

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

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 7:00pm

**RESCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2026 AT 7:00 PM
DUE TO WEATHER**

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 24, 2026 Regular Meeting

VI. REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

A. Mayor

B. City Management Consultant

1. Request a motion to approve Ordinance 26-14 Amending the Code of Ordinances for the City of Braidwood as it pertains to Chapter 22 Buildings and Building Regulations, Chapter 38 Fire Prevention and Protection and Chapter 54 Manufactured Homes and Trailers
2. Request a motion to approve Ordinance 26-15 Granting variances and approving a site plan for 225 N. Hickory Street, Braidwood, IL 60408 (PIN No. 02-24-07-117-001-0000)

C. Clerk

D. Engineer

1. Request a motion to approve Resolution 26-2 for Construction on State Highways

E. City Attorney

1. Request a motion to approve Ordinance 26-16 Authorizing Execution of an agreement between the City of Braidwood and Property Owners and finding that the property located at 693 W. Main Street is Legal Nonconforming 693 W. Main St. Braidwood, IL 60408 (PIN No. 02-24-07-406-001-0000)

VII. REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

- A. **Accounts and Finances**
 - 1. Approve Payment of Bills \$265,911.65
 - 2. Approve Payroll \$96,628.70
- B. **Streets and Public Improvements**
- C. **Public Buildings & Property**
- D. **Public Health & Safety**
- E. **Planning & Zoning**
 - 1. Next Planning and Zoning meeting to be announced.

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 24, 2026 at 7:00 pm.
Next Committee of the Whole Meeting is Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 6:30 pm.

XII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council Thursday, March 12, 2026
Braidwood City Hall 141 W. Main St., Braidwood, IL 60408
RESCHEDULED FROM TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026
DUE TO WEATHER

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council on March 12, 2026 was called to order at 7:02 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, and Mayor Lyons

Absent: Commissioner Mikel

Appointed Officials:

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

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:

Jay Dixon, 195 N. Lincoln Street, addressed the Council to commend the Braidwood Police Department. Mr. Dixon stated that Officer Zach Manos noticed his vehicle trunk was open late one evening and stopped to notify him, preventing a potential dead battery. Mr. Dixon thanked the officer for his attentiveness and service.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Wietting made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to approve meeting minutes from the February 24, 2026 Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried with 4 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Dixon, Wietting, Walsh, and Lyons)

Mayor’s Report:

- **Narcan Box**
A Narcan distribution box has been placed in the hallway at City Hall through the Braidwood Area Healthy Community Coalition. Residents can obtain Narcan at no cost.
- **Digital Entrance Signs**
City staff met with a digital sign company regarding installing entrance signs within the city. The company would construct and maintain the signs while covering costs through advertising revenue. The City would receive free message time for public notices. Several potential locations are being explored, including near the Mastodon property, while working to avoid IDOT permitting issues.

Administrator Report:

- **Constellation Nuclear Plant Tour**
Mayor Lyons, Police Chief, City Clerk, and myself toured the Constellation nuclear power plant. Officials noted the facility's high level of professionalism, safety measures, and advanced technology. Staff also noted that approximately 50% of Illinois' electricity is generated by nuclear power.
- **Blood Drive**
A community blood drive will be held on March 19 from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM at City Hall, organized by ESDA Director Josh.
- **Decorative Street Signs**
The City is exploring decorative poles for street and stop signs along Main Street to improve appearance and reduce multiple sign poles at intersections.
- **Secure Truck Lines Development**
City staff is nearing an agreement on Phase 1 improvements for the Secure Truck Lines trailer storage site on Route 53. Improvements include water service installation, berm relocation, fencing, landscaping, brick entrance features, and asphalt paving. The proposal will return to Council for final site plan approval and a front yard fence variance.

