

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 7:00pm

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call by City Clerk** **Karen Hart** **Dale Walsh** **Warren Wietting**
 James Mikel

- 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, May 9, 2023 Regular Meeting**

VI. REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

A. Mayor

- 1. Announce Vacancy in the Office of Mayor**
- 2. Appointment of Karen Hart as Mayor for the City of Braidwood**
- 3. Motion to Approve Appointment of Karen Hart as Mayor for the City of Braidwood**
- 4. Swear In Karen Hart as Mayor**
- 5. Appointment of Doug Money as Commissioner of Accounts and Finances**
- 6. Motion to Approve Appointment of Doug Money as Commissioner of Accounts and Finances**
- 7. Swear In Doug Money as Commissioner of Accounts and Finances**
- 8. Appointment of Tony Altiery as City Administrator**
- 9. Motion to Approve Appointment of Tony Altiery as City Administrator**
- 10. Swear In Tony Altiery**
- 11. Appointment of Todd Lyons as Chief of Police**
- 12. Motion to Approve Appointment of Todd Lyons as Chief of Police**
- 13. Swear In Todd Lyons**
- 14. Appointment of Bryan Wellner of Mahoney, Silverman & Cross, LLC as City Attorney**
- 15. Motion to Approve Appointment of Bryan Wellner of Mahoney, Silverman & Cross, LLC as City Attorney**
- 16. Swear In Bryan Wellner**

B. City Administrator

- 1. Motion to Approve the Benefits for City Administrator**

C. Clerk

D. Engineer

E. City Attorney

VII. REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

A. Accounts and Finances

- 1. Approve Payment of Bills**
- 2. Approve Payroll**

B. Streets and Public Improvements

C. Public Buildings & Property

D. Public Health & Safety

E. Planning & Zoning

VIII. OLD BUSINESS



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council Tuesday, May 23, 2023

Braidwood City Hall 141 W. Main St., Braidwood, IL 60408

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council on May 23, 2023 was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Commissioner Hart in the Council Chambers of the Braidwood City Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Hart requested all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Upon Roll Call by acting Clerk, the following members of the corporate authorities answered "Here" or Present";

Elected Officials:

Present: Commissioner Hart, Commissioner Wietting, Commissioner Walsh, and Commissioner Mikel.

Absent:

Appointed Officials:

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

Opening Statement: Commissioner Hart read a statement addressing the resignation of Mayor Christopher Earley. On May 19 he tenured his resignation effective immediately. Thank you for your service of Braidwood and we wish him well.

Public Comment: Marylu Jensen from 340 S Washington St.: Handed out flyers to the council about No-Mow-May. She is asking for the city not to cite anyone for code violations for tall grass during the month of May that are willing to participate in. She is asking for people to take place in letting their lawn and flowers grow to help the bee population.

Kyle Shores from 976 N English St.: Stating he has an issue appointing Tony Altiery to Supervisor of Public Works that happened at the last council meeting. Realizing that there are some changes since the last meeting to this meeting. Saying that he used to serve in union and is familiar with Robert's Rules of Order that is also in the City Ordinance Section 2.35. Kyle feels the last council and the current is not following these rules. He says the appointments need to be put on the agenda and talked about before being voted on. Transparency was focused on during the election, but feels there is still no transparency. Feels Tony is getting special treatment. Kyle has broken an ordinance and feels he was held to a different standard. Asking for a standard to be held by accountable to all members of the council and those who serve.

Nicole Shores from 976 N English St.: Says everyone ran on transparency and held up the agenda and feels this is not transparency. She is also familiar with Robert's Rules of Order as an office admin for a non-profit organization who were way more transparent than this. Acknowledge some choice words she posted on Facebook but stands by those words. Pointing out that being new to the council is not an excuse for not being transparent. Nicole says their needs to be explanations after everything on the agenda and our online community needs to be more transparent. She says she did not vote for them to put Tony Altiery into their position. She voted for the previous Mayor this council because it was the better of options and feels that it's a shame. She felt there was a smear campaign and is ready for a change.

