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CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Regular Meeting, Tuesday July 25, 2017 @ 7:00pm

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Public Comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 11, 2017 Regular Meeting

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor-

Administrator-Approval of Local 700 Union Contract

Clerk-

Engineer-

City Attorney-Ordinance 17-10, Repealing Ordinance 17-6 Establishing a Transfer & Conveyance of Real Estate Tax

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Accounts and Finances -Payment of Bills
-Payroll Expenses

Streets & Public Improvements-

Public Property-

Public Health & Safety- Ordinance 17-09, Approving Loan Amount "not to exceed $150,000" for Erie Drainage Project, Improvements to the Police Dept. and New Software for Police Dept.
-Ordinance 17-08, Approval of Local 700 Union Contract

Planning & Zoning-No Recommendations

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

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 25, 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 Chief Ficarello 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
Debbie Militello, Will County Board Member addressed the council introducing herself. She is the new member to the Board for District 6 in Will County. She is there for the council with businesses, development and will be letting Braidwood know what's going on within the county. Debbie said she would be stopping by Braidwood like once a quarter as there are three other towns that hold their meetings on the same night. Debbie handed out her card and advised the council to please contact her.
Charles Galbraith, 347 E. Ridge St. He asked before and still wants to know what the city is going to do with this power plant. He said he doesn't feel the poison problem isn't getting any better and the public not being notified on the last reported spill at Exelon. He said he called the 800# for poison control for the state of Illinois and they told him that they have a lot of problems if they live within 10 miles of the power plant. He told them he lives within mile of the plant and he's trees are all dying and his neighbors and family members are also getting sick as well as himself. He also said that South Wilmington Country Club had to be closed because of the poisoned water. According to the State of Illinois, they told him the drinking water in Braidwood should not be consumed. The Mayor then spoke and advised Charles that he reached out to the NRC and the EPA and had two phone numbers for him to contact. They both told the Mayor to have Charles contact them. The Mayor said a report has been done and everything is cleared. Charles said he already called the EPA in Springfield and gave him a number to call locally. The Mayor said once again to Charles that the two numbers he has for him are the men he should be talking to because they're the ones who take care of it. Comm. Hutton explained to Charles to please look at our Clear Water Report from the EPA out in our hallway. The commissioner also said it would show any violations or discrepancies in the water samples according to the EPA Guidelines.
Closed at 7:10pm.

Approval of Minutes
Comm. Smith made a motion, seconded by Comm. Hutton to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2017. Mayor asked for further discussion. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays, (Smith, Hutton, Hibler, Smith, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

The Mayor advised everyone that Braidwood Summerfest was a great success once again. The Mayor thanked the Police Department for all their hard work during the fest. Also thanked the Will County Auxiliary Police, both did a fine job.

Administrator

Don Labriola advised that he was going to defer his Agenda item to Comm. Tessler. Atty. Kopman asked to speak on this item quickly. The attorney advised everyone that under the Administrator is the Approval of Local 700 Union Contract. Also under Comm. Tessler's Agenda item is Approval of Local 700 Union Contract, Ordinance 17-08. Procedurally we had to put the Approval of the 700 Contract back under Administrator because at the last meeting it was tabled under his portion of the Agenda. So a motion is needed to remove that from the table.

Comm. Tessler made a motion to remove the previous motion off the table, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hutton, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs).

Administrator Labriola wanted to let everyone know that next Tuesday, August 1st is National Night Out and August 4th is the Police Charity Golf Outing.

City Clerk

Nothing to Report but gave some updates on upcoming events happening in town.

Engineer

Absent.

City Attorney

Atty. Kopman addressed his Agenda item, Ordinance 17-10 Repealing Ordinance 17-06 which established a Transfer & Conveyance of Real Estate Tax. This was an attempt to stop the non-payment of debts to the city by a previous owner upon the sale of property. The attempt was to help make it work for Braidwood but unfortunately cannot as Braidwood is not a Home Rule Municipality. For this reason the council would have to adopt Ordinance 17-10 Repealing the Ordinance and directs the city clerk to return any Transfer Stamp monies that have been collected to date.

Comm. Hutton made a motion to adopt Ordinance 17-10, Repealing Ordinance 17-06, Transfer Tax, seconded by Comm. Hibler. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Hibler, Smith, 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 $64,254.11, seconded by Comm. Hutton. 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 $94,732.38, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Smith, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Streets & Public Improvements

Comm. Smith commented that the guys are getting behind but they will get caught up. He said they have a lot of work to do, but it being summer time and it seems like someone is always off for Vacation. They have the time then they take, but we'll make it work and get things done.

Public Property
Comm. Hutton gave the Plant Crews Report. Water sample bottles are being delivered to residents now for water sample testing. Also been out painting fire hydrants and working on ISO paperwork with the Fire Department. The Fire Department is going to put different color tape on the fire hydrants so they can verify what flow pressure each hydrant has when they pull up to a fire. The main reason for doing this is to get the city's ISO rating down below a three, which is a decrease on homeowner's policies. He then gave the Outside Crews Report.

Public Health & Safety
Comm. Tessler gave the stats that the Chief provided from 7/11-7/25/17, with total calls for service approximately 304. The commissioner then addressed his first Agenda item.

Comm. Tessler made a motion to approve Ordinance 17-9, Approving a Loan Amount not to exceed $150,000 for Erie St. Drainage Project, Improvements to the Police Department and new software for the PD and city hall, with a Term not to exceed 10yrs., seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hibler, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs).
Comm. Tessler mentioned also that our Loan Request is with underwriting at the present time and that it's looking very favorable that they will grant us the Loan.

Comm. Tessler made a motion to adopt Ordinance 17-08 the Approval of Local 700 Union Contract, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hibler, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs).

Planning & Zoning Board Report
No Recommendations at this meeting.

Closed Session
Comm. Tessler motioned to go into Closed Session at 7:27pm to discuss Personnel and invited Chief Ficarello and Administrator Labriola in, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hutton, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Smith made a motion to reconvene the Regular Meeting at 7:52pm, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hibler, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).
The Mayor advised that no action is being taken after Closed Session.

Old Business
Nothing to Report.

New Business
Nothing to Report.

Adjournment
Comm. Tessler made motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:54pm, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hutton, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs).
Meeting adjourned.

Approved this 8th day of August 2017

_____ Mayor

_____ City Clerk

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