

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 7:00pm

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call by City Clerk

Doug Money

Warren Wietting

Dale Walsh

Ron Wilczak Sr.

Karen Hart

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 Tuesday, April 23, 2024 Regular Meeting

VI. REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

A. Mayor

1. Request a motion to approve Ordinance 24-16 Authorizing the City of Braidwood to enter into and for the Mayor of Braidwood to Execute a Cable Television Franchise Agreement between the City of Braidwood and Comcast of California/Colorado/Illinois/Indiana/Michigan, LLC
2. Request a motion to approve Ordinance 24-17 Waiving Competitive Bidding and Approving the Purchase of a 2024 GMC Terrain from Arnie Bauer for use by the City of Braidwood
3. Request a motion to approve raises for the following non-bargaining employees:
 - a. City Administrator: 5%
 - b. City Clerk: 5%
 - c. Police Chief: 3.5%
 - d. Office Clerks; City Hall and PD: 3%
 - e. Code Enforcement: \$3.00

B. Administrator

C. Clerk

1. Request a motion to approve the American Legion 2024 Poppy Days of May 17 and May 18, 2024.
2. Announcement for First Presbyterian Church of Braidwood will host the All-Town Garage Sale Days June 14 and 15, 2024

D. Engineer

E. City Attorney

VII. REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

A. Accounts and Finances

1. Approve Payment of Bills **\$721,881.46**
2. Approve Payroll
 - a. 4.26.2024: **\$91,482.57**
 - b. Contract Payout 5.1.2024: **\$22,673.55**
 - c. 5.10.2024: **\$100,309.14**

B. Streets and Public Improvements

1. Motion to approve the purchase of a Grasshopper 325D with 61" Deck Lawnmower in the amount of \$15,200.00 from Sistek Sales.

C. Public Buildings & Property

1. Motion to approve the purchase of six (6) 5-1/4 WB67 Hydrants in the amount of \$30,000.000 from Core & Main.

D. Public Health & Safety

1. Motion to approve Ordinance 24-18 Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Braidwood and the Policemen's Benevolent labor Committee to be Effective May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2027
2. Motion to approve Ordinance 24-19 Amending Section 58-169 of Braidwood's Code of Ordinances to Regulate Large Recreational Fires
3. Announcement of E.S.D.A Service Reports

E. Planning & Zoning

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 28, 2024 at 7:00pm

XII. ADJOURNMENT

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council Tuesday, May 14, 2024
Braidwood City Hall 141 W. Main St., Braidwood, IL 60408**

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council on May 14, 2024 was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Mayor Hart in the Council Chambers of the Braidwood City Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Hart 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 Money, Commissioner Wietting, Commissioner Walsh, Commissioner Wilczak and Mayor Hart

Absent: None

Appointed Officials:

Present: City Clerk Weaver, City Administrator Altiery, Chief Goodwin, City Engineer Sean Kelly, and City Attorney BryanWellner

Absent: None

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

Public Comment: Elizabeth Dixon; 195 N Lincoln St: First, I want you know that the weeds are very high at some abandoned buildings and lots. There is one on Division St. you can't see the house. Second, there is a hole at the top of Lincoln St, at Lincoln and First. We did say something to Scott but just wanted to let you know as well. Third, I have a question about the car you are buying. I don't understand why you can't put it out for bid. But my question is, if it is a care for the city to use to drive around, does it really need the infotainment package II for \$1,180 in car we just drive back and forth with?

George Kocek; 111 N Park Rd.: I ran the Route 66 Red Carpet Corridor for the City of Braidwood this year. The log book showed people from all over the country. There was a total of 311 people who signed the book. They came from 23 towns in Illinois, multiple states, also had someone from Spain and Mexico. Thank you to everyone who made this possible.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Wilczak made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wietting, to approve meeting minutes from the April 23, 2024. Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Money, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart)

Mayor's Report: Hart: Requested a motion to approve Ordinance 24-16 Authorizing the City of Braidwood to enter into and for the Mayor of Braidwood to Execute a Cable Television Franchise Agreement between the City of Braidwood and Comcast of California/Colorado/Illinois/Indiana/Michigan LLC. Comm. Money asked if this is replacing the current one? Mayor Hart stated, yes. Commissioner Wilczak made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walsh to approve Ordinance 24-16. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays (Money, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart)

Requested a motion to approve Ordinance 24-17 Waiving Competitive bidding and Approving the Purchase of a 2024 GMC Terrain from Arnie Bauer for use by the City of Braidwood. Comm. Wietting noted that it is hard to get a basic model vehicle. There were phone calls made to check around and this was a good deal and what was available. Commissioner Wietting made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walsh to approve Ordinance 24-17. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays (Money, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart)

Requested a motion to approve raises for the following non-bargaining employees: City Administrator 5%, City Clerk 5%, Police Chief 3.5%, Office clerks; city hall and PD 3%, and code enforcement \$3.00 increase. Commissioner Wilczak made a motion to approve raises, seconded by Commissioner Wietting. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays (Money, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart).

Administrator Report: Altiery: We have been working with businesses. The business Mastadon will be on our July 1 zoning meeting. Mastadon will be the gas station and car wash on the corner of Coal City Rd and Route 113. There are a few other businesses but I don't want to say too much yet because it's still in the early stages.