Steve requested a motion to approve Ordinance No. 26-14. Commissioner Walsh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve Ordinance No. 26-14 Amending the Code of Ordinances for the City of Braidwood as it pertains to Chapter 22 Building and Building Regulations, Chapter 38 Fire Prevention and Protection and Chapter 54 Manufactured Homes and Trailers. Motion carried with 4 ayes; 0 nays; (Walsh, Dixon, Wietting, and Lyons)

Also requested a motion to approve Ordinance No. 26-15. Commissioner Wietting made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve Ordinance No. 26-15 Granting variances and approving a site plan for 225 N. Hickory Street, Braidwood, IL 60408 (PIN No. 02-24-07-117-001-0000). Motion carried with 4 ayes; 0 nays; (Wietting, Dixon, Walsh, and Lyons)

City Clerk Report:

Residents were reminded that yard waste collection resumes April 1. Beginning with the first collection week in April, yard waste carts must only contain yard waste. Garbage placed in those carts will not be collected.

The City is continuing work on the new municipal website, which is expected to launch later this month or early April.

Engineer Report

Steve also requested a motion to approve Resolution No. 26-2. Commissioner Wietting made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve Resolution No. 26-2 for Construction on State Highways. Motion carried with 4 ayes; 0 nays; (Wietting, Dixon, Walsh, and Lyons)

City Attorney Report:

Attorney Wellner requested a motion to approve Ordinance No. 26-16. Commissioner Walsh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve Ordinance No. 26-16 Authorizing the Execution of an agreement between the City of Braidwood and property owners and finding that the property located at 693 W. Main Street is Legal Nonconforming. Motion carried with 4 ayes; 0 nays; (Walsh, Dixon, Wietting, and Lyons)

The City Attorney reported that the City obtained a judicial deed for the property located at 585 W. Main Street, giving the City control of the property. Future discussion will determine next steps regarding demolition.

Accounts & Finance Report: Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wietting, to approve the Payment of Bills, in the amount of \$265,911.65 as identified in the Accounts Payable General Ledger dated March 10, 2026. Motion carried with 4 ayes: 0 nays. (Dixon, Wietting, Walsh, and Lyons)

Commissioner Dixon then made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to Approve Payroll Expenses in the amount of \$96,628.70 as identified in the Payroll General Ledger dated February 27, 2026. Motion carried with 4 ayes; 0 nays. (Dixon , Walsh, Wietting, and Lyons).

The Commissioner also reported:

- The City audit is proceeding on schedule and must be completed by June 30.
- The water rate increase will be limited to 2% for the 2026–2027 budget year.
- The City’s General Fund reported a \$524,000 surplus, with overall governmental funds showing a \$1.16 million surplus.

Streets & Public Improvement Report:

Discussion included:

- Installation of decorative street sign poles on Main Street.
- Removal of an abandoned utility box near I-55 and Kennedy Road.
- Maintenance work on zoo animal displays.

Public Property Report:

Work continues on repairs to Well #1, and the pump is expected to be operational soon.

Public Health & Safety Report:

Chief Allen reported:

- 118 traffic stops
- 27 citations issued
- 79 written warnings
- 18 ordinance violations
- 3 semi-truck violations
- 10 properties brought into vehicle compliance

The ESDA volunteers were recognized for staffing the Emergency Operations Center and performing storm monitoring during recent severe weather events.

Planning & Zoning Report:

Recent Planning and Zoning items were previously discussed and approved by the Council earlier in the meeting

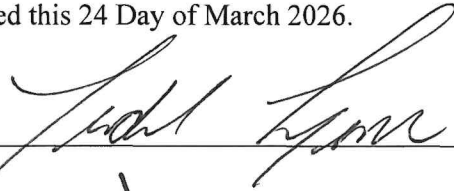
Old Business: None.

New Business: Commissioner Walsh discussed semi-truck traffic traveling on Division Street south of Main Street. Chief Allen said police have issued citations and provided route maps to trucking companies to redirect drivers to approved truck routes.

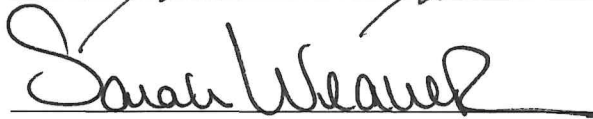
Adjournment: Commissioner Wietting made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to adjourn the March 12, 2026 regular meeting of the Braidwood City Council. Motion carried with 4 ayes: 0 nays. (Dixon, Wietting, Walsh, Mikel, and Lyons)

The next regular meeting of the Council will be held Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Approved this 24 Day of March 2026.



Mayor



City Clerk

