

**CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA**  
**Regular Meeting, Tuesday, July 11, 2023 7:00pm**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call by City Clerk**
  - Karen Hart**
  - James Mikel**
  - Dale Walsh**
  - Doug Money**
  - Warren Wietting**
- 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, June 27, 2023 Regular Meeting**
- VI. REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS**
  - A. Mayor**
  - B. 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**
- IX. NEW BUSINESS**
- X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- XI. Next City Council Meeting is Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 7:00pm**
- XII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council Tuesday, July 11, 2023**  
**Braidwood City Hall 141 W. Main St., Braidwood, IL 60408**

**Call to Order:** The Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council on July 11, 2023 was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Mayor Hart in the Council Chambers of the Braidwood City Hall.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Hart requested all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**Elected Officials;**

**Present:** Commissioner Money, Commissioner Wietting, Commissioner Walsh, Commissioner Mikel, and Mayor Hart

**Absent:**

**Appointed Officials:**

**Present:** Temporary City Clerk Sarah Weaver, City Administrator Altiery, and City Attorney Wellner

**Absent:** Chief Lyons and Engineer Dave Weber

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

**Public Comment:** Sylvia Lamping 1160 W Main St. Is asking to reconsider not streaming the Questions & Answers session as planned. Spoke with City Administrator about this and did not want the same people sitting at home making negative comments. She tries to attend as many meetings as possible but sometimes other priorities come up. She does watch all the meeting online and notices there are over 180 views and acknowledges that, that many people will not fit comfortably in chambers. Not everyone can attend the meetings' but are still interested in the city's business. Does not seem right to not stream the Q&A when we have the capabilities to do so. Positive or negative comments, I am an independent thinker but sometimes you do need to hear other's opinions as well. Is also questioning if the meetings can be posted on YouTube because not everyone has a social media account on Facebook. They were on YouTube about two years ago. The current streaming videos are hard to hear on Facebook.

Nicole Shores 976 N English St. Is questioning if the council talked about the Home Serve warranty program before he came up and spoke at public comment because there is nothing on the agenda. Wants to inform homeowners that they may already have this coverage with their insurance company and may not know it. Feels that this could lead vulnerable people paying for an additional service that they already have. Praised Sylvia Lamping and backed her up with the streaming of the Q & A. Nicole wants to be involved and feels it's not transparency with it not being streamed. She will show up and asked questions but feels it should also be streamed.

Chris Earling 180 Mitchell St. Believes Sylvia Lamping just changed his mind about having the Q & A streamed. Was all for not streaming it, saying get off the keyboards and show up to ask questions. But agrees now that, since the last three meetings he had to watch on Facebook, loves the YouTube idea. Not happy and getting irritated with all the discussion about Tony's salary and what he does. Wants everyone

to realize that in the four years Comm. Money, Comm. Wietting and including Tony helped the city get out of debt. One time thought that the administrator money should go to the mayor and have alternative government instead, but after seeing Early come up and say "I am Mayor", I have changed my mind and should stay with commissioner form because there are 5 people to keep one person from forcing it their way. To back track please stream it whether those few people will comment or not.

Ron Wolczak 37 Hole in the Wall Ct. Agrees with all the people who spoke. We should record the meetings and make them available. Really likes the idea of YouTube, you don't have the instant feedback. Love the idea of meetings with Tony.

Nicole Shores also asked for disbursements and profit & loss statements to be available.

Kyle Shores 876 N English. Appreciates the Q & A format and wants to make sure there are answers to the questions being asked. When speaking at public comment, there are no answers just stares. Please make sure you are prepared for tough questions and provide answers to questions that will be asked.

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Wietting made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Money, to approve meeting minutes from the June 27, 2023. Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays. (Money, Wietting, Walsh, Mikel, and Hart)

**Mayor's Report:** Summerfest is coming and wants everyone to come out and support and don't forget to get your tickets for armbands that are available at multiple locations. The Braidwood Lyons website has all the information needed for Summerfest. Hope the weather holds out.

