

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Regular Meeting, Tuesday July 11, 2017 @ 7:00pm

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Public Comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 27, 2017 Regular Meeting

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor-

Administrator-Speaker; John Grueling of Will County Center for Economic Development
-Approve Local 700 Contract

Clerk-

Engineer-

City Attorney-Re-Adopt Prevailing Wage Ordinance 17-06 due to scrivener's error, new Ordinance, 17-07
-Appointment to Fire & Police Board to fill Vacancy

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Accounts and Finances -Payment of Bills
-Payroll Expenses

Streets & Public Improvements-

Public Property-

Public Health & Safety-

Planning & Zoning-Recommendations from June 5th Public Hearing Edgar Variance

1. Approval to Vacate Bergera, Third St., and alley as listed
2. Approve Request to combine lots from previous Platting
3. Approval of Lot Split to (6) lots as R-1 Single Family Residential

Executive Session-Discuss Personnel, Pending and/or Imminent Litigation, Collective Bargaining/Labor Relations or Land Acquisition

-Actions to be taken following Executive Session:

Old Business

New Business

Adjournment

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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 Comm. Tessler 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, City Administrator Labriola and Chief Nick Ficarello were present. City Engineer was absent.

Public Comment

Christine Mouser, 99 Lakeshore Drive. She said she had been to a local business in town and someone was vaping very close to her and caused her to go to the doctor because she couldn't breathe. They did a lung test and found that her lung function decreased and her medications had to be changed. She said the business owner was not aware of and doesn't feel they were at fault. The owner did recommend she go outside. Having asthma issues she asked if the city would pass an ordinance banning indoor vaping in public places.

Closed at 7:05pm.

Approval of Minutes

Comm. Tessler made a motion, seconded by Comm. Hutton to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2017. Mayor asked for further discussion. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays, (Tessler, Hutton, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs).

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

The Mayor advised everyone that Braidwood Summerfest will be going on from July 13th-July 16th. Also gave a reminder for everyone to please watch out for the children out riding bikes, walking through town as they're driving in town or backing out of driveways, just make sure to take a second look.

Administrator

Don Labriola advised that for a long time the City of Braidwood has been a member of the Will County Center for Economic Development and pays an annual fee to be a member. They assist many municipalities and agencies working to develop businesses and take the burden off the taxpayers. Don had asked the Director John Grueling to come to our meeting and make a presentation tonight as some of our residents and elected officials are not familiar with what his center does. At this point John Grueling from the Will County Center for Economic Development gave his presentation.

Don addressed his second Agenda item regarding the Local 700 Contract. He said they were hoping to have the Local 700 ready for council approval tonight but is still being reviewed by our attorney.

Comm. Tessler made a motion to table the Local 700 Contract until our council meeting on July 25th, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hutton, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs).

City Clerk

Nothing to Report.

Engineer

Absent.

City Attorney

Atty. Kopman addressed his two Agenda items. The first item is Re-Adopting Ordinance 17-06 as there was miscommunication between the attorney's office and the clerk's office wherein the wrong number was issued for the ordinance. The attorney apologized and the number should have been 17-07. The city would have had to re-adopt anyway since the State sent notice that when sending out the Prevailing Wage Rates they had made a mistake and the mistake was on one of the pages only with a few wage rates changed. This page will go in with the new Ordinance 17-07.

Comm. Smith made a motion to adopt Ordinance 17-07, the Updated Prevailing Wage Rates for the City of Braidwood, seconded by Comm. Hibler. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hibler, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Second on the Agenda is the appointment to fill a vacancy on the Fire & Police Board. At this point the Mayor advised that Richard Walden had recently resigned from the Board. He then asked for a motion to appoint Wayne Saltzman to fill Walden's vacancy.

Comm. Smith made a motion to appoint Wayne Saltzman to the Fire & Police Board, 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 \$200,960.16, 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 \$91,524.08, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Smith, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Streets & Public Improvements

Comm. Smith commented that everything seems to be running about the same. The guys have been helping out the park a lot with Summerfest the same as we have for years and years. We try to help them out every year as much as we can because as he sees it the Park is the City and he himself is glad to help them.

