

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, June 23, 2015 @ 7:00pm

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Public Comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 9, 2015 -Regular Meeting

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

Administrator

Clerk -"Fill the Boot" drive to benefit MDA, **(RESCHEDULED)** July 17, 5-8pm, July 18, 10-2pm,
July 19, 3pm-7pm
-Request from Lions Club-Annual Candy Day Fundraiser October 9th, 3-7pm

Engineer- Recommendation for 3rd Pay Request to S.A. Issert, \$100,794.36
-Request for Change Order #4 S.A. Issert EZ Street Water& Sewer Extension
-Proposed Plat of Dedication for EZ Street
-Final Approval of Plat for EZ Living

City Attorney- Ordinance 15-05 Amending Portion of Chapt. 10 Alcoholic Beverages
-Ordinance 15-06 Amending Utilities Chapt. 86 Code of Ordinances
-Resolution 15-16 In Lieu of Surety Bond for Work on IDOT Rights of Way
-Resolution 15-17 Authorizing Execution of Intergovernmental Agmt with Coal City
-Resolution 15-18 Authorizing the Adjustment to Determinable Useful Life of Sewer Plant

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Accounts and Finances -Payment of Bills
-Payroll

Streets and Public Improvements - Approval to Hire Full-Time Employee

Public Buildings & Property- Ordinance 15- Regarding the Filling of Residential Swimming Pools

Public Health & Safety- Approval to Hire (3) Part-Time Patrol Officers

Planning & Zoning - Recommendations for Engineers Review on future Projects to the Zoning Board
-Recommendations from June 1st Zoning Board Meeting

Executive Session- Discuss personnel, pending and/or imminent litigation, collective bargaining/labor relations
or land acquisition

-Actions to be taken following Executive Session
-Resolution 15-19 Authorizing Reassignment of City Employee
-Resolution 15-20 Authorizing Hiring of Director of Economic Development
-Resolution 15-21 Authorizing Execution of a Settlement Agreement

Old Business

New Business Discussion of Electrical Code

Adjournment

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD
Minutes
City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 23, 2015
City Council Chambers

Call to Order

Mayor Jim Vehrs called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

Roll Call

Elected Officials present: Mayor Vehrs, Commissioner of Public Buildings & Property Jim Hutton, Commissioner of Public Health and Safety Eric Tessler and Commissioner of Streets & Public Improvements Fay Smith.

Commissioner of Accounts and Finances Elena Hibler was absent at this meeting.

Appointed officials present: City Administrator Andy Galatte, City Attorney Bryan Kopman, Chief Nick Ficarello, City Engineer Mike Gingerich and City Clerk Sue Grygiel.

Public Comment

Angie Hutton, Angie thanked the Mayor, city personnel, the Braidwood Police Department and Fire Department for all their help last night and into early this morning with the Tornado that went through Coal City and hit some homes and the Sand's Motel here in Braidwood.

Donna McKluskie, she said that her concern started over 10 yrs. ago with a ditch that runs through her backyard, prior to the death of her husband in 2010. Donna said they have gotten very little or no help from the city. She saw in the paper recently, Bob Koerner with Claypool Drainage, and ditches in backyards. She had correspondence from the Army Corp. of Engineers along with other correspondence in the envelope which she gave to City Administrator Andy Galatte. She suggested possibly splitting costs with her and city to cover the ditch. The administrator said he would look over her file and get back with her.

No further comments, Public Comment closed at 7:05pm.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the June 9, 2015 Regular Meeting were approved as read. Motion made by Comm. Hutton, seconded by Comm. Smith. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs) 1 absent (Hibler).

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Mayor

The Mayor gave a report on the Tornado that hit both Coal City and Braidwood. Himself, the Administrator and Chief of Police went to Coal City to assist however they could, our Police Department was in Coal City assisting, they also took a ride around Braidwood area, Custer Park to assess the damage. The Mayor thanked Angie Hutton, Michelle & Jeff Serena, his office staff, city workers called out, everyone did an outstanding job throughout the entire evening into early morning.