**Administrator Report:** None

**City Clerk Report:** None

**Engineer Report:** Absent

**Chief of Police:** Absent

**City Attorney Report:** None

**Accounts & Finance Report:** Commissioner Money made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Mikel, to approve the Payment of Bills, in the amount of \$224,476.79 as identified in the Accounts Payable General Ledger dated July 11, 2023. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays. (Money, Wietting, Walsh, Mikel, and Hart) Commissioner Money then made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Wietting, to Approve Payroll Expenses, in the amount of \$76,162.33 as identified in the Payroll General Ledger dated July 7, 2023. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays. (Money, Wietting, Walsh, Mikel, and Hart).

**Streets & Public Improvement Report:** Thank you to everybody that voiced your opinion for the Q & A with the City Administrator. I came up with this idea when I was running for office. I asked Tony any questions I could think of and he had the answers and numbers. He never said I will get back to you. Asked Tony if he would be interested in a town hall where people can just come in and ask questions, and Tony said of course, anytime I will. Because sometimes it's hard to hear people speak when streaming, I thought we won't stream this first one and see how it goes. So don't get mad at anybody, this was my idea. Feel the YouTube idea is a good idea and hopefully in the near future we can replace the sound system. We understand people are busy that is why there are three meeting staggered every other month apart and see how it works. Remind everyone to stay safe at the Summerfest. I recommend watching a movie called Sound of Freedom and urge everyone to keep an eye on their children.

**Public Property Report:** None

**Public Health & Safety Report:** From June 26 to July 10, 2023, we had total subjects arrested were 6 and total arrest charges were 10. Through those same dates we had 228 total calls for service.

**Planning & Zoning Report:** Held a meeting on July 10, 2023 for a proposed zoning variance Sec.23-14 Fences for a property at 120 S Hickory St. To allow a 96" high fence at two locations on the property. This is the property for the Ultimate Rides building. All the jurisdictional requirements were met. The findings on the zoning variance were good. The owner would like to build a 96" tall fence on the side of the Sun Motel. The fence will be solid metal matching the building. Also, on the lot from the North side of the property wants to build a building for concept cars and wants an 8' high fence around that to make it look neat and clean. Both fences will be solid metal matching the exterior of the building. There were no public comments against this variance. The zoning board of 5 members all voted yes and recommend to approve this variance at next council.

**Old Business:** Comm. Money spoke about looking into getting new sound equipment and will have a feed to a camera in the back of the room so you will be able to see. It will be like it was on YouTube before, but I had to merge the video feed and the audio feed together and it would take about 2.5 hours for that process. We are working on this; once we get the sound system fixed we will probably be able to stream live on YouTube. That would be a nice goal to get to.

In regards to the water service insurance, the gentleman that came in and presented that, that is not something the city would enter into. He was just making it available to the homeowners and I appreciate that you (Nicole Shores) can come in here and tell them. Before you go and buy double the insurance check with your own policy first.

Also, with Summerfest coming up or any event you take your kids to, please take a picture of them. In case of an emergency, you will probably not remember what they were wearing at that time. This is in regards also to the movie Comm. Walsh spoke about.

City Administrator also noted about the water service insurance came to public comment and spoke that is why it was not listed on the agenda. He was not being represented by the city. Also spoke about GPS chips and put them in your child's coat or pocket to help track them as well.

**New Business:** Comm. Walsh wanted to talk a bit about the Q & A and use the questions first from the people that showed up and then the emailed questions. Is thinking about how much time there is, there may be a sign-up sheet for questions will come up when name is called to try to get through them.

City Attorney Wellner planned to propose some rules for the Q & A so it's organized and it will include an email address or address so if anything cannot be answered it can be answered at a later date with some form of communication.

**Adjournment:** Commissioner Money made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wietting, to adjourn the July 11, 2023 regular meeting of the Braidwood City Council. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays. (Money, Wietting, Walsh, Mikel, and Hart) The next regular meeting of the Council will be held Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 7:00pm

Approved this 25 Day of July, 2023.

Karen E. Hart Mayor

Sarah M. Weaver City Clerk

