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CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Regular Meeting, Tuesday June 27, 2017 @ 7:00pm

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Public Comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 13, 2017 Regular Meeting

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor-Accept Resignation of Fire & Police Board Member Richard Walden

Administrator-John Grueling of Will County Center for Economic Development

Clerk- Tag Day Request from Coach Kelly VanDyne RCHS Volleyball Team, Additional Funds needed to Attend Volleyball Camp at Notre Dame

Engineer-

City Attorney-Resolution 17-15, Authorizing the Execution of a Pipeline Crossing Agreement
-Resolution 17-16, Authorize the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement to Provide Electric Service

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Accounts and Finances -Payment of Bills
-Payroll Expenses

Streets & Public Improvements-

Public Property-

Public Health & Safety- Accept Resignation of PT Officer Robert Coleman

Planning & Zoning-Recommendations

Executive Session- Discussion of Minutes of Meetings lawfully Closed under the Open Meetings Act

-Actions to be taken following Executive Session: Approval of Minutes from Closed Session Meetings

Old Business

New Business

Adjournment

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 27, 2017

Call to Order
Mayor Vehrs called the city council meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance
Mayor Vehrs asked everyone to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and asked Wayne Kancler to lead everyone in the pledge.

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

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

Public Comment
Bobby Jones, owner of commercial property on Rte. 53 that's been sitting vacant for a long time. He has had several people interested buying the property but when they find out there's a Lien of about $300,000 on the property they back off. The Lien was put on the property back in 2008 for the infrastructure and the roads when the subdivision couldn't be completed due to the economy taking a hit and the city didn't want to be hit with having to complete. Bobby was asking the city to release the Liens so he could sell the property and the proposed buyer wants to change the subdivision from what was originally platted. Atty. Kopman explained to Bobby how he could get rid of the Liens. He could have the proposed buyer submit his plan for the new subdivision. Atty. Kopman also suggested that his Attorney contact him and they can work out an agreement on how to accomplish releasing the Liens.
Closed at 7:15pm.

Approval of Minutes
Comm. Smith made a motion, seconded by Comm. Hibler to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2017. Mayor asked for further discussion. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays, (Smith, Hibler, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS
Mayor
The Mayor advised everyone that they had been searching for a couple of weeks for a 73 yr. old woman with dementia. God bless that she was found safely and the Police Dept. can elaborate on more when Chief Ficarello gets back from his vacation. The Mayor commented that it was great to see Shadow Lakes, City of Braidwood and all the volunteers work together. The Mayor said they met a lot of people and became friends out of this and was just glad to see the community come together and put effort into this.
The Mayor then addressed his agenda item, the Resignation of a member of the Fire & Police Board, Richard Walden.
Comm. Hutton made a motion to accept Richard Walden's Resignation, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

The Mayor talked about the upcoming sales of Doc's Drugs to CVS becoming official on July 8, 2017. CVS has agreed to stay in Braidwood for at least 10 yrs. Mayor thanked Doc's Drugs for

the many years of service to our community and we look forward to welcoming CVS to Braidwood. CVS' corporate office said they will be keeping all of Doc's employees on at all their locations which is a good thing to hear for the employees that have worked for Doc's all these years.

Administrator
Don Labriola said that they had a presentation set for tonight from the Will County Center for Economic Development but unfortunately they asked to reschedule to our next meeting.

City Clerk
The City Clerk addressed her Agenda item for a Tag Day Request from the RCHS Volleyball Team. They're asking for a Tag Day to help defray costs on parents for the team to attend a Volleyball Camp at Notre Dame. They're asking for July 1st from 9am-1pm.
Comm. Smith made a motion to approve the RCHS Volleyball Team Tag Day on July 1st from 9am-1pm, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hutton, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).
The City Clerk then advised everyone that city hall will be open on Monday, July 3rd and closed on Tuesday, July 4th.

Engineer
Absent.

City Attorney
Atty. Kopman addressed his two Agenda items. The first is Resolution 17-15, Authorizing the Execution of a Pipeline Crossing Agreement. This has to do with the improvements made to the railroad crossing for the High Speed Rail. The council previously approved a Pipeline Crossing Agreement for the water line. At that time IDOT didn't provide the city with this Agreement that they also would like executed by the city and this is more or less a housekeeping matter that was forwarded to us by IDOT. Very similar to the previous one but has different dates on.
Comm. Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 17-15 Pipeline Crossing Agreement for the water line, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hutton, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).
Second on Agenda is Resolution 17-16, Authorizing the Execution of an Extension of an Intergovernmental Agreement to Provide Electric Service. The City of Braidwood being a member of the Will County Governmental League and approximately 5 yrs. ago they put together a group to get Electric Aggregation for the residents and small businesses. The original Agreement when it was put into effect they were able to go out and get a good Agreement for the residents of Braidwood along with some significant savings on their electric bills. About 2 yrs. ago they went back out and did the same thing and now trying to do again a third time. This Resolution simply allows the City of Braidwood to participate in that process, their requests for Proposals are out and have already got responses back and this authorizes the city to participate in and get a better deal.
Comm. Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 17-16, Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement through Will County Government League to provide Electric Service, seconded by Comm. Hibler. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hibler, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

