CITY OF BRAIDWOOD
Agenda
City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 8, 2014, 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

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

March 25, 2014 - Regular Meeting

Reports by City Officials

Mayor

Motion to Approve a Resolution to enter into an agreement with Wilmington Pro Real Estate, Inc. for the sale of the vacant land in Townes of Braidwood.

Administrator

Clerk

NRC request the use of the council room for the aunnual public meeting on Thursday, July 17, 2012 at 5:00 pm

Engineer

City Planner

City Attorney

Reports by City Commissioners

Accounts and Finances
Payment of Bills
Payroll

Streets and Public Improvements

Public Property

Public Health & Safety

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 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 Bill 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

No comments.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the regular meeting on March 25, 2014 were approved as read.

Reports by City Officials

Mayor requested a motion to approve a Resolution 14-07 Authorizing an Agreement between Wilmington Pro Real Estate Company and the City of Braidwood to sell the vacant land in Townes of Braidwood. Comm. Graf made the motion, seconded by Comm. Tessler. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.

Mayor Rulien gave his State of the City address for the past year, he highlighted the achievements of each department and reported on the struggles the city has faced (copy attached to minutes).

City Administrator

Girot advised there is a meeting with a developer next Wednesday regarding Townes of Braidwood and the Mayor advised he has a meeting tomorrow also regarding that. Girot advised Doug and himself are moving forward and meeting with different developers. The Favero property is moving forward. Reminded everyone of the 10k/5k walk/run on this coming Sunday and reported on the efforts by himself and Comm. Tessler to complete the new fiscal year budget for his department.

City Clerk

Clerk presented the request from the NRC to use the council room for their annual public meeting on Thursday, July 17, 2014 at 5:00 pm.

Mayor requested a motion to approve the NRC request of the use of the council room. Comm. Hutton made that motion, seconded by Comm. Hibler. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.

City Engineer

Engineer reported they would be out working at the Favero property in the next couple of weeks, we will be mapping the flood plan to finalize the alignment for the access road so things can start getting built out there. Tomorrow the SCADA for connecting all the generators at the WWTP will be in place and will be a major accomplishment for how things work when there is a power outage.

City Attorney

Nothing to Report.

Reports by City Commissioners

Comm. Hibler made a correction on the bill list and took off the check for Gazebo Creations (deducted $14,875.00).

Comm. Hibler moved to pay $145,366.57, Comm. Graf seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.

Comm. Hibler moved to pay $5,868.00 in bills for the police department from Federal Forfeiture Funds, Comm. Tessler seconded. ***Discussion:*** *Chief Girot advised that is equipment for the new squad cars. Mayor advised to clarify drug forfeiture can only be used for certain things and that is one of them. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.*

Comm. Hibler moved to pay $70,447.92. Comm. Hutton seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.

Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements (Comm. Graf) advised everyone that there is no 4 wheeling on the undeveloped city property between English and Maple. Chief Girot advised they have already had public works put up signs to stop this and we will ticket people for damage to city owned property.

Commissioner of Public Properties (Comm. Hutton) read weekly reports, reported on the status of the generator and the new hammer that was purchased.

Commissioner of Public Health and Safety (Comm. Tessler) reported they are working on the budget and trying to save money and asked that neighbors would be courteous to each other and maybe it would prevent some of the complaints that come in.

Planning and Zoning

Nothing to report.

New Business

Chief Girot advised he gave the attorney the false alarm ordinance to update since it is from years ago and we have not been charging for false alarms. We are not looking to penalize people for alarms, but false alarms tie up 2 officers at a time so if the alarm is acting up then there needs to be some way to cover the expense of the call and have it fixed.

Comm. Graf reminded everyone that we all have cabin fever and this Sunday is supposed to be really nice so the kids will be out in full force and please watch out for them.

Mayor advised the City of Braidwood has started its own You Tube channel we have about 10 of them done that we will be putting out. If anyone has any ideas or if there is something else they want to see please let us know.

Comm. Hutton also asked if there is any ordinance regarding walking in the street when there is a sidewalk. He stated that the people are not moving over when vehicles are coming. Chief Girot advised he did not think there is anything they could do about it.

Adjournment

Mayor requested 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 7:23 p.m.

Approved this 22 day of April, 2014

_____ Mayor

_____ City Clerk

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS
MAYOR BILL RULIEN
APRIL 8, 2014

Building & Zoning

We updated our building, fire and pool codes. We hired impartial inspectors. We want to make sure that there will be fair treatment for all.

Housing & Economic Development

In the last year a few new homes were built and the Casey's. This year with the City purchase of the Townes of Braidwood we will see more houses built. Construction will soon begin on the Favero property of EZ Living RV. Since the City made these two moves we suddenly have great interest from others. We are exploring opportunities while we continue to market our City.

Mayor's Office

We plan to establish public transportation. The PACE bus is approved. We will send drivers for training soon. We expect to have service this year. Route 66 park is about 50% complete. We received a grant from the state to put in washrooms, a kitchen area, outdoor lighting, an ice rink, picnic and game tables, a band shell and paving. This should all be complete this fall.

We will be working to help put the "community" back in our City. We are continuing events we have started: The Route 66 10k run, National Night Out, Route 66 Cruisin' and the Scarecrow Fest. We will add a few concerts when the band shell is finished. This has been and will be a team effort.

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Streets

It was a tough winter, hard on streets. Our guys worked hard and dug us out. We finished Novy Road. This year we plan to finish paving English and Anndon in the Townes of Braidwood. We plan to repave Division from Main to Kennedy and to do patching on North Center. We plan to install sidewalks on Kennedy. This is being done with a grant applied for by a previous administration and the school district.

Public Property

Again it was a tough winter. Many frozen pipes and broken water mains. No one was without water in Braidwood for more than a day. We finished building the WWTP. It is a uniquely designed plant that should serve our community for many years. This year we plan to install new larger water mains on Division from Main to Kennedy. We have completed preliminary planning and we are now seeking funding to connect four communities to solve capacity, maintenance and emergency problems before they happen.

Public Safety

City Hall and the Police Department are now on generator power. This was needed. We must have a communication base for our city. Street lights were installed on Cermak between English and Hickory. The Police Department has been participating in training exercises and teamwork building. They have stepped up drug enforcement. They do children's gun safety training. They are raising money for St. Jude's. They are working on prevention programs with the BAHCC. They are planning our 2nd Annual National Night Out. They plan to continue to work hard to keep you safe while working hard for your respect.

Clerk's Office

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