

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Regular Meeting, Tuesday July 12, 2016 @ 7:00pm

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Public Comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - June 28, 2016 Regular Meeting

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor- ESDA End of Year Report
-Motion to Increase Salary of City Clerk

Administrator-

Clerk- BFD "Fill the Boot" Muscular Dystrophy, August 26th-28th

Engineer-

City Attorney-

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Accounts and Finances -Payment of Bills
-Payroll

Streets and Public Improvements -

Public Buildings & Property-

Public Health & Safety-Motion to Increase Salary of Deputy Chief Michelle Soucie

Planning & Zoning

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 meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Before the Pledge of Allegiance the Mayor asked everyone to please stand for a moment of silence for the Officers down in Dallas, for all the Officers that were in harm's way over this past weekend and week.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Vehrs asked everyone to remain standing and asked Police Chief Nick Ficarello to lead us 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, City Administrator Don Labriola and City Clerk Sue Grygiel were present. City Engineer was absent.

Public Comment

Bill Rulien, wanted to throw an idea out, he had been noticing that a lot of towns up north are partnering with the county to do recycling of electronics. Bill thought maybe we could do that here in Braidwood. The city has added some employees to the Public Works Department this and thought this might be a possibility.

Public Comment closed at 7:02pm.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Comm. Smith, seconded by Comm. Hutton to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 28, 2016 as printed. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hutton, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

Mayor Vehrs gave an ESDA Report for the last year. ESDA now has a couple of vehicles. Last year they started with 0 members, and now have 7 active members. The mayor then read their hours for the year breaking them down by Braidwood Police Requests, Braidwood Fire Protection Requests, Mutual Aid, Traffic Management, Training, Administrative function and Weather Related. In 2014 the total hours were unknown, in 2015 Total Man Hours was 70 hrs. The Mayor said ESDA is doing a great job and hopes they continue to get more members and more training to help our community and the surrounding communities as well. The Mayor also mentioned Braidwood Summerfest is coming up this weekend. The Mayor then addressed Bill Rulien's public comment. He said he was looking over the contract with Waste Management and we are in negotiations and they are letting us know what towns are doing the electronic cleanup. A little information we are going to put into the next contract with Waste Management a curbside pickup in April, where we can get rid of the tires, wood items, etc.

The Mayor then addressed his agenda item the Motion to Increase the Salary of the City Clerk, then Mayor asked to entertain a motion for that.

Comm. Smith made a motion to Increase the Salary of the City Clerk, seconded by Comm. Tessler. Mayor asked for discussion. Comm. Smith said if anyone deserves it she does. He said he sometimes comes into city hall twice a day, you will always find her busy and he feels the clerk does a very good job. Mayor asked for any other comments. Motion Denied with 3 nays, (Hibler, Hutton & Tessler) 2 ayes (Smith & Mayor).

Administrator

Don gave his report starting with development. Don advised that he and the mayor continue to bring Economic Development to Braidwood. We've met with several property owners and developers that have reached out to us to discuss their options with us in the future. Two of the discussion were with Senior Housing. Many of these businesses were gas station owners, car wash operators and restaurant owners. Over the last few weeks we've had several meetings with commercial and real estate brokers discussing available commercial property in town. One of the car wash operators suggested we contact the International Carwash Association, headquartered in downtown Chicago, to discuss the vacant car wash we have here in town. For the sale of Townes of Braidwood we received one proposal, both he and the city attorney will be reviewing the proposal and reporting back to the city council. There has been a lot of activity on the 911 front. Comm. Tessler and Chief Ficarelo recently represented the city at a meeting with the group that we move into the new Sheriff's Dispatch facility proposed for next year. Currently the group is referred to as the G30 and hopefully it will be the G31 when Braidwood enters in contract with them.

City Clerk

The clerk had given a copy of the letter from the Braidwood Fire Department to the council for the "Fill the Boot" for Muscular Dystrophy. They are requesting Friday August 26th from 4pm-7pm, Saturday August 27th from 8am-12pm and Sunday August 28th from 8am-12pm. They have been advised to use Main St. and Division St. to Fill the Boot.

