

**CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
141 W. MAIN STREET
BRAIDWOOD, IL 60408**

Regular Meeting, Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 7:00pm

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call by City Clerk**
 - Elizabeth Dixon**
 - James Mikel, Jr.**
 - Warren Wietting**
 - Todd Lyons**
 - Dale Walsh**

- 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.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approve Minutes of the Monday, April 28, 2025 Special Meeting**
- B. Approve Minutes of the Monday, May 5, 2025 Special Meeting**

VI. REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

- A. Mayor**
 - 1. Request motion for Ordinance 25-23 Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Settlement and Release Agreement between the City of Braidwood and Lynda Miner**
- B. Administrator**
- C. Clerk**
- D. Engineer**
- E. City Attorney**

VII. REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

- A. Accounts and Finances**
 - 1. Approve Payment of Bills: \$547,994.81**
 - 2. Approve Payroll**
 - a. Payroll Journal 04.25.2025: \$87,109.09**
 - b. Stipend & Sick Time Payout for Sergeants: \$8,479.36**
 - c. Payroll Journal Final check: 05.05.2025: \$457.70**
 - d. Payroll Journal 05.09.2025: \$82,138.92**
- C. Streets and Public Improvements**
 - 1. Motion to approve the final pay request #2 to PT Ferro in the amount of \$12,209.19**
 - 2. Motion to approve Resolution 25-5 for the Rebuild Illinois Bond Funds Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code**
 - 3. Motion to Approve the Request for Expenditure/authorization of MFT Funds (BLR-909150) for the RBI funds for the Division Street Widening**
- D. Public Buildings & Property**
- D. Public Health & Safety**
 - 1. Braidwood Police Department Press Release**

E. Planning & Zoning

1. Request a motion for Ordinance 25-24 Granting a Map Amendment to Vacant Parking Lots S. Front Street, Braidwood, IL 60408 (Located behind The Golden Mine Family Restaurant) (Will County PIN Nos. 02-24-08-414-027-0000, 02-24-08-414-021-0000 and 02-24-08-414-028-0000)
2. Request a motion for Ordinance 25-25 Approving Amendments to Section 23-9 of the City of Braidwood Code of Ordinances regarding accessory buildings
3. Next Planning and Zoning meeting is TBA.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Motion to go into executive session to discuss (i) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)) and (ii) pending, probable, or imminent litigation against, affecting, or on behalf of the City (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11))

B. Motion to close executive session

XI. Next City Council Meeting is Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 7:00pm

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council, Tuesday, May 13, 2025
Braidwood City Hall 141 W. Main St., Braidwood, IL 60408

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council on May 13, 2025 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Lyons in the Council Chambers of the Braidwood City Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Lyons 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: Commissioner Dixon, Commissioner Wietting, Commissioner Walsh, Commissioner Mikel, and Mayor Lyons

Absent: None.

Appointed Officials:

Present: City Clerk Weaver, City Engineer Sean Kelly, and City Attorney Wellner

Absent:

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

Public Comment: Danita Morgan; Braidwood Area Healthy Community Coalition; 465 E Reed St.: There will be a Community Garden Planting Day on Saturday, May 17, 2025, from 10 am to 2 pm. The plants are already bought. We just need volunteers to help plant. Kaz's Korner Food Truck will also be there on site. Flyers are on the table.

Josh Bolatto; Braidwood Lions Club: Recap of the Route 66 Red Carpet Corridor festival that took place earlier this month. There were about 700 people who came through town from all over the United States: California, Maine, Texas, Florida, and Oregon. There were also people from Czechoslovakia, Germany, Poland, UK, France, and Australia. Next year, in 2026, is the Route 66, 100th year centennial. There will be a lot going on nationwide throughout the state for this. Braidwood's biggest attraction is by the Polk a dot, the zoo, and that area there.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to approve the meeting minutes from the April 28, 2025 Special Council Meeting. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Dixon, Walsh, Wietting, Mikel, and Lyons)

