 453 in February. Also advised Julie will have their 6th annual national safety month in April and would like to remind everyone to call 811 before you dig. Comm. Tessler advised they received two thank you notes and a fruit basket at the pd this week and Sgt. M. Souice and Tari Atherton attended a three day training course to install child safety seats.

Chief Girot advised we now have two people here that are certified to install the seats so almost everyday there is someone available to install or verify that a seat is installed correctly.

Chief Girot and Comm. Tessler advised that Sgt. Rex King retired from the police department last night and they would be doing something in the next few weeks for him.

New Business

Comm. Graf requested a moment of silence in honor of the four teens from Wilmington that lost their lives in the terrible car accident that happened last night. Comm. Graf stated that we need to appreciate what we have as it can be taken at a moment's notice.

Adjournment

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to adjourn. Comm. Tessler made that motion, seconded by Comm. Hibler. The motion was approved with 4 ayes (Hibler, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 1 absent and 0 nays.

Approved this 26 day of March 2013

William Rulien Mayor

Risa A. Glisson City Clerk