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 $121,325.44, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved with 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 $94,196.76, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Smith, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Streets & Public Improvements

Comm. Smith commented that mowing throughout the city is slowing down. He's also had some time to drive around town and see some of the roads that need a lot of gravel along the edges and he stressed a lot! If we don't address this we will be losing a lot of our roads. He plans to have two sections going at the same time and getting done just as soon as they can get to it. He said Center St. from Cermak to Rte. 113 is really bad and could lose the whole road if don't get gravel put down on both sides, all the way down. He stressed he's hoping to get this done as soon as possible.

Public Property

Comm. Hutton gave the Outside Crews Report. Today he, the Mayor and Engineer went to the North Point Development, the new rail yard being proposed in Elwood. It was very interesting and the truck traffic is not going to end up on Rte. 53. It will go through Strawn Road over a bridge on Rte. 53 and go right through Center Point. It's believed they have it all worked out but no Traffic Study has been done yet. The Mayor said they're trying to get the trucks out as fast as they can on Rte. 80 and we all know that Rte. 80 cannot handle anymore truck traffic than has now. The Mayor said there were also a lot of property owners at this meeting today and there will be a lot of issues with buying these peoples properties. The Mayor said they need 3,000 acres to put this project together and there were a lot of landowners there and they're not too happy with them. Comm. Hutton addressed the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network who has contacted him about signing up for another term. This is about Mutual Aid within the surrounding communities which is a great idea and have had in the past. Each town will assist the others when they have a situation and need aid from other communities, and benefits everyone.

Public Health & Safety

Comm. Tessler started with his agenda item the Resignation of P.T. Officer Robert Coleman. Comm. Tessler made a motion to accept P.T. Officer Robert Coleman's Resignation, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hibler, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs). Comm. Tessler reiterated what the Mayor said earlier that the Police Chief will expand further on Mrs. Gray's situation. Comm. Tessler on behalf of the Police Dept. thanked the following agencies during the search: Shadow Lakes Association, Illinois-Wisconsin Search Dogs, Disaster Dogs of Illinois, Will County Sheriff's Dept., Will County Forest Preserve District, Will County Search Rescue, Braidwood & Wilmington ESDA, Dept. of Conservation, City of Braidwood Public Works, Braidwood Fire Dept., Wilmington Fire Dept., Channahon Fire, Elwood Fire, Minooka Fire, Gardner Fire, Morris Fire, Plainfield Fire, Troy Fire, Manhattan Fire and Limestone Fire. Also extended gratitude to independent volunteers that came out walking door to door. There were over 1,000 man hours utilized in the area search in Braidwood, Sand Dunes, Shadow Lakes, Village of Godley. During the search efforts we were very grateful for the donations of food, water, Gatorade from Subway, Village of Godley & Casey's. Comm. Tessler again thanked everyone in their efforts.
Comm. Tessler gave the stats that the Chief provided from 6/13-6/26/17, with total calls for service roughly 314, another busy month.

Planning & Zoning Board Report

Zoning Chair Serena unable to attend. Recommendations will be ready at the July 11, 2017 council meeting.

Closed Session

Comm. Smith motioned to go into Closed Session for the Discussion of Minutes of Meetings Lawfully Closed under the Open Meetings Act at 7:31pm, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hutton, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Smith made a motion to Reconvene the Regular Meeting at 7:37pm, seconded by Comm. Hibler. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hibler, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

At this time Atty. Kopman read each of the dates for Closed Session Minutes that were reviewed. Comm. Smith made a motion to approve the Minutes from Closed Sessions from 5/12/15-2/14/17, seconded by Comm. Tessler. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Tessler, Hibler, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Smith made a motion Not to Release any of the aforementioned Closed Session Minutes at this time based upon recommendation by Legal Counsel which contain Confidential information that is not appropriate for Release, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hutton, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Old Business
Comm. Tessler said he was advised by our Administrator and Engineer that we received some bids for Erie St. He talked with the Administrator and they're looking into possibly going to US Bank for funds to do this project as well as other things that we may include. The bank Branch Manager said looks promising for the city to get funding with their bank.

New Business
Nothing to Report.

Adjournment
Comm. Tessler made motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:45pm, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hutton, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs). Meeting adjourned.

Approved this 11th day of July 2017

James Vehrs Mayor

Sue Grygiel City Clerk

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 0