

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Regular Meeting, Tuesday July 26, 2016 @ 7:00pm

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Public Comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 12, 2016 Regular Meeting

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor-

Administrator- “In Our Community” Presentation

Clerk- Knights of Columbus 26th Annual Tootsie Roll Drive Request, Sept. 16th-18th

Engineer- “Safe Routes to School” - Construction Engineering Agreements, Local Agency Agreements

City Attorney-

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Accounts and Finances -Payment of Bills
-Payroll

Streets and Public Improvements -

Public Buildings & Property-

Public Health & Safety-

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.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Vehrs asked everyone to please stand for 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, City Engineer Joel Greer and City Clerk Sue Grygiel were present.

Public Comment

Angie Hutton, spoke on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. Angie addressed the new sign in the council room that the Chamber had made. The Chamber paid for half the sign and Exelon Corporation paid the other half. Tony Altiery is supplying the material to install it and the decision where it will go is up to the city council. The idea is that other organizations can buy a little sign saying like Summerfest 3rd weekend in July with no year, put one up for Red Carpet, Scarecrow Fest, Car Show, etc. So whatever is going on throughout the year that organization can purchase a smaller sign and then will go on the larger sign. The sign was made by Gary Spears with Pro Signs in Coal City. This sign is a gift from the Chamber to the city.

Mary Kaminsky, member of the Chamber. They have had some flyers made up and will be posting them to show our Support for our Men and Women in Blue that will run from August 2nd through September 10th.

The Chamber of Commerce is asking all businesses in Braidwood to place a blue light in their store front window; 1 blue bulb, string of mini blue lights, rope lights to frame their windows. Homeowners are being asked to do the same, replacing their outside light with a blue bulb, tying blue ribbon around your tree, fences, and mailboxes. Blue ribbons are popping up all over the country in Support of our Police Officers; it's our way of saying thank you to all of them keeping us safe. We just want to show the Braidwood Police they have everyone's support.

Public Comment closed at 7:04pm.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Comm. Tessler, seconded by Comm. Hutton to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 12, 2016 as printed. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hutton, Smith, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs).

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

Mayor Vehrs thanked everyone for coming out and supporting our Braidwood Summerfest. It was record year for the Park District and the Braidwood Lions Club. The Mayor advised that we opened city hall as a cooling center during the last heat wave.

Administrator

Don gave his report. They are continuing discussions with the local property owners and developers. We've had some significant properties come on line; the 340 acre Broucek property is now for sale and development at I55 and Reed Road, the Goodwin property on Coal City Road and the 13 acre Vodicka parcel on Center Street North of Cermak is also up for sale and development. Don said he heard there are other properties coming on line here soon. So we are working with developers and property owners to get something going in town here. Also it's important to support our existing businesses. So in the next few months Don is going to be visiting our local businesses in an effort for business retention, support and let them know that we're here and if we can help them we certainly want to. After visiting with the businesses Don will be reporting back to the council. Don and the city attorney are continuing to work on the Townes of Braidwood and the proposal submitted by Mike Guinta for the purchase. Don said hopefully in the next two weeks we should have a breakthrough and have something down on paper. Proceedings with the 911 Center are continuing, the pace is slow but steady. Hoping to hear something soon, there are many committees to work through. It's been almost a year since the process started. He's hoping that next year at this time we will have everything resolved. Don then addressed his presentation by Shannon Rylko from "In Our Community". It's a new online information source that is helping Municipalities getting information out on their website with the help of "In Our Community". This endeavor would be at no cost to the city.

City Clerk

The clerk had given everyone a packet from the Braidwood Knights of Columbus for their Annual Tootsie Roll Drive. They would like to hold their drive on Sept. 16-18. They are asking for the City Council's approval to perform this annual fund drive. The city clerk then asked for the council to entertain a motion to approve the Knights Annual Tootsie Roll Drive and sign their Proclamation. Comm. Tessler made a motion to approve the Annual Tootsie Roll Drive, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs).

Engineer

Joel Greer from MG2A addressed the council with their agenda items. These are the two Agreements for the Safe Routes to School Grant Project on Kennedy Road. The first one is the Construction Engineering Services Agreement which outlines the responsibilities of the engineer. The second is the Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation that shows a funding breakdown for the city and state. This Project is 100% Grant Funded so if there's any construction costs over or under the city would have to pick those up but they don't foresee that happening at this time because the bids aren't being opened until September. Joel was asking for approval on these two Agreements tonight.

Comm. Hutton made a motion to approve the Construction Engineering Services Agreement, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Tessler made a motion to approve the Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hibler, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs).

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 \$132,399.17 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 \$84,204.53 seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Smith, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Streets & Public Improvements

Comm. Smith said they have a lot of grass cutting and still have more. During this past hot weather the guys have been out there grinding stumps, working through the hot weather and they haven't complained one bit, he's very proud of that. They should have all the stumps out by tomorrow.

Public Buildings & Property

Comm. Hutton read the Outside Crew Report. They had another light pole knocked down, the second one now that needs to get repaired. He then read the Plant Crew Report. Comm. Hutton then gave a report on the Railroad Crossing, the way things look now physically everything is in place. The electric is almost done. ICC, the Railroad, the State, everybody is scheduled for Monday morning and if all goes well the Railroad Crossing at Main will be opened by Monday night next week.

Public Health & Safety

Comm. Tessler read stats that were given to him by Deputy Chief Soucie. For the dates of 7/13-7/25/16 totals calls for service were 232. Comm. Tessler advised the council that this coming Friday there is a Fire & Police Board meeting here at 3:30pm.

Planning & Zoning Board Report

No Zoning Board Report.

Executive Session

No Executive Session requested.

Old Business

The Mayor had a couple of things. He reminded everyone that National Night Out is August 2nd at the City Park, so please come out and enjoy the evening. When the sun goes down that night about 9:30pm the Summerfest Fireworks that got rained out will begin at the park. Get the word out for those that not know. On August 5th we have a Golf Outing that's sponsored by the Braidwood Police Department for Man In Recovery. We are still in need of some foursomes.

Comm. Hutton reminded everyone that the St. Jude Runners will be coming through town on July 29th around 7:00pm. The runners go from Chicago to Peoria, there are 17 Teams. They stop at the Polk-A-Dot have something to eat and then head out again. The times to follow where they're at will be on Facebook all day.

New Business

Nothing to Report.

Adjournment

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

Approved this 9th day of August 2016

Jeanne Weber Mayor

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