Comm. Hutton made a motion to approve the Fire Departments "Fill the Boot" for Muscular Dystrophy, seconded by Comm. Tessler. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Tessler, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs).

Engineer

Absent.

City Attorney

Nothing to Report.

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Accounts & Finances

Comm. Hibler made a motion that we pay the total bills listed on our Check Register in the amount of \$137,193.80, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Hutton, Smith, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Hibler made a motion to pay the Payroll Expenses due in the amount of \$77,212.22 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 guys have been working hard for the last two weeks getting everything to look good coming into town. He said they have a lot of work to do and want to get a stump grinder but not

sure where to get it. Would like to get one that will go on a bobcat, it would be quicker and not as hard on the men and a little safer. The commissioner said he was down on 6th street and it's sour and boy the mosquitos are thick. Part of the ditch is water and rest is just wet and it stinks.

Public Buildings & Property

Comm. Hutton read the Plant Crew Report. He then read the Outside Crews Report and they got a notice at 2:45pm last Friday for 37 locates. The guys had to come in on Saturday and had to be done by this morning.

Public Health & Safety

Comm. Tessler stated he wanted to get his agenda item out of the way first.

Comm. Tessler made a motion to increase the salary of Deputy Chief Michelle Soucie, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Mayor asked for discussion. Comm. Tessler said she is going to roughly get about a \$1.00 increase an hour, total wages going to be \$38.46 per hour. Comm. Smith asked do you have that in your budget to take care of it? Comm. Tessler replied yes. Fay said as long as it's in that budget it's alright. Comm. Tessler said he and Nick got together before this budget and we made it a point to put a cushion in there for her, Nick and a couple more officers that we're going to be hiring hopefully. Mayor asked for any other discussion.

Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hutton, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Tessler read a note from Chief on Officer Altiery & Officer Tyree responded to and assisted the fire department involving a 3yr. old victim. Their quick action response contributed to saving the child's life and has made a complete recovery. Also quick thinking by Braidwood Officers resulted in three burglary arrests today. They committed four burglaries last night in Shadow Lakes area and charged with class 4 felonies for burglaries and transported to the detention facility. Comm. Tessler then gave the stats from June 28-July 12, 29 calls for service; to assist fire department, 8 assisting other law enforcements, 4 burglaries-1 for criminal damage to property, 3 disturbances, 3 domestics, 1 drug complaint, 23 firework complaints, 1 juvenile trouble, 27 suspicious person/vehicle, 3 trespasses, 56 traffic stops, total calls for service 302.

Comm. Tessler said that before the next meeting he will have Tari put some paperwork in the council's mailboxes on possible hiring of another very part time secretary for the Chief and Deputy Chief. All the details aren't worked out yet but a job scope and salary will be given. The commissioner said he wants the Chief and the Deputy Chief to be able to look ahead and be 3 weeks ahead before 3 weeks a month ahead, try to do new things that we aren't doing right now, just kind of treading water now. Lot of this had to do with the hiring of personnel, getting the Fire & Police Board in place with their rules and regulations. This part time position will be beneficial to the Chief and Deputy Chief. The Fire & Police Board just approved a hiring list for new recruits and a lateral transfer list as well. So some new hires are going to be coming down the line just a heads up. And again we did accommodate the budget for all of this and will be coming down in the next couple of meetings.

Planning & Zoning Board Report

No Zoning Board Report.

Executive Session

No Executive Session requested.

Old Business

Nothing to Report.

New Business

Comm. Hutton gave a quick update on the Railroad crossing. It looks like the Main Street intersection should be open in 2 ½ weeks.

Adjournment

Comm. Tessler made motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:35pm, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hutton, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs). Meeting adjourned.

Approved this 26th day of July 2016

James Aveles Mayor

Sue Grygail City Clerk

