

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD
Minutes
City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 8, 2012
City Council Chambers

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 Attorney Scott Pyles, City Administrator Rich Girot, City Planner Jim Testin and City Clerk Lisa Glisson.

Public Comment

Angie Hutton, President of Chamber of Commerce, 285 Mitchell, Thank the City for everything they did this weekend for Red Carpet Corridor. Thank you to the Police Department for the help with the riders and to Warren's Collision Center for the use of the parking lot he did close for the day to let us use it. I also wanted to thank the Mayor and Comm. Hutton for all their help when the storm came, the organizers said they had never had so much help to secure things before.

Mayor thanked Angie and the Chamber for all they do for the City.

Charles Booth, 594 N. Will Rd, would like to see more patrol since they paved the road, there are cars that are not stopping and running 30 to 40 miles down the street. Chief Girot advised they would do a traffic study and more patrols out there.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the April 26, 2012 regular meeting were approved as read.

The minutes for the Public Hearings on May 2 & 3, 2012 regular meeting were approved as read.

Reports by City Officials

Mayor Rulien advised there will be a public hearing, on Friday, May 18, 2012 at 2:30 pm to advise the public that were are applying for a community block grant to install a new water line on South Division Street.

Rulien asked for a motion to approve a \$10,000.00 deposit to finance the light pole removal from Main Street at Casey's. Comm. Hutton made a motion to approve the ordinance. Seconded by Comm. Hibler. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) and 0 nays. Discussion: Hutton asked if we had a time frame, Mayor responded that with Senator McGuire's help ComEd is moving faster.

Rulien asked for a motion to approve a Resolution (12-6) to Adopt the Annual 1,000 Hour Standard for IMRF Participation. Comm. Graf made a motion to approve the ordinance. Seconded by Comm. Hutton. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) and 0 nays. Discussion: Mayor advised it allows us to work someone up to 1,000 hours before they have to be in the retirement fund. So if we hire part-timers that can be a big thing.

Mayor Rulien reviewed the past year and the accomplishments of each of the Commissioner, Treasurer and the employees. (Eric – worked on a lot of things to make it safer around town speed limits, stop signs, lighting, and works well with the chief, new drug dog and new squads and city ID cards. Elena and Ty – checks and balances on everything we do, they check every invoice, upgraded computers, check book online. Hutton – WWTP, water & sewer lines under I55 and down Will Road, Will Road improvements, training & EPA compliance, finished depot and modernizing systems, bobcat for city, guy really works hard. Danny – repaired Novy Road and the Towne's of Braidwood, storm water inlets, voluntary clean up throughout town, streets clear, mowing sides of highway that the state doesn't do anymore. City Clerk – has taken on early voting, updating computer system, cross training of the Deputy Clerks, developing written processes, and upgrading the web site. City Administrator, annex hundreds of acres this year, planning works with the Planner, Planner does a lot for us too, boundary agreements, helps bring business to town, helps the Mayor to build relationships with other elected, and wrote policy and procedures for the City. Planning and Zoning Committee updated the zoning tables and zoning map, big, big job, a long time in coming. City Attorney – we work him to death whenever we can and he has come through on a lot of things. The City Council as a whole has worked well together. They have settled Union contracts, lawsuits and grievance that were out there for years have been settled, created a new TIF district, got rid of the junk yard at Coal City Rd, stopped the purposed apartment complex, 7 houses to be demolished, 2 commercial properties rehabbed, history museum opened, started work on welcome center, set up a program to cut abandoned properties, set up a customer service person, grants, tourism, economic development, started marketing out City, businesses came to town; Step by Step, BP Quiznoes, The Bark Land Beauties, Warren's and soon to come the bigger Casey's. Relationships with neighboring communities, government entities, local community groups and Senators and Representative have helped this City to move forward in a very positive direction in the last few years. I just want to thank everyone for all of their hard work and dedication to the City. Of course the employees, I can go on and on regarding what they do. So yes our City employees also.

Administrator

Rich Girot still working with Casey's on the new building and the new developer, there have been some changes to the plans but we don't have those yet. We are working on getting together with Broucek Family and the truck stop people.

City Clerk

Requested approval for the RCHS Cheerleaders to hold a car wash on June 16th from 11—3 (rain date 6/23) in the police parking lot. *Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve the car wash. Comm. Hutton made that motion, seconded by Comm. Tessler. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulein) and 0 nays.*

Requested approval for the NRC office at the Braidwood Station to utilize our meeting room for its Public End of Cycle Meeting on August 15th at 6:00 P.M. *Council approved, no motion needed.*

Requested approval for BAHS to use the City parking lots and police assistance for traffic control on Saturday, August 11, 2012 from 11:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. for a Vintage Car Show. *Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve the Vintage Car Show. Comm. Hibler made that motion, seconded by Comm. Tessler. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulein) and 0 nays.*

City Planner

Requested a motion to approve a resolution (12-7) in support of an application for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP), this is not necessarily a grant, but it is a grant program. It cannot be used for street roadway work, but can be used for streetscaping, lighting, bikeways and museums along Rt. 66. *Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve resolution 12-7. Comm. Graf made that motion, seconded by Comm. Hutton. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulein) and 0 nays. Discussion: Hutton asked if this was a matching funds program. Jim: it is usually 80/20 or 50/50 for lighting. Graf: it opens the door to a lot of different funds and projects.*

Testin advised there is a technical memorandum regarding Illiana, the technical advisory will be meeting in early June and they will be holding public hearings in July and August.