City Clerk Report: Weaver: Requested a motion to approve the American Legion Poppy Days of May 17 and May 18, 2024. Commissioner Wietting made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walsh to approve the American Legion Poppy Day of 2024. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays (Money, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart).

The First Presbyterian Church of Braidwood is hosting the All-Town Garage Sale Days on Friday June 14 and Saturday June 15 from 8am-3pm. Entry forms will be available in the newspaper, on the church's Facebook page and here at City Hall if you would like to participate.

Engineer Report: No report.

City Attorney Report: Wellner: Wanted to follow up on the Mastadon project. Some people might be surprised how fast this is going. But we have been working on this for some time and now that all the paperwork is in order, we now can present this to the zoning to start moving forward.

Accounts & Finance Report: Commissioner Money made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wietting, to approve the Payment of Bills, in the amount of \$721,811.46 as identified in the Accounts Payable General Ledger dated May 14, 2024. This included our \$350,000 EPA payment for the sewer plant and also the \$160,000 TIF redevelopment agreement for Ultimate Rides. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays. (Money, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart)

Commissioner Money then made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to Approve Payroll Expenses, in the amount of \$91,482.57 as identified in the Payroll General Ledger dated April 26, 2024. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays. (Money, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart).

Commissioner Money then made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilczak, to Approve Contract Payout Expenses, in the amount of \$22,673.55 as identified in the Payroll General Ledger dated May 1, 2024. This payment is a stipend payment payout and end of year contract amounts that need to be paid to certain individuals per the union. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays. (Money, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart).

Commissioner Money then made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilczak, to Approve Payroll Expenses, in the amount of \$100,309.14 as identified in the Payroll General Ledger dated May 10, 2024. Mayor Hart asked why there are two payouts? Comm. Money, this is one of those times when we have a

longer gap between meetings and two pay runs come up. This happens about four times a year. Comm. Walsh asked why this payroll is more than previous? Weaver: We hired the new officers, which is now in this payroll. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays. (Money, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart).

Streets & Public Improvement Report: Walsh: Thank Scott Howard for the list of things they work on down there.

Commissioner Walsh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilczak to approve the purchase of a Grasshopper 325D with 61" Deck lawnmower in the amount of \$15,200 from Sistek Sales. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays (Money, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart).

Public Property Report: Wietting: Commissioner Wietting made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Money to approve the purchase of six (6) 5-1/4 WB67 Hydrants on the amount of \$30,000 from Core & Main. Altiery: This money is coming out of grant money not city budget. Wietting: I know our stock is down. We did have someone back over a hydrant not long ago. This is so we have some onsite when needed. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays (Money, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart).

Public Health & Safety Report: Wilczak: Commissioner made a motion to approve Ordinance 24-18 Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Braidwood and the Policemen's Benevolent Labor Committee to be effective May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2027, seconded by Commissioner Walsh. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays (Money, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart).

Commissioner Wilczak made a motion to approve Ordinance 24-19 Amending Section 58-169 of Braidwood's Code of Ordinance to Regulate large recreational fires, seconded by Commissioner Wietting. An explanation of changes was to section e. and f. This is about bond fires or ceremonial fires. Open burning needs to have a permit approved by authorities. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays (Money, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart).

Commissioner Wilczak called Josh Bolatto up for an annual fiscal report of the Braidwood E.S.D.A totals and activities. Also spoke on Everbridge enrollments and notification use.

Wilczak: The Braidwood Police Department Press Release for April 23 to May 13, 2024. The total number of calls for service 356, cased reports 28, total subjects arrested 7, total arrest charges 8, total number of traffic stops 83, citations 22, written warnings 43, semi-truck violations 4, total number of P-tickets 5.

Wilczak: Remind everyone about the Citizens Police Academy and the activities that are experiencing in this nationwide program.

Chief Goodwin spoke in the upcoming event of Cop on a Roof on Friday May 17 from 5am to noon. They are teaming up with the Wilmington Police Department and raise money for Special Olympics at the Dunkin in Diamond.

Planning & Zoning Report: No report.

Old Business: None

New Business: Comm. Walsh: Reported we passed our MFT audit with the help of everyone keeping those records.

Comm. Money: Wants everyone to be aware if we have plans as a city, on what to do in the event of a tornado or other disaster besides the nuclear evacuation. To have water and other services available if

needed. Josh Bolatto stated that they have plans in place with Will County and an Emergency Operations Plan where we can get assistance from county, state, and or federal. Altiery: We also belong to IPWMAN where we can get support from if needed.

Comm. Money: The situation with the train crossing closing. The trucks did not know the crossing was closed and went to the Center St crossing and gridlocked traffic trying to make that turn. Can we have signs in place for detour truck route? Josh Bolatto: This is an IDOT issue. There were detour signs, they did not say truck detour though. Unfortunately, some signs were moved and that can cause issues.

Adjournment: Commissioner Wilczak made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to adjourn the May 14, 2024 regular meeting of the Braidwood City Council. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays. (Money, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart) The next regular meeting of the Council will be held Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 7:00pm

Approved this 28 Day of May, 2024.

Karen E. Hart Mayor

Sarah Weaver City Clerk

