

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD
Agenda
City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 24, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Public Comment
Approval of Minutes

March 10, 2015 - Regular Meeting

Reports by City Officials

Mayor

Administrator

Clerk

Request from RCHS Cheerleaders Annual Car Wash in the City Lot on July 12th from 10-2 (rain date of July 19th)

Engineer

City Attorney

Reports by City Commissioners

Accounts and Finances

Payment of Bills
Payroll

Streets and Public Improvements

Public Property

Discussion regarding electric grid power conservation (ECS)

Public Health & Safety

Local Debt Recovery update

Planning & Zoning Board Report

Old Business

New Business

Executive Session to discuss personnel, pending and/or imminent litigation, collective bargaining/labor relations, or land acquisition

Adjournment

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Minutes
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Call to Order

Mayor Bill Rulien called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present.

Roll Call

Elected Officials present: Mayor Rulien, Commissioner of Public Property Jim Hutton, Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements Danny Graf, Commissioner of Public Health and Safety Eric Tessler, and Commissioner of Accounts and Finances Elena Hibler.

Appointed officials present: City Administrator Rich Girot, City Attorney Scott Pyles, City Engineer Howard Hamilton and City Clerk Lisa Glisson.

Public Comment

Angie Hutton – On behalf of the Chamber, we will have wooden nickels for the Red Carpet Corridor this year. I will be picking up the nickels on April 15th and we will get one from each town. We will also have brochure for Braidwood that will go to each of the other communities, but we need to know if you have anything to add to it so we can get it in and over to Eric Fisher who does the advertising for the Chamber by the 15th. Angie stated she had one more question that was for her not anything to do with the Chamber, on the last bill list there was a payment of \$1,600.00 for crop compensation to Glenn Ferrari, I know what compensation for crop is but what is it for and where was it at? Mayor advised it was for the crops that were damaged when EZ Street was put in. Angie asked if we will have to do that more than once or is it a onetime thing? Mayor advised it was a onetime thing and the land the crops were on is now our land that was donated to us.

Public comment closed at 7:04 pm.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the March 10, 2015 regular meeting were approved as read.

Reports by City Officials

Mayor advised we filed an objection with the Illinois Commerce Commission as we received a packet from the Railroad yesterday Monday, the 23rd advising us of a hearing for the crossings and the hearing was set for the 24th. We filed an objection since 1 day was not enough time to review it. Comm. Hutton asked which crossings, Mayor advised Main, Division and Center, all three of them.

City Administrator

City Administrator advised he and Doug are working on a few things they have a few agreements out there for 2 contractors that want to build on the 2 acres out on EZ Street.

City Clerk

Clerk presented a request from RCHS Cheerleaders to hold their annual car wash on July 12th from 10-2 with a rain date of July 19th.

Mayor Rulien requested a motion to approve the RCHS Cheerleaders carwash on July 12th (rain date of July 19th). Comm. Tessler made the motion, seconded by Comm. Graf. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.

Clerk advised the council of two more request by the NRA that would be on the next agenda and advised the council we have had 53 early voters so far.

City Engineer

Nothing to report.

City Attorney

Reported that the tax program on the adjudication process is bringing in revenue.

Reports by City Commissioners

Comm. Hibler moved to pay \$162,578.66 in bills. Comm. Hutton seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.

Comm. Hibler moved to pay \$75,648.09 in payroll. Comm. Graf seconded. The motion was approved 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.

Comm. Graf reported we thought winter was over but yesterday proved us wrong. The shoulder stone has arrived for us to start putting down where the plowing had removed it.

Comm. Hutton gave a report on the possibility of entering into an agreement with ECS to help conserve energy during peak times, where the plant would go on generator power for a specific period of time and they would compensate us for a three year period of time. Council members discussed the issues with switching over and the Mayor advised he would like to see the actual contract.

Comm. Hutton read the weekly reports.

Comm. Tessler advised the new computers in the squads give a time line of everything that happens on a call now and reported the debt recovery and requested the clerk read the amount of money that we have recouped since the start of the debt recovery program Feb 2014: \$42,840.00 placed on system, Recovered \$7,691.36, this year alone has been \$4,556.00 and this will remain on the system for 7 years. City Attorney Pyles further explained how the adjudication program works and how we receive the money compared to before when they went through the circuit court.

New Business

Chief Girot discussed how bad this election had effected the morale in the police department. When you have employees that have been here for 13 or 14 years and they want to look for new jobs because of some of the things that have been put out. Girot advised he has been in law enforcement for 27 years and has never seen it this bad. The K9 officer is even worried about losing his job and the dog that Exelon donated to us. We have had DEA call and ask for our assistance on the interstate, the people were found in Chicago with millions of dollars' worth of drugs. Chief advised he has to stand up for his guys, they don't deserve to be bashed by some people in this community. We have not had one lawsuit in the last four years, compared to numerous ones from the prior administration. Our guys do a good job and here lately, they read the paper and hear what is being said in this town, it is bad when you have good guys that want to leave.

Comm. Hutton also commented that the public works are feeling the same way about their jobs. Mayor advised there is no place to cut since we run a bare bone operation.

Adjournment

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to adjourn. Comm. Hutton made that motion, seconded by Comm. Tessler. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Approved this 14 day of April 2015

Walter Orl Mayor

Lisa O'Hara City Clerk