City Attorney

Attorney Scott Plyes informed the Council that we need to pull the letter of credit on Oak Ridge Subdivisions in order to finish some of the projects that are still not done. *Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to pull the letter of Credit for Oak Ridge Subdivision. Comm. Graf made that motion, seconded by Comm. Tessler. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulein) and 0 nays. Discussion: Hutton asked if they aren't planning on finishing. Mayor advised that when someone builds a subdivision a letter of credit is required to make sure they finish the project. In the past several subdivisions the letter of credit was never pulled and it lapsed and the City had to pay for the work. We don't want that to happen again. Hutton: is the 55,000.00 enough to finish? Mayor: it is enough for the roads but not the sidewalks or anything else. Graf: the engineers have established a wish list and a practicality list. Mayor: the Towne's of Braidwood should have had been pulled but the letter of credit was allowed to expire.*

The City is declaring a 1988 John Deere Tractor as surplus property. *Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to declare the 1988 John Deere Tractor surplus property. Comm. Graf made that motion, seconded by Comm. Hutton. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulein) and 0 nays. Discussion: Hutton asked if it is being sold as is. Mayor: yes.*

Reports by City Commissioners

Comm. Hibler moved to pay \$113,724.67 in bills. Comm. Graf seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) with 0 nays.

Comm. Hibler moved to pay \$65,494.29 in payroll. Comm. Tesler seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) with 0 nays.

Comm. Graf motioned to approve Resolution (12-8) for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code. Comm. Hutton seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) with 0 nays.

Comm. Graf motioned to authorize the Mayor to enter into an Agreement for Maintenance Engineering to be performed by a Consulting Engineer. Comm. Hutton seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) with 0 nays.

Comm. Graf motioned to approve the Municipal Estimate of Maintenance Costs. Comm. Tessler seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) with 0 nays. Discussion: Jim Testin explained the breakdown of the improvements, Comm. Tessler inquired that this would not use up all of our funds for the possibility of a developer coming in and wanting to put things in that we wouldn't be able to offer them anything. Mayor advised that with TIF III we would be able to help.

Comm. Graf motioned to authorize the Mayor to sign the Proposal / Contract Cover sheet of the Specifications. Comm. Hutton seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) with 0 nays.

Commissioner of Public Properties (Comm. Hutton) advised (a) read two biweekly reports (b) Truman Price from IDOT advised we should be getting the final request for the downtown job (c) Len Cox will be in town tomorrow for the Kennedy Auto Body sewer line (d) Will Road finishing work is being done. Comm. Graf advised that the rain has helped to identify the low spots and they are fixing them.

Comm. Hutton motioned to Approve Change Order #2 & Final for the Will Road Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Project (Contract 2), Extensions to Reed Road Project. Comm. Graf seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) with 0 nays.

Comm. Hutton motioned to approve Resolution (12-9) for 2012 Community Development Block Grant. Comm. Graf seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) with 0 nays.

Commissioner of Public Health and Safety (Comm. Tessler) reminded everyone (a) the police department will be participating in IDOT's Click It or Ticket Campaign from May 11 – 28, 2012. The campaign makes you eligible for equipment the police need. (b) the Police department received 5 computers and 4 laptops donated by State Farm Insurance.

Planning and Zoning

May 7th meeting was cancelled.

Building Inspector's Report

Tony Santerelli read the April 2012 Building Report – 44 building permits issued, totaling \$2,526.00, 21 were no charge permits. Total value of Construction was \$276,946.11.

Old Business

Chief Girot thanked the public works department and Aubrey for all he does for the police department. They save us a lot of money in all the work they do on our squad cars. The water department purchased a lift so now more work is being done at a great savings to the city by our public works employees.

Mayor advised he was going to save this for the next meeting but: public works installed park benches for senior walking area, kept city cleaned up, moved and installed city signs, ran utilities to the pavilion, mowed city properties on a regular schedule and planted bushes by the signs and many other things I couldn't write all down and keeping the streets clear.

New Business

Mayor advised there is a meeting coming up with him and some of the Commissioners with the Sec. of Transportation of the State of Illinois regarding the high speed rail. We have not given up yet we are reaching out to help have this stopped.

Executive Session

Mayor Rulien requested a motioned to enter executive session to discuss personnel, pending and/or imminent litigation, collective bargaining/labor relations or land acquisition. Comm. Hutton made the motion. Comm. Tessler seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) and 0 nays.

Call to Order

Mayor Rulien reconvened the regular meeting at 8:31 p.m.

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 Attorney Scott Pyles, City Administrator Rich Girot, and City Clerk Lisa Glisson.

Adjournment

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

Approved this 22 day of May 2012

Will Rulien Mayor

Lisa A. Glisson City Clerk