Commissioner Mikel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to approve the meeting minutes from the May 5, 2025 Special Council Meeting. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays; 0 abstain (Mikel, Walsh, Dixon, Wietting, and Lyons)

Mayor's Report: Mayor Lyons: Requested a motion for Ordinance 25-23. Attorney Wellner explained how Ms. Miner filed a complaint against the city back in August of 2021 with the Illinois Department of Human Rights on a failure to recall. We proceeded to a mediation conference in April and this settlement

agreement is a result of that mediation conference. This settles the dispute with the dismissal of the charge in exchange for the agreements contained in the document. Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Mikel, to approve Ordinance 25-23 Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Settlement and Release Agreement between the City of Braidwood and Lynda Miner. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays; (Dixon, Mikel, Wietting, Walsh, and Lyons)

Administrator Report: Mayor Lyons: Spoke with Ali D'Orazio from Ford; she advised they could break ground as soon as two weeks. There are some things that need approval from corporate. Then they should be good to go. Also touched base with Darin Bauer from Chevy to check in and ensure they have everything they need from the city.

Contacted the owner of Mastodon Truck to introduce myself and get a progress update since there hasn't been a lot of activity going on. He said the engineers have been communicating and everything is moving forward. There is an IDOT situation about improvements on the roadway and intersection. There will be a decision on whether they need lights there.

Engineer Sean Kelly: I have reached out to Mastodon and they are working with IDOT to figure out what they want to do. Whether they need to realign the road it's between them and IDOT at this point. They will continue with work, it should be about two months. They would like to be operational this year.

Mayor Lyons: Will they put up a temporary light first or just the permanent light?

Engineer: The first to go is the temporary light because they can get that done faster. IDOT is requesting a full set of plans before they will make a decision on the next steps.

Mayor Lyons: The next topic is the Data Center. There was a meeting for tonight but they stated they were not in a position to give an update yet. They are in the process of acquiring more land. I have reached out to other mayors who have data centers in their towns. If anyone is interested in a tour they are willing to help out. The Chief of Police of Itasca said they have not had one issue with theirs and it has been there for three years. Hopefully, the data center people will be here for our next meeting.

We are going through the process and I have interviewed several different City Administrators. We are hoping to have something finalized for the next meeting.

For the Chief of Police, I am going through resumes. The interviews will be in the first week of June. Nine different candidates will be interviewed; one will be an internal candidate. The interviews will be done by other Chiefs of Police from different communities. Then I am looking for them to narrow it down to about three to four. Then I will bring it back to the council to make a decision on the final three.

City Clerk Report: No report.

Engineer Report: No report.

City Attorney Report: No report.

Accounts & Finance Report: Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wietting, to approve the Payment of Bills, in the amount of \$547,994.81 as identified in the Accounts Payable General Ledger dated May 13, 2025. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays. (Dixon, Wietting, Walsh, Mikel, and Lyons)

Commissioner Dixon then made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Mikel, to Approve Payroll Expenses in the amount of \$87,109.09 as identified in the Payroll General Ledger dated April 25, 2025, Stipend and & Sick time payout for Sergeants in the amount of \$8,479.36, payroll expense for a final check in the amount of \$457.70, and payroll expenses in the amount of \$82,138.92 as identified in the

Payroll General Ledger dated May 9, 2025. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays. (Dixon, Mikel, Wietting, Walsh, and Lyons).