Greg Cholek 176 Harbor Landing: Feels there has been a lot of ranker with the last election and discussion about the mayor's resignation. As far as Tony Altiery, I have done numerous interviews and normally it a job application or resume and a 30 min interview, to see if they are qualified. It would be nice to work with the person to see if

they are qualified. But the council are voted in and I trust you to make the right decision because you have the luxury of working with Tony.

Sylvia Lamping 1160 W. Main St.: Yes, we can trust you and we know Tony. Believes the votes were not against Doug, but felt and vote for Doug was a vote for Tony. More than half the voters voted against Tony, so yes, we might trust you. But we could provide the same trust to Mayor Earley because that's who we voted for.

Ron Wilzack 36 Hole in the Wall Court: Coming to meeting for years and has many interactions with board members and Tony. Does not know what the problem is with Tony. Everything has been good and does the widespread communications of these meetings. Is always available when needed. He has worked on position procedures and job responsibility. Feels you should have reasons before you condemn someone, Nicole said she has reasons, Ron said it is his time to talk. Everything he has seen everything has been good. Not make this a personal issue. Everyone needs to work together and is sad the Earley could not continue. Sees a lot of good and if you feel something is not handled correctly, keep bringing up the issue to find another way.

Phil Nagel 203 E Cermak: I ran in the last election cycle for Illinois Senate District 48. Congrats to all on the council, I voted for you all. Feels the council needs to address all the issues that have been approached to them by the people. The state needs change and the energy in the room is what we need to take the state back. This is how we create change. Looking forward to see what is in place with this council.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Wietting made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walsh to approve meeting minutes from May 9, 2023. Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried with 4 ayes: 0 nays. (Wietting Walsh, Mikels, and Hart)

Reports by Officials:

Commissioner Wietting stating that there is a vacant in the office of Mayor making a motion to appoint Karen Hart to the Mayor of Braidwood, seconded by Commissioner Mikels. Motion carried with 4 ayes: 0 nays. (Wietting, Walsh, Mikels, and Hart). Commissioner Hart was then immediately sworn in by Judge Anderson from Will County Circuit Judge. Mayor Hart then took the seat at the council table.

Mayor Hart is asking for a motion. Commissioner Mikels made a motion to appoint Doug Money as the Commissioner of Accounts and Finance, seconded by Commissioner Walsh. Motion carried with 4 ayes: 0 nays. (Wietting, Walsh, Mikels, and Hart). Doug Money was the immediately sworn in by Judge Anderson and Commissioner Money took his seat at the council table for Accounts and Finance.

Mayor Hart is asking for a motion. Commissioner Wietting stating the accomplishments Tony Altieri has done for the City of Braidwood. Tony has worked diligently and gained tremendous ground with the money for the city. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Money. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays. (Wietting, Walsh, Mikels, Money, and Hart).

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Mayor Hart took the time to thank Judge Anderson in taking his time to come and swear everyone in.

Mayor Hart is asking for a motion. Commissioner Wietting spoke about the benefits for City Administrator Tony Altieri. After researching surrounding administrators this benefit package is still under paid in comparison.

Judge Anderson spoke saying it was an honor being here but he was stepping out to celebrate his son's 20th birthday.

Commissioner Wietting made a motion to approve Resolution 23-3 Approve benefits to be provided to Braidwood City Administrator Tony Altieri. City Attorney Bryan Wellner spoke of the highlights listed in Exhibit 1 of the benefits letter addressed to Tony Altieri. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Walsh. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays. (Wietting, Walsh, Mikels, Money, and Hart).