Public Property

Comm. Hutton gave the Plant Crews Report then the Outside Crews Report. Comm. Hutton said we found out from our Auditor that we had a clerical error in our billing system. When we went back to bi-monthly billing residents should have been billed twice for the minimum use once for each month on the water and twice for the sewer once each month. Somehow the second bill for the sewer wasn't on the bill. So the next bill residents receive will be \$31.14 more to correct this error. He said we're not going to go back and recoup any money in an error we had, didn't catch it. The Auditor found the discrepancy and we're moving forward and the error has been corrected.

Public Health & Safety

Comm. Tessler gave the stats that the Chief provided from 6/26-7/11/17, with total calls for service roughly 322, roughly eight more calls than last year at this time, increasing still. Our Police Officers will be out at Summerfest this week with the help of Will County Sheriff's. The commissioner reiterated what the Mayor said earlier about kids; if you see something please by all means report it. In years past haven't had too many issues with the carnival but don't like something please call it in or report to the police. Next week there is a Board of Directors meeting for the new 911 Communications Center at the corner of Briggs St. and Laraway Rd. He also heard last that the new building is ahead of schedule.

Planning & Zoning Board Report

Zoning Chair Serena addressed the council with their Recommendations from the June 5th Public Hearing for the Edgar Variance. This property had previously been platted before it was annexed into the city. With the current situation of the family they requested to divide the property. The Zoning Board broke up the Recommendations into three different votes in order to get everything on record that they actually wanted to do.

So the first Recommendation was a motion to approve the request to Vacate the streets on the map; Bergera, Third Street and the alleys listed.

Second Recommendation was a motion to approve the combined lots from the previous platting.

Third Recommendation was a request for a Lot Split for (6) Lots and making them R1 Single Family. Five of the lots will be 3.1 acres and (1) will be 1.4 acres which will have a house on it. These parcels will be given to the family to do whatever they wish with.

The Zoning Board had absolutely no questions with anything they were requesting to do.

At their July 3rd meeting they held the Public Hearing for the Gad Variance, the property on the corner of Mitchell and Cermak. Gad's were unable to attend due to an incident. The Zoning Board went ahead and held the Public Hearing and was continued to the August meeting and nobody was in attendance to speak about the Variance.

Comm. Hutton made a motion to approve the Vacation of Bergera, Third St. and the alleys between each of them that run from County Line Rd. to Hickory St. on the other side of I55 as shown on the Sid well map, seconded by Comm. Tessler. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Tessler, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Hibler made a motion to approve the combination of lots from the previous platting; lots between County Line Rd. and Hickory St. bounded by the alley between Bergera, Cermak, down to the alley between Third St. and Second St. as shown on the Sid well map, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved 5 ayes 0 nays (Hibler, Hutton, Smith, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Smith made a motion to approve the Lot Split into (6) lots, R1 Single Family Residential as shown on the GIS map, seconded by Comm. Hibler. Motion approved 5 ayes 0 nays (Smith, Hibler, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Closed Session

Comm. Tessler motioned to go into Closed Session at 7:35pm to discuss Personnel and invited Chief Ficarello in, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hutton, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Smith made a motion to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 7:57pm, seconded by Comm. Hibler. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hibler, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

No action being taken after Closed Session.

Old Business

Comm. Tessler spoke about his discussion at the last meeting about possible avenue of allocating some monies through a Loan with US Bank. The commissioner spoke with Glen a V.P. of Loans at US Bank looking into what options would be available to us. It could be a Standard Loan with 10 yr. Amortization. The first 5 yrs. could be a fixed rate and after the first 5 yrs. will reset the rate. The current rate now is 3.75% no matter what the amount is. They talked about an amount from \$100,000-\$150,000 and Glen said could pretty much be streamlined and he has the authority to approve that amount. Glen said it would take about 2-3 weeks to get an approval for the Loan. The city is also eligible for Tax Exemption which would put us more at a 2.65% rate under the exemption. They would need a description as to what the Loan would be used for, doesn't need estimates from Contractor's who could be doing the work and a 3 yr. history of Bank Statements. The Loan would cover the Erie St. Ditch Project and possibly renovation at the Police Dept. Comm. Tessler asked this be put on next meeting Agenda.

New Business

Nothing to Report.

Adjournment

Comm. Tessler made motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:04pm, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hutton, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs). Meeting adjourned.

Approved this 25th day of July 2017

James Vehrs Mayor
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AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