Administrator

Nothing to Report.

City Clerk

The City Clerk advised everyone on the date change for "Fill the Boot" drive to benefit Muscular Dystrophy due to rain. The new dates for the drive will be July 17, 5-8pm, July 18, 10-2pm and July 19, 3-7pm. The clerk advised they are aware that it's Summerfest weekend and the Fire Department has worked it around the Fest.

The clerk read the request from the Braidwood Lions Club to hold their Annual Lions Foundation Club Candy Day Fundraiser on October 9th from 3-7pm at the downtown intersections of Rt. 113 & Rt. 53/129. Every year our Lions participate in this state wide activating along with Lions Clubs in communities all across the state in an effort to raise funds to support the numerous humanitarian services which are provided by Lions Clubs throughout the year.

A motion was made by Comm. Hutton, seconded by Comm. Tessler to approve the Annual Lions Foundation Club Candy Day Fundraiser. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs) 1 absent (Hibler).

Engineer

Mike Gingerich was here for Brian Hertz. Mike addressed the first agenda item with the recommendation to pay S. A. Issert their 3rd Pay Request in the amount of \$100,794.36, for the EZ Street Water and Sewer Extensions. Since the project has passed 50% completion, the retainage amount from this and future pay requests should not be needed, assuming work is acceptable. This results in 5% of the contract amount being retained until the project is completed and closed out.

A motion was made by Comm. Hutton, seconded by Comm. Tessler to pay S. A. Issert their 3rd Pay Request in the amount of \$100,794.36. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs) 1 absent (Hibler).

Mike then addressed the Request for Change Order #4 from S. A. Issert for EZ Street Water & Sewer Extensions. The Change Order includes additional work related to adding internal drop piping on the lift station and additional work completed in late April and early May for installation of utilities crossing Kennedy Rd. at Office Street. The deduction from the contract is for seeding restoration work, which will need to be completed once the roadway construction is complete. Change Order #4 will result in an increase of \$20,012.84 in contract price. Original contract amount is \$406,080.60, with addition of Change Order #4, adjusted contract price will become \$481,229.87.

A motion was made by Comm. Tessler, seconded by Comm. Smith to approve S. A. Issert Change Order #4 with an increase of \$20,012.84. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs) 1 absent (Hibler).

Mike addressed the Final Approval for Plat Dedication which will officially dedicate the roadway for public street purposes to the City of Braidwood, once recorded at the Will County Recorder of Deeds office. The City of Braidwood plans to construct road improvements for EZ Street along the north edge of the property. In order to expedite road construction, the city would like to plat the road using a Plat of Dedication instead. This dedication will take the place of the need for the property owner to execute the final plat of subdivision.

A motion was made by Comm. Smith, seconded by Comm. Tessler to Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign and Record Plat of Dedication. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Tessler, Hutton and Mayor Vehrs) 1 absent (Hibler).

Discussion on approval of Minor Change to the Subdivision Plat was referred back to the Planning & Zoning Board for their July 6th Meeting.

City Attorney

Attorney Kopman addressed an Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 10 Alcoholic Beverages to the Braidwood City Code. The Mayor requested the amendment to the amount of each classification of issuance of liquor licenses. Atty. Kopman said the amendment increases the number of licenses in each Class by two.

A motion was made by Comm. Tessler, seconded by Comm. Hutton to approve Ordinance 15-05, Amending Portion of Chapt. 10 Alcoholic Beverages in the City Code. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hutton, Smith and Mayor Vehrs) 1 absent (Hibler).

Attorney Kopman addressed Ordinance 15-06, Amending Utilities Chapter 86 in Code of Ordinances. Comm. Hutton addressed this amendment which had talked about at last council meeting. During the summer months everyone either filling for summer or doing repairs to pools and have to add water. Making adjustments as they call is time consuming and does hold up the printing of water bills to be mailed out. This would make filling pools a flat rate of \$25 one time a summer.

