

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD
Agenda
City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 22, 2013, 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Public Comment
Approval of Minutes

July 9, 2013 - Regular Meeting

Reports by City Officials

Mayor

Presentation of FY (Fiscal Year) 2012-2013 audit by Mack & Associate

Administrator

Clerk

Engineer

Review of Bid Tabulations for Spring Will Sanitary Sewer and Watermain Project
Review of Change Order #17 for Williams Brothers for the WWTP

City Planner

City Attorney

Reports by City Commissioners

Accounts and Finances

Payment of Bills
Payroll

Streets and Public Improvements

Public Property

Motion to Approve Bid and Award Contract for Spring Will Sanitary Sewer & Watermain
Motion to Approve Final Change Order #17 for Williams Brothers for the WWTP

Public Health & Safety

Motion to Accept Resignation of Joseph Gabor
Reminder: National Night Out on August 6, 2013

Planning & Zoning Board Report

Old Business

New Business

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

Adjournment

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Minutes
City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 23, 2013
City Council Chambers

Call to Order

Mayor Bill Rulien called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present.

Roll Call

Elected Officials present: Mayor Rulien, Commissioner of Public Property Jim Hutton, , Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements Danny Graf , Commissioner of Public Health and Safety Eric Tessler, and Commissioner of Accounts and Finances Elena Hibler.

Appointed officials present: City Attorney Meghan Preston, City Engineer Joe Regis, City Consultant Accountant Jim Acanfora, and City Clerk Lisa Glisson.

Public Comment

Angie Hutton, 285 Mitchell Street, The Chamber would like to thank the Judges for their efforts in judging the parade & Brenda for driving the Grand Marshall Jim Canup. Angie advised the City did win 1st place for the amateur float again this year and Trinity won 1st place for the decorated vehicle. Also as a reminder the runners for St. Jude will be here on August 2, 2013, but if there is construction on Rte. 53 they will not be stopping since they cannot run through a construction zone they have to be bused. There are 180 Runners, 20 support people and 20-22 motor homes.

Dave Bunting, 387 Oak Street, requested if the council would reconsider the vote on his variance and he would like to present a few points and ask a few questions. Bunting asked what Comm. Hutton meant by ill will by the zoning board members it was a 4-3 vote. Hutton commented that some thought they were pushing to get an oversized house on a too small lot. Bunting reiterated the plans for the house and the setbacks, he built the rest of the homes there and this one fits in with what is there. Comm. Hutton asked if he polled the neighbors around there. Bunting stated the guy next door doesn't care and after he met with Mr. Tatroe and strung out what he was doing he was ok with it. Bunting stated he followed the proper procedure by going to the zoning board first, which did not approve the 10 foot setback that the house across the street had, they approved and agreed upon a 20 foot setback. The house would be in line with all of the properties on Eureka Street, so that would not be out of place. Bunting advised that he has separated out property in two other counties in 2 & 4 meetings, we have already been at it 6 meetings. My customer still wants to live here, he wants me to continue to get this built. Bunting pointed out if this house gets built and sold it would actually help the property values for that area. Mayor advised we will have to continue this to another meeting to see if someone would want to bring it back before the council for another vote. Attorney advised that it would have to be on the agenda and we cannot poll the commissioners on if they would change their vote. Comm. Tessler asked to look at the plans again and stated that for flow of the neighborhood it needs to have the front door face Eureka and the Mayor stated if that was done it could be built now. Discussion ensued about changing the floor plan to have the flow correct. Bunting stated that would put the front door in the master bed room. Comm. Tessler stated that to me that house does not fit on that lot as it is. Bunting then asked why didn't someone say then it wasn't going to

fly why didn't they tell us not to bother instead of going to meeting after meeting. Bunting stated his customer wants what he wants, the lot is big enough and it's a 1400 square foot house. Bunting stated what you guys wanted I gave you, I don't believe someone was in that zoning board was forced to vote for me, they asked me if I would settle for this I said yes, then we get to the most important part, you guys were at the meeting, don't you talk a little bit? Comm. Tessler advised he did not talk to anyone. Mayor explained due to open meetings act we can't discuss things behind closed doors and they have been very careful to not violate that act. Attorney advised we understand your frustration. Bunting stated he is not frustrated, he is disappointed and doesn't think he is getting a fair shake and thinks there are personal agendas here and we are not using continuity. Comm. Hutton advised we need to move on, it is more than two minutes. Comm. Graf agreed. Mayor Rulien thanked Dave.

A gentleman walked up the microphone and advised I'm the guy he's trying to build the house for, there is nothing wrong with the way that house is going to go on that lot, that whole subdivision was made for a 10 foot variance you guys changed it to 30 foot variance it should be grandfathered in, there is no reason my house can't go there, so something needs to be done. The Mayor asked for a name and address and his daughter Bridget Johnson screamed out he does not have an address. Then the Mayor said, "I can't put it down in the record without it." Bridget yelled out, "Doyle Daugherty 490 W Seventh Street, Braidwood, IL he lives with his daughter, Thank you." Mayor thanked her for the information. Bridget yelled out, "Maybe you guys need to get together and try to do something for this fricken town instead of it all going to shit." Mr. Daugherty stated, "You have a great builder here building in every city but Braidwood because of you people." Mayor thanked them for their comments. While Bridget yelled, "Yeah whatever, come on Dad we'll just get our attorney, I'm tired of this bullshit."