Streets & Public Improvement Report: Commissioner Walsh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wietting, to approve the final pay request #2 to PT Ferro in the amount of \$12,209.19. This is the remaining balance for the Division and English Street project. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays (Walsh, Wietting, Dixon, Mikel, and Lyons)

Commissioner Walsh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Mikel, to approve Resolution 25-5 for the Rebuild Illinois Funds Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code. Engineer Sean Kelly: Back in 2021 the state of Illinois issued bonds for infrastructure improvements. There is a deadline of where the funds need to be obligated and this is that form. Motion carried with 4 ayes; 0 nays; 1 abstain (Walsh, Mikel, Wietting, and Lyons)

Commissioner Walsh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wietting, to approve the request for Expenditure/Authorization of MFT Funds (BL-909150) for the RBI Funds for the Division Street Widening. Motion carries with 4 ayes; 0 nays; 1 abstain (Walsh, Wietting, Mikel, and Lyons)

Public Property Report: Commissioner Wietting: The guys have been busy. George put together a list from April 21 to May 12, with him and his assistant Brody: 52 locates, 10 water shut offs, monthly water reads, helped street dept with pipe project on W. Eureka and W. Main St., fixed flag at City Hall x2, 7 sewer inspections, weeded fire hydrants, helped street dept take off salt spreaders, 5 final reads, 2 B-box locates, 4 water meter replacements, found and plotted 105 B-boxes on subsurface maps, measured and plotted 75 sewers on subsurface maps. The subsurface maps are where everything is documented. They can find these later on or in the middle of winter with the GPS.

Public Health & Safety Report: Commissioner Mikel: Braidwood Police Department Press Release from April 22, 2025 to May 12, 2025: Total number of calls for service 462, case reports 45, total subjects arrested 3, total arrest charges 5, total number of traffic stops 131, citations 33, written warnings 82, semi-truck violations 4, and total number of P-tickets 12.

We have a couple of new officers hired on April 23, who recently graduated from the police academy in Champaign. The first officer is Joshua Mikel, he graduated from Coal City High School. While attending, he participated in football all 4 years, basketball 3 years, and track & field 3 years. He participated in GAVC course in criminal justice. After graduating from high school, he worked at Pontiac Correctional Center as a correctional officer. During that time, he was also a member of the TRT (Tactical Response Team).

Officer Michelle Potter, graduated from Reed-Custer High School. While attending, she competed in track & field all 4 years and held a school record. She went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Science from Olivet Nazarene University. Since graduating, she has worked as a personal trainer and gained experience in corporate management.

Mayor Lyons: Also, this Friday is Cop on a Roof at Dunkin Donuts. It is a great cause and event. Please come and donate and participate. We will be teaming up with the Wilmington Police Department, and Officer Brady will be there.

On Wednesday, June 18, City Hall will host another blood drive from 2 pm – 6 pm. Please pre-register if anyone would like to donate.

Planning & Zoning Report: George Koczek: The commission board met on May 5, 2025. Requested a motion for Ordinance 25-24 to combine and change the zoning from R-1 to B-1 for the Golden Mine's parking lots. Commissioner Wietting made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to approve Ordinance 25-24 Granting a Map Amendment to Vacant Parking lots S. Front Street, Braidwood, IL 60408 (Located behind the Golden Mine Family Restaurant). Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays (Wietting, Walsh, Dixon, Mikel, and Lyons)

Requested a motion for Ordinance 25-25. The discussion about accessory buildings having a height from 15ft to 18ft and no more than two. The ordinance is a bit different than what was discussed at the board meeting. Attorney Wellner stated that the ordinance is what was proposed. The ordinance can either be approved as is or with the recommended amendments. Commissioner Wietting made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Mikel, to approve Ordinance 25-25 Approving Amendments to Section 223-9 of the City of Braidwood Code of Ordinances regarding accessory buildings. Motion carried with 3 ayes; 2 nays (Wietting, Mikel, and Walsh)

The next zoning meeting is to be announced.

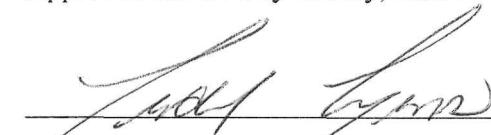
Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Adjournment: Commissioner Wietting made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to adjourn the May 13, 2025 regular meeting of the Braidwood City Council. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays. (Dixon, Wietting, Walsh, Mikel, and Lyons)

The next regular meeting of the Council will be held Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Approved this 27 Day of May, 2025.



Mayor



City Clerk