A motion was made by Comm. Hutton, seconded by Comm. Smith that we approve Ordinance 15-16, amending Chapter 86 of the City Code. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs) 1 absent (Hibler).

Attorney Kopman addressed Resolution 15-16, a Resolution in Lieu of Surety Bond for Work on IDOT Rights of Way. Any work being done on State maintained right of way must first get a written permit from IDOT. A surety bond is required with each permit application to insure all work is done following State specifications and right of way is properly restored. For permit work to be performed by a municipality a resolution is acceptable in lieu of a surety bond. This resolution doesn't relieve contractors hired by the municipality from conforming to normal requirements. This Resolution should be enacted for a period of 2 yrs.

A motion was made by Comm. Hutton, seconded by Comm. Tessler to approve Resolution 15-16 as presented. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Tessler, Smith and Mayor Vehrs) 1 absent (Hibler).

Attorney Kopman addressed Resolution 15-17, Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Coal City. The Building Inspector of Coal City has been our inspector previously and we are renewing our Agreement with the Village of Coal City for his services here in Braidwood.

A motion was made by Comm. Hutton, seconded by Comm. Tessler. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 3 ayes, 1 nay (Hutton, Smith and Mayor Vehrs) 1 nay (Tessler) 1 absent (Hibler).

Attorney Kopman addressed Resolution 15-18, Authorizing the Adjustment to the Determinable Useful Life of the City Sewer Plant. Comm. Hutton discussed this at the last council meeting, instead of a 20-25 yr. life expectancy of the plant, it would now be rated 45-50 yrs. life expectancy. Also means our depreciation goes from \$950,000 per year to approximately \$700,000, a great savings to the city.

A motion was made by Comm. Smith, seconded by Comm. Tessler the approval of Resolution 15-18 as presented. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Tessler, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs) 1 absent (Hibler).

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Accounts & Finances

Comm. Hibler was absent. Mayor asked City Clerk to give the report on the payment of bills and payroll. The City Clerk requested a motion be made for the Payment of Bills in the amount of \$144,514.39. Comm. Tessler made a motion that we pay the total bills in the amount of \$144,514.39, seconded by Comm. Smith. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs) 1 absent (Hibler).

The City Clerk requested a motion be made for the approval of the Payroll Expenses in the amount of \$68,103.28.

Comm. Hutton made motion that we pay the Payroll Expenses in the amount of \$68,103.28, seconded by Comm. Tessler. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Tessler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs) 1 absent (Hibler).

Streets & Public Improvements

Comm. Smith requested a motion to pay Scott Howard at entry level wages and benefits under the Local 150 Contract as another Maintenance Worker in the Street Department. Mayor asked for discussion. A motion was made by Comm. Smith, seconded by Comm. Hutton to pay Scott Howard entry level wages and benefits under the Local 150 Contract. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs) 1 absent (Hibler).

Public Buildings & Property

Comm. Hutton gave his weekly report. He advised the council that the Mitchell Street Pond Aerator will not be covered under warranty and will have to buy a new motor. A piece of fishing line got caught on the shaft sealed up the bearings and locked it up.

Public Health & Safety

Comm. Tessler requested motion to hire (3) Part-Time Patrol Officers; Mike Barton who was an Officer with us before, Joe LaCost and Tom Friddle. We hope to hire a Full-Time Officer here in the near future, however our list for hiring the certification is up on it. The Fire & Police Board will be working on the certification. Hopefully we will be able to do some lateral hiring or possibly a brand new hire. Lateral hires don't have upfront costs vs. new officers being sent to training in Springfield and that's an average of \$15,000-\$20,000. For now we are going to fill our needs with Part-Time Officers. Comm. Smith seconded the motion. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hutton and Mayor Vehrs) 1 absent (Hibler).