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City Attorney: Thank you having me back, enjoyed working with the city for the last 4 years. There is a lot of knowledge here and is looking forward to working with the council for the next 4 years. Happy to see the civic engagement at the meeting. I created this agenda with more information than needed. Robert's Rules of Order to not apply to the agenda. It applies to how business is conducted at a meeting, specific to the meeting. City follows it pretty much, no one follows it verbatim, the rules were made a long time ago. Order of business does change from time to time. Open meeting act an Illinois statute is what government follows what goes on the agenda and how it's written. What needs to go on the agenda for the public is the subject matter that will be voting on. Example: Appointment of Mayor: All it needs to say is appointment of mayor, it does not need to say approval or have name listed. We do not put everything on the agenda that is what the resolutions and documents are for. I can guarantee the papers do exist. Please call city if you need to see the papers, and ask questions.

Accounts and Finance: Mayor Hart said she would take the accounts and finance for this meeting. Mayor Hart asked for a motion to approve the Payment of Bills in the amount of \$98,814.19. The motion was made by Commissioner Money, seconded by Commissioner Wietting. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays. (Wietting, Walsh, Mikels, Money, and Hart). Mayor Hart also asked for a motion to approve Payroll in the amount of \$83,007.86. The motion was made by Commissioner Money seconded by Commissioner Walsh. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays. (Wietting, Walsh, Mikels, Money, and Hart).

Streets and Public Improvements: Commissioner Walsh wants to respond to Nicole Shores, who has since left the council meeting, my reasons for nominating Tony Altieri a couple weeks ago. I do not know Tony very well, we do not hang out together, we are not friends, but I know of him. I know he has helped out in the community with the Junior Comet program. I found out that Tony has an exceptional work ethic. When I have talked to people, they don't like him, I don't like what he has done. They don't look at all the good things that he has done. I am offering a town hall meeting and have Tony tell you all he has done what you want to know. It takes time to learn and get comfortable with a job. So, I feel he should have a second term. I have sat silent but now I don't have to. I don't have to like who is in office. I would rather have someone I don't like that gets the work done than have someone I do like but does not do the work.

Scott Howard was appointed by Warren, Tony, and myself as the foreman of Streets Dept. I feel he was passed over by previous administration. He has the seniority and experience.

Public Health & Safety: Commissioner Mikels said there were 5 arrest charges and total calls were 184 from April 24 to May 7, 2023. I am authorizing the hire of a full-time officer to replace the departure of an officer, with the recommendation of the police and fire board on May 24, 2023.

Braidwood and Wilmington Police Department teamed up for the Cop on the Rooftop at the local Dunkin' in Diamond on May 19, 2023. The whole community was invited to support the fundraiser for Special Olympics. The amount raised at the location was \$3,700 and over \$900,000 state wide.

Shout out to the Jake Evans the high school boy's baseball coach on semi-final sectional match at Joliet.

Old Business: Commissioner Walsh spoke about the street sign requested by Liz Dixon to be voted on at the next council meeting, Jack & Karen Bunting, to be put by the old Hardware store.

New Business: Mayor Hart was informed that May 21-27 is public works weeks, I know it's a bit late, but we will plan something for the next year. They work hard and need to be acknowledged.

We will have a Memorial Day Service May 29th @ 9:00am across from City Hall at the Memorial site.

Braidwood Garage Sale Days are June 9 and 10th

We will be posting for job applications for a part-time city clerk.

We will be posting for job applications for our webpage and media.

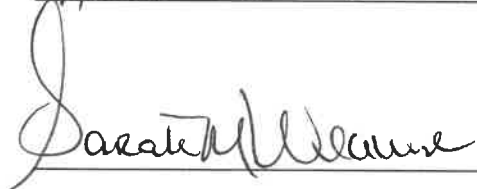
City Administrator added that we have a 5k run this weekend also. There will be some road closures during this time.

Adjournment: Commissioner Walsh made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Wietting. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays. (Wietting, Walsh, Mikels, Money, and Hart).

Approved this 6th day of June, 2023



Mayor



City Clerk Temp

