

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, May 24 2016 @ 7:00pm

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Public Comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 10, 2016 Regular Meeting
-May 10, 2016 Public Hearing

Executive Session- Discuss personnel, pending and/or imminent litigation, collective bargaining/labor relations
or land acquisition
-Actions to be taken following Executive Session:

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor- Discussion of City Administrator position

Administrator-

Clerk-

Engineer-

City Attorney- Resolution 16-13, Authorizing Execution of Contract for Professional Services-Midwest Public
Safety Communications
- Project Management Contractor Services Agreement between City of Braidwood &
Consultant-Jackson Consulting LLC
-Letter of Understanding in conjunction with High Speed Rail Projects in Braidwood,
Resolution 16-14

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Accounts and Finances -Payment of Bills
-Payroll

Streets and Public Improvements -

Public Buildings & Property-

Public Health & Safety-Accept Resignation of Bruce Kruizinga
-Appoint (2) Part-Time Officers (George Vega, Brian Lewis)

Planning & Zoning

Old Business

New Business

Adjournment

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City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 24, 2016

Call to Order

Mayor Vehrs called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Vehrs asked Jim Canup to lead everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

Elected Officials present: Commissioner Hibler, Commissioner Hutton, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Tessler and Mayor Vehrs were present.

Appointed officials present: City Attorney Bryan Kopman, Chief Nick Ficarello and City Clerk Sue Grygiel were present. City Engineer and City Administrator were absent.

Public Comment

Jim Canup, American Legion Commander, thanked everyone who helped out and contributed with their Poppy Days that took in over \$1,400 which goes between three charities. The American Legion keeps none of the money it continues to go to various charities; Manteno Veteran's Home, Fisher House which is similar to Ronald McDonald House for families at Hines Veteran Hospital and the other is Honor Flight Chicago. Honor Flight Chicago is now looking for Korean War Vets to go on the flights.

Scott Allison, He wondered now with Division and Center St. crossings the way they are, not being changed for the last couple of days, he questioned is this the pattern that's going to continue forever? Are they moving Route 129 out? Mayor Vehrs said in the beginning they were going to do some extensive work but when the state allocated all the utility movements it was out of their budget so tightened up a little. Comm. Hutton was told that they're hardly touching Route 53 at all. Route 129 will be raised for the elevation, that's why they went from a 4-way stop to a 3-way stop and now traffic over the railroad tracks has right of way, there is no stop at bottom of tracks on Route 129. Chief addressed Scottie and said that IDOT is coming out next week to see what other alternatives we have with the stop signs situation. There is a disagreement with IDOT and the Railroad at this point. Chief said there has to be so many feet where you stop in front of a railroad crossing, that's why the stop signs are up and down and up.

Michelle Serena, owner of MJS Communications at 146 E. Main St. Michelle had questions that were all directed at Comm. Hutton. Michelle asked Hutton how long he's been a commissioner? Hutton replied 9 years. Michelle asked do you feel you're doing a good job? Hutton replied yes I do. Michelle asked do you know your accounts for water & sewer? Hutton replied not all of them no. Michelle replied that after 9 yrs. she thought he should. Michelle said that Hutton sat a prior meeting and told everyone that her letter suspending services at their store never existed. But it wasn't true it was found where you signed off and it was approved, and the adjustment was done by the former city clerk. Michelle asked Hutton did I publically lie as you stated? Hutton replied no but your letter of suspension is when the building was empty. Once you occupy the building you are supposed to apply to reinstate the service. Comm. Hutton asked Atty. Kopman if he was correct in his previous statement? Atty. Kopman said honestly he didn't know because they've been working on two different versions of the ordinance, we have to find the current one then he could answer the question. Michelle stated as Mr. Snedeker pointed out at a meeting, that she is an appointed official she should be held at a higher standard and should be accountable and should have city services at my business that I'm at 12 hrs. a week, and I pay monthly

sales tax. Michelle then questioned why is a former commissioner, former mayor pro-tem, former mayor elected, who should know the rules and be held at the highest accountability! Can you explain to me why the property at 187 E. Main Street which is zoned B1, why he is allowed to have a residential meter with a senior discount and on commercial property? Comm. Hutton said we are in the process of looking into that right now. Michelle asked does he not have services to his business? Hutton said yes. Michelle asked are they stealing city services that I was accused of doing? Hutton said no. Michelle then questioned the property at 625 W. Main; it doesn't have a water meter or sewer hookup. There is a business on this property which she and Hutton had a discussion on many years ago; you told me you did not require him to have one because he only works in shop a few hours a week. But you have allowed him to have a Porta Potty which is against code violation and you haven't required him to hookup to city services. Michelle said the business in question is Bryan's Auto World. Michelle asked him to explain why it's good for him and nobody else? Michelle also asked him to explain why the property located at 332 French St. is paying a residential rate for commercial zoned property. This property was rezoned by a former city employee, who was also the zoning clerk during her employment, who doesn't have to pay commercial rates for water & sewer. Why was the water meter at this location changed in 2011, not billed for any services between December 2013 when it was rezoned and February 2016? At this point I feel you are discriminating against me and my business and since you are not requiring other businesses to have the services that you are requiring us to have. Michelle said she will be following up to make sure these other businesses have the same requirements that are being expected of them.

Public Comment closed at 7:08pm.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes couldn't be typed by the city clerk due to a splinted middle finger on right hand. The clerk said they will be ready for the next council meeting.

Executive Session

Atty. Kopman advised the council that we need a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel and to meet with our External Auditors regarding internal control weaknesses and identification of potential fraud risk areas and for that portion we would like to invite in Mary O'Connor and Jim Sullivan from Sikich LLP and Chief Ficarelo.