Tonya Michalec, 963 W. Cermak, reporter for the journal, I am speaking on a personal level and as a reporter. I spoke with Robin Ward, I discussed the article I wrote from the point of the builder. She was one of the neighbors that spoke out at the council meeting, she was under the impression from the heated individual that spoke, she had no idea it was approved by the zoning board, or that it was found not to be a safety issue, she was misinformed by the other neighbors. She is embarrassed about speaking out and wishes a new house would be there to get the all of the tax dollars for the city.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the July 9, 2013 regular meeting were approved as read.

Reports by City Officials

Mayor introduced Lauri Pope from Mack & Associates. Lauri Pope reviewed the Audit Report for 2013, which showed a clean opinion on the financial statements of the City. Lauri reviewed the whole report with the council and asked for any questions. Comm. Graf advised he had one question, overall did you find everything in place and very easy to work with on how we had things lined up for you? Lauri Pope advised we definitely had a more organized approach, everything was ready in advance, we had a lot of information given to us before the field work, which allowed to complete a lot of work beforehand. I did feel there was a big improvement in the controls and the reporting, the payables were booked the receivables were booked that usually isn't done, the leads schedules were prepared this year. Comm. Graf thanked Jim Acanfora and Lisa Glisson for their hard work to get it prepared. Mayor Rulien pointed out that the deficit that everyone has been aware of for years, on page 51 the general fund had a deficit of \$76,999.00 that is now in the black by \$170,100.00. Lauri Pope advised yes we are seeing improvements there as well. I feel there has been more control, we definitely saw an internal control process that is more involved. The review of the budgets is being done on a monthly basis, that we were able to look at and ask questions and get answers. Mayor advised we are finally in the black.

Mayor Rulien reported on the meetings he attended that last two weeks with the State Director of Tourism in Springfield, Farmer's Market with Karen's Resale started this week, Library Bookmobile, Coal Mining & Merchants presentation with the Historical Society, Summerfest, Casey's new building is going up and the old building is down, Center Street house and Main Street house demolition slated for the next week or so and many homeowners are cleaning up and fixing up

their properties. Mayor also thanked the Lion's Club for all they do with Summerfest and Shadow Lakes for their Flag Raising Ceremony.

City Administrator

Rich Girot advised he and Doug Carroll have meet with landowners for possibly another annexation of 100 acres. The National Night out is scheduled for August 6th and Berkots has sponsored a lot of the food for the event, everything is free but we are asking for donations that will support the food pantry and Braidwood Area Healthy Community Coalition.

City Clerk

Thanked Tony & Linda Santerelli and Donna Geiss for their hard work on the design and construction of the City float. Also thanked all the office staff and public works employees for their hard work and dedication to work together as a unit. It shows how well we do all together with another 1st place win for the float.

City Engineer

Joe Regis advised council of the MFT Bid opening and advised the award would be ready for the next meeting, the Bid award for Will Spring Road was ready, the Final Change Order for WWTP is completed and they are working on the safe route for schools.

City Attorney

Scott Pyles was at a conference so there was nothing to report.

Reports by City Commissioners

Comm. Hibler moved to pay \$151,509.54 in bills. Comm. Hutton seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.

Comm. Hibler moved to pay \$82,894.15 in payroll. Comm. Graf seconded. The motion was approved 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.

Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements (Comm. Graf) advised the guys are out mowing, patching pot holes and day to day work.

*Comm. Hutton motioned to approve Bid and Award Contract for Spring-Will Sanitary Sewer & Water main to D.E. Thompson in the amount of \$142,241.30. Comm. Graf seconded. **Discussion:** Why did we disqualify one of the bids? Comm. Hutton advised they did not acknowledge the addendums. Comm. Graf asked does that include EPA permits? We are still waiting on that. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.*

Comm. Hutton motioned to approve final change order #17 to increase the contract by \$51,754.19 to Williams Brothers for the WWTP. Comm. Hibler seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.

Commissioner of Public Properties (Comm. Hutton) (a) read two biweekly reports and advised the plant crew had an exciting night since the transformer behind the Good Table blew last night and took out the power. Our generators kicked on but not everything switched over so they are working on fixing that.

Commissioner of Public Health & Safety (Comm. Tessler) read the resignation of Ofc. Gabor and reminded everyone again of National Night Out.

Comm. Tessler motioned to approve the resignation of Joseph Gabor for the Braidwood Police Department. Comm. Hibler seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.

Planning and Zoning

No Report.

Old Business

Comm. Tessler advised he was given a petition before this meeting regarding street lights on W. Cermak to Hickory, last year we had looked into the cost and it was around 5-6 thousand dollars. After reviewing the audit and looking at what is in TIF III, since it is in that TIF district we should look into putting those lights up with those funds. Council agreed it was a good idea to look into.

Adjournment

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to adjourn. Comm. Hutton made that motion, seconded by Comm. Hibler. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays..

Approved this 13 day of August 2013

Will Rulien Mayor

Lisa Allison City Clerk