Eric read the press release that Chief Ficarelo prepared for him. August 4th is the day for "National Night Out" and has been pretty successful the last two years. There is a sign-up sheet in the Police Department and the city clerk advised there is one in city hall as well.

Last the Chief brought to his attention that for the last 30 yrs. we have had an agreement with the Will County Sheriff's Department for them to pick up any citizen or criminals that fail to appear in court, they have a failure to appear warrant and the Sheriff will go and detain them to our facility. The Sheriff's office has said it's getting to taxing on them so they are going to start charging municipalities that need their services. The quote given to the Chief was not to exceed \$10,000. The Chief advised that we are still in negotiations with the Will County Sheriff's Department with this.

Planning & Zoning Board Report

Chairman Michelle Serena gave a report on the boards recommendations from their June 1, 2015 meeting. Resident Lisa Bonilla would like to have hens/chickens in her yard. Per the current zoning this is not allowed within city limits and she wants that changed. The Zoning Board had discussion in detail and no one else spoke during Public Comment to support or oppose her request. Under New Business the board continued this discussion and a motion to deny her request for the Zoning Board to make recommendation to the council to change this ordinance was passed.

The Zoning Board motioned to recommend the City Council to allow the Zoning Board to receive Engineers Recommendations prior to their Public Hearings. Their next meeting is on July 6, 2015.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Comm. Tessler, seconded by Comm. Hutton to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel, pending and/or imminent litigation, collective bargaining/labor relations or

land acquisition. Mayor Vehrs also invited Chief Ficarello into Closed Session. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hutton, Smith & Mayor Vehrs) 1 absent (Hibler).

A motion was made by Comm. Hutton, seconded by Comm. Tessler to Reconvene the Regular Scheduled meeting. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Tessler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs) 1 absent (Hibler).

Attorney Kopman addressed the council following executive session, before the council is Resolution 15-19. Resolution Reassigning of City Employee. Comm. Tessler made motion to accept, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Mayor asked for discussion. Comm. Tessler made motion to Table Resolution until the next council meeting, Comm. Hutton seconded the Tabled Motion. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hutton, Smith & Mayor Vehrs) 1 absent (Hibler).

Attorney Kopman addressed the next Resolution, 15-20, Hiring of Director of Economic Development, Don Labriola as an At Will Employee. A motion was made by Comm. Hutton, seconded by Comm. Smith to approve Resolution 15-20, hiring Don Labriola as Director of Economic Development. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs) 1 absent (Hibler).

The last Resolution on the Agenda tonight is Resolution 15-21, Authorizing Executive of Settlement Agreement arising out of some litigation involving Sgt. Allen Soucie. A motion was made by Comm. Hutton, seconded by Comm. Tessler to approve Resolution 15-21 as presented. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Tessler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs) 1 absent (Hibler).

Old Business

Nothing to Report.

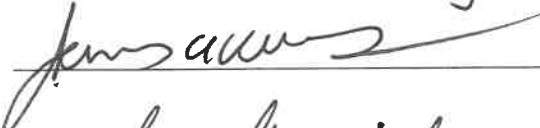
New Business

The Mayor addressed the agenda item regarding the discussion of our Electrical Code. It has come to our attention that with the builders in town and some of the out of town builders that they like to stay with the old Resolution of using romex for electrical. We contacted the State of Illinois Electricians in Springfield and they don't have a problem with the city using romex instead of conduit. We will have a further discussion on this at a future meeting. If people are going to do a little addition in their garage or anything outside the walls will be in conduit and behind the walls will stay romex. Anything exposed or done with exterior will be done in conduit.

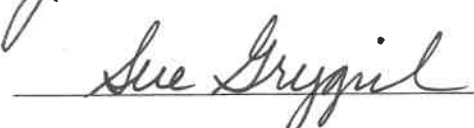
Adjournment

Comm. Tessler made motion to adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hutton, Smith & Mayor Vehrs) 1 absent (Hibler).
Meeting adjourned.

Approved this 14th day of July 2015



Mayor



City Clerk