A motion was made by Comm. Smith, seconded by Comm. Hibler to go into Executive Session for the reasons given by the city attorney. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hibler, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

A motion was made by Comm. Smith, seconded by Comm. Hutton to reconvene our Regular Session at 7:50pm. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hutton, Tessler, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs).

Mayor Vehrs advised that there will be no action taken following Executive Session.

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

Mayor Vehrs advised that our City Administrator is on Administrative Leave, action will be taken soon, very soon.

The mayor wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day weekend, be safe, honor a vet by putting a flag out.

Administrator

Absent

City Clerk

The clerk addressed and read a letter that was given to the council in their packets from a Girl Scout, Eva Mudro, who was asking about sidewalks in town and if they were going to be fixed with the new school being built.

Engineer

Absent

City Attorney

Atty. Kopman said up for consideration tonight is Resolution 16-13, Authorizing Execution of Contract for Professional Services-Midwest Public Safety Communications along with Project Management Contractor Services Agreement between City of Braidwood and Consultant-Jackson Consulting LLC. These actually are both the same item. Back in February this council made a motion to move forward with a Consultant, Midwest Public Safety Communications to act as a consultant relative to the withdrawal of the City of Braidwood with WESCOM. Moving the city forward looking into other PSAP's that provide 911 call services and dispatching for the Police Department. Since that time a conflict has arisen with Midwest Public Safety Communications, they have someone that they subcontract with who is already working with Braidwood under them who can take it over. He does not have a similar conflict; his name is Ron Jackson of Jackson Consulting LLC. What this Resolution does is allows the Mayor to sign the Agreement with Jackson Consulting LLC, the exact same Agreement that we had with Midwest Public Safety Communications, there's no difference and no payment was ever made to Midwest Public Safety. Ron Jackson's firm is just taking over the Contract.

A motion was made by Comm. Tessler to approve Resolution 16-13 as amended to say Jackson Consulting LLC and not Midwest Public Safety and the Contractor Services Agreement with Jackson Consulting LLC, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hutton, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs).

The next Resolution is a request from the State for a Letter of Understanding. We are waiting some confirmation documentation from IDOT and have had conversation with them but haven't received those documents. We are in agreement with the wording of the Letter of Understanding just waiting for the supporting documentation. Assuming that's all appropriately states what we expect it to state we're asking authorization from the council moving forward with the Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the Letter of Understanding subject to Attorney review and Engineering approval. So asking for passage of Resolution 16-14 as IDOT needs by June 10th.

A motion was made by Comm. Tessler to approve Resolution 16-14 and Execution of the Letter of Understanding subject to Attorney and Engineer approval, seconded by Comm. Hutton.

Aubrey Glisson from the audience spoke up asking it's not on the Agenda how can they do it? Both Comm. Hutton and Atty. Kopman said yes it is on the Agenda, and Lisa Glisson said Resolution isn't on Agenda. Comm. Hutton said the Letter of Understanding. Lisa Glisson said it's not a Resolution. Atty. Kopman said it's a Letter of Understanding for the Execution of the Letter of Understanding. Aubrey then questioned is it a Resolution or a Letter of Understanding? Atty. Kopman asked the council if they want to table it and put on Friday's Special Meeting Agenda. Comm. Hutton said let's put on Friday's Special Meeting Agenda.

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Accounts & Finances

Comm. Hibler made a motion to pay the total bills due on our Check Register in the amount of \$103,045.72 seconded by Comm. Smith. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Smith, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Hibler advised that there was another payment being made out of the State Forfeiture Fund. This is for the outfitting the K-9 with lights and a cage for the dog.

Comm. Hibler made a motion we pay that bill in the amount of \$12,838.68, seconded by Comm. Smith. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Smith, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Hibler advised that we have another payment coming out of the Federal Forfeiture Account under the Police Department. This payment is for Officer Safety Equipment and a Computer Consulting Fee.

Comm. Hibler made a motion that we pay these two bills for a total of \$950, seconded by Comm. Smith. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Smith, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Hibler made a motion to pay the Payroll Expenses due in the amount of \$79,167.29 seconded by Comm. Hutton. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Hutton, Smith, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Streets & Public Improvements

Comm. Smith said the grass seems to be outgrowing us. We are getting a lot of work done; guys are doing a good job and has no problems. They're doing their job and I'm proud of that! And there were 2-3 water main breaks they helped with so that slows them down also. Comm. Smith said there's no storm that lasts forever.

Public Buildings & Property

Comm. Hutton added to what Smith said that they had 231 locates in the last two weeks. Comm. read his Plant and day to day Report. They also did volume tests that they have to do now with hydrant flushing's for pressure, rules have changed again. Rockwell was here with the Scada working on lift stations for two days, still working on them yet.

Public Health & Safety

Comm. Tessler read the Chief's Stats from 5/10-5/24/16 for total calls for service 286.

A motion was made by Comm. Tessler to accept the resignation of Bruce Kruizinga, seconded by Comm. Hibler. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hibler, Hutton, Smith & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Tessler addressed his next agenda item, the appointment of 2 Part Time Officers.

Comm. Tessler made a motion to appoint 2 Part Time Officers, George Vega and Brian Lewis, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Mayor asked for discussion. At this time the commissioner gave a little background on each of them. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hutton, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs). The city clerk then swore in the new officers.

Planning & Zoning Board Report

No Zoning Board meeting due to no agenda items.

Old Business

Nothing to Report.

New Business

Nothing to Report.

Adjournment

Comm. Tessler made motion to adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by Comm. Hibler. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hibler, Hutton, Smith & Mayor Vehrs). Meeting adjourned.

Approved this 14th day of June 2016

James A. Hibler Mayor

Sue Greggill City Clerk

