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CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Regular Meeting, Tuesday April 25, 2017 @ 7:00pm

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Public Comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 11, 2017 Regular Meeting

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS
Mayor-

Administrator-

Clerk- American Cancer Society Relay for Life Tag Day Request, May 6th, 9am-12 noon

Engineer-

City Attorney- Ordinance 17-3, Amending Chapter 86-Utilities
-Motion relating to water/sewer rate increases

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS
Accounts and Finances -Payment of Bills
-Payroll Expenses

Streets & Public Improvements-

Public Property-

Public Health & Safety-

Planning & Zoning-

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

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD
City Council Regular (Turn About) Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 25, 2017

Prior to the Council Meeting Mayor Vehrs explained to the city council, 8th grade students and the audience about Turn About Day today. He explained that they have been representing the city throughout the day as your council members. Mayor Vehrs at this point asked the city clerk to swear in the Acting Council members: Mayor-Ashley Koca, City Clerk-Morgan Montgomery, Streets Commissioner-Glen Escobedo, Public Property Commissioner-Malachi Pareja, Police Chief-Emily Mazon, Finance Commissioner-Tim Welker, City Attorney-Darby O'Shea and Fire Chief-Michael Wilkey. Laurie Johnson then passed out Certificates to the Acting Council members.

Call to Order
Acting Mayor Koca called the city council meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance
Acting Mayor Koca asked everyone to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call
Acting City Clerk Montgomery called roll. Acting Mayor Koca, Acting Commissioners; Welker, Pareja, Escobedo, Comm. Tessler and City Attorney O'Shea. Elected Officials present: Commissioner Hibler, Commissioner Hutton, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Tessler and Mayor Vehrs were present.

Appointed officials present: City Attorney Campbell, City Clerk Sue Grygiel and Chief Nick Ficarello were present. City Administrator Labriola and City Engineer were absent.

Public Comment
Bill Rulien, Just wanted to say good job with the Turn About Day.
Jim Canup, Thanked all the young people for participating in Turn About Day and wanted to remind everyone about the Memorial Day Program at 9:00am. All Speakers have been lined up. Closed at 7:08pm.

At this time the Mayor asked Joe Hudetz of Twice the Ice to give his slide presentation. He handed out water bottles to the Acting Council members.

Approval of Minutes
Comm. Malachi made a motion, seconded by Comm. Escobedo to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 11, 2017. Acting Mayor Koca asked for further discussion. Motion approved 4 ayes, 0 nays, (Malachi, Welker, Tessler & Mayor Koca), 1 abstain (Escobedo).

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS
Mayor
Acting Mayor Koca read some notifications that she received. Congratulated Brandon Schulte for receiving his Merit Badge, installing a flag pole at Rte. 66 Park. Also read letters received. One was from a resident regarding an issue with erosion on their property. His call was given to Comm. Smith who looked into the issue and agreed that something needed to be done. He told the resident that the city workers would come down, level the area and bring him some gravel. He was thankful for the commissioner's prompt and efficient help. Mayor Koca then gave her report for today.

Administrator
Absent.

City Clerk
The clerk had on the Agenda a request from the American Cancer Society Relay for Life Tag Day request. They're requesting a Tag Day on May 6th, from 9am-12noon. The clerk then asked for a motion.
Comm. Malachi made a motion to approve the Relay for Life Tag Day on May 6th, seconded by Comm. Escobedo. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Malachi, Escobedo, Welker, Tessler and Mayor Koca).
The Acting City Clerk then gave her report for today's activities.

Engineer
Absent.

City Attorney
Atty. Campbell addressed two items he has on tonight's Agenda. The first is Ordinance 17-3, Amending Chapter 86-Utilities Section with a couple different changes; no interest, only late fees with no interest added on, section regarding final billing-making it clear that it's the Property Owner's responsibility to pay unpaid balance on rental property. Once rental property is paid in full, then can change the name on the rental account. The Atty. said basically clarifications on these items.
Comm. Hutton made a motion to adopt Ordinance 17-3, Amending Chapter 86-Utilities, seconded by Comm. Tessler. Motion approved 4 ayes, (Hutton, Tessler, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs), 1 nay (Smith).
Atty. Campbell said next Agenda item was a motion in relation to water and sewer rates. As we know Section 86-197 and 86-236 of the Ordinance require that the water & sewer rates will go up 4% on May 1st of each year, unless city council takes action to stop that. Because the council meeting falls before May 1st this year we have to address this tonight. Acting Mayor Koca is seeking a motion to not impose an increase for the next fiscal year for water & sewer rates pursuant to Sections 86-197 and 86-236 respectively. Comm. Smith questioned this is to not raise rates and Atty. Campbell said not to impose an increase.
Comm. Smith made a motion to not impose water & sewer rates per Sections 86-197 & 86-236, seconded by Comm. Hibler. Atty. Campbell explained the workings of the Ordinance to the council. Commissioners each gave their respective reasons for and against not to impose a rate increase. Motion approved 3 ayes (Smith, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs) 2 nays (Hutton & Tessler).
Atty. O'Shea gave her report with today's activities.

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 $149,009.90 seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Smith, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Hibler made a motion to pay the Payroll Expenses due in the amount of $99,712.46 seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Smith, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Welker gave his report from today.

Streets & Public Improvements
Comm. Smith had nothing to report. Comm. Escobedo gave his report from today.

Public Property
Comm. Pareja gave the Inside Crews Report first, and then gave the Outside Crews report. Comm. Pareja gave his report from today.

Public Health & Safety
Commissioner Mazon gave the stats provided by the Chief from 4/11-4/24/17, with total calls for service 248.

Planning & Zoning Board Report
Zoning member Jim Canup addressed the council advising that a meeting is scheduled for May 1st at 7:00pm.

Closed Session
Comm. Welker made a motion to go into Closed Session at 7:45pm, seconded by Comm. Escobedo and also invited in Attorney Campbell, Police Chief Mazon and Fire Chief Wilkey. Motion approved 5 ayes (Welker, Escobedo, Pareja, Mazon & Mayor Koca).

Reconvene Regular Meeting
Comm. Welker made a motion to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 7:53pm, seconded by Comm. Escobedo.

Comm. Welker made a motion to approve a Resolution to donate $100 to Wildlife and $100 to UNICEF, seconded by Comm. Escobedo. Motion approved 7 ayes 0 nays (Welker, Escobedo, Pareja, Mazon, Wilkey, O'Shea & Mayor Koca).

Fire Chief Michael Wilkey gave his report on today's activities.

Police Chief Emily Mazon gave her report on today's activities.

Old Business
Nothing to Report.

New Business
Nothing to Report.

Adjournment
Comm. Welker made motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:00pm, seconded by Comm. Escobedo. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Welker, Escobedo, Pareja, Tessler & Mayor Koca).
Meeting adjourned.

Approved this 9th day of May 2017

James Koca Mayor

Sue Grygiel City Clerk

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 0