

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, May 11th, 2021 @ 7:00pm

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call by City Clerk

James Mikel, Jr.

Doug Money

Wayne Saltzman

Fay Smith

Robert Jones

IV. Public Comment: State your full name and spell your last name. Section 2-34 of the Braidwood Code of Ordinances imposes a three (3) minute limit for each person during public comment.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve Minutes of the April 27th, 2021, Regular Meeting

VII. REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

A. Mayor

1. Motion to Approve the Appointment of Michelle Headrick to the Police & Fire Board

B. Administrator

C. Clerk

D. Engineer

E. City Attorney

VIII. REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

A. Accounts and Finances

1. Approve the Payment of Bills

2. Approve Payroll

B. Streets and Public Improvements

C. Public Buildings & Property

D. Public Health & Safety

E. Planning & Zoning

IX. OLD BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Executive Session

XI. Next Regular City Council Meeting is Tuesday, May 25th, 2021 at 7:00pm

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council May 11th, 2021
Braidwood City Hall 141 W. Main St., Braidwood, IL 60408

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council on May 11th, 2021 was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Mayor Jones in the Council Chambers of the Braidwood City Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Jones 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: Mayor Jones, Commissioner Mikel, Commissioner Money, and Commissioner Smith

Absent: Commissioner Saltzman

Appointed Officials:

Present: Chief Lyons, City Administrator Altiery, City Attorney Wellner, and City Clerk Adam Beaty

Absent: City Engineer David Weber

Quorum: There being sufficient members of the corporate authorities in attendance to constitute a quorum, the meeting was declared in order.

Before public comment City Clerk Adam Beaty swore in Commissioner Mikel to following his victory in the April 6th Special Election. Commissioner Mikel will now serve out the remainder of the term vacated by the passing of Commissioner Charlie Hart.

Public Comment: George Kocek addressed the council as he headed up the Red Carpet Corridor event. Kocek added special thanks to Commissioner Money, City Administrator Altiery, Reed Township Clerk Angie Hutton, and Josh Bolotto of the Braidwood ESDA. People from as far as Idaho came to visit Braidwood along with 68 other local cities and towns.

John Dixon addressed the council and thanked City Administrator Altiery for taking care of the matter he previously asked Commissioner Smith to handle.

Mike Guinta addressed the council regarding the purchase agreement previously made with the city during the previous administration. Guinta sought clarification on dirt movement from one property to use in his construction efforts. City Attorney Wellner clarified the previously agreed to provisions are the governing provisions until otherwise agreed upon by the city council.

Wayne Kancler addressed the council regarding the need for railings along Novy Road to protect drivers and the integrity of the lake due to erosion.

Jack Horner asked the council for direction as far as his property on Office St. following a fire that destroyed his property. He was advised he may need a variance and therefore may need to go through the planning and zoning board.

Troy Ehringer asked the City to provide assistance with the failure of drainage surrounding his him following heavy rains. Standing water has caused him to need to place belongings on crates each time it rains. He stated he keeps getting a run around as far as what can be done. He stated he may seek legal counsel if nothing can be done soon.

Greg Cholek addressed the council and asked Commissioner Smith about the hiring another full-time person in the Streets Department over his allotted budget. Commissioner Smith would not discuss the matter in this section of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Saltzman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Mikel, to approve meeting minutes from the April 27th, 2021 Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried with 4 ayes: 0 nays; (Money, Mikel, and Jones, and Smith).

Mayor's Report: Mayr asked for a motion to approve Michele Headrick to the Police and Fire Board to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Michael Colavecci. Commissioner Mikel made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Money. Motion carried with 4 ayes: 0 nays; (Money, Mikel, and Jones, and Smith).

Administrator Report: City Administrator Altiery discussed the desire to go into Executive Session to discuss the hiring situation in the Streets Department. The hiring of the 5th person was not legitimate. Rules and Regulations of the City, the Union, and even the law was not followed in hiring this person. As of this meeting the employee is working on city equipment and riding in city vehicles without proper avenues being followed. This situation is a political hire and as of right now, the hire is not legitimate and a hazard to the legal process of the city. Commissioner Smith contested and his position will be explained in his report.

City Clerk Report: Beaty reported on FOIAs.

5 FOIAs were completed this period.

- 1 for Police Department Expenditures – 2 hours
- 1 for Water Well Setback Information– 2 hour
- 1 for OSHA Findings from the inspection of 4/28/21 – .5 hour

YTD FOIAs: 34 FOIAs at 52 hours.

Engineer Report: None

Chief of Police: None

City Attorney Report: Nothing to report.

Accounts & Finance Report: Commissioner Saltzman being absent, City Clerk Adam Beaty asked for a motion to approve the Payment of Bills, in the amount of \$137,647.40 as identified in the Accounts Payable General Ledger dated May 11th, 2021. Commissioner Mikel made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Money. Motion carried with 4 ayes: 0 nays; (Money, Mikel, and Jones, and Smith).

Beaty asked for a motion to approve Payroll in the amount of \$82,847.50 as identified in the Payroll General Ledger dated May 11th, 2021. Commissioner Mikel made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Money. Motion carried with 4 ayes: 0 nays; (Money, Mikel, and Jones, and Smith).

Streets & Public Improvement Report: Commissioner Smith discussed that he is the Commissioner of Streets and he can hire whomever he chooses. He stated he would not go over budget. HE further argued that had the council stuck to what it had promised during the previous fiscal year he would have been under budget. Commissioner Smith's report time spanned over and interrupted Commissioner Money's report. Commissioner Smith also handed out copies of the city ordinance explaining what his authorities are.

Public Property Report: Commissioner Money reported on maintenance and repair of equipment at the plant and throughout the city including a fire alarm inspection.

Public Health & Safety Report: Nothing to report.

Planning & Zoning Report: Nothing to report.

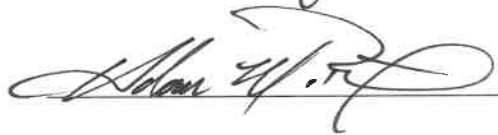
Old Business: None

New Business: None

Adjournment: Commissioner Mikel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Money, to adjourn the May 11th, 2021 regular meeting of the Braidwood City Council. Motion carried with 4 ayes: 0 nays (Smith, Money, Mikel and Jones). The next regular meeting of the Council will be held May 25th, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Approved this 25th day of May, 2021.

 _____ Mayor

 _____ City Clerk

