

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, July 28, 2015 @ 7:00pm

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Public Comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 14, 2015 Regular Meeting

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor-

Administrator -

Clerk-Request by Knights of Columbus for Annual Tootsie Roll Drive Sept. 18,19, 20

Engineer-

City Attorney-

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Accounts and Finances -Payment of Bills
-Payroll
-Motion to Pay ASCAP \$335, Music License Fee for Annual Car Show

Streets and Public Improvements -

Public Buildings & Property-

Public Health & Safety-Clear Loss Prevention Quote-Building Upgrades at P.D.
- Motion to Approve Salary of Dep. Chief M. Soucie Retroactive to 7/15/15

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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City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 28, 2015
City Council Chambers

Call to Order

Mayor Jim Vehrs called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

At this time Comm. Hibler asked Mayor Vehrs to read a letter from Comm. Tessler. The letter stated that he wouldn't be present at meeting tonight due to personal reasons. Chief Ficareello will be giving his report this evening.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Mayor led us in The Pledge of Allegiance, recited by all present.

Roll Call

Elected Officials present: Mayor Vehrs, Commissioner Jim Hutton, Commissioner Fay Smith and Commissioner Elena Hibler.

Absent: Commissioner Eric Tessler

Appointed officials present: City Administrator Andy Galatte, City Attorney Bryan Kopman, Chief Nick Ficareello and City Clerk Sue Grygiel. City Engineer Brian Hertz was absent.

Public Comment

Angie Hutton, Wanted to remind everyone that the St. Jude Runners will be here on Friday, July 31st, should be in Braidwood around 6:30pm and Polk-A-Dot will be feeding them again this year. They start their run in Downers Grove and will end in Peoria.

Dee DeGroh, President of Sesquicentennial Committee, wanted to thank the city for all the work done for the Burial of the Time Capsule. Also, a reminder that the Historical Society will be hosting their Car Show on August 22nd , 4-8pm at the Museum.

The mayor advised Dee that he has found three rocks at the Waste Water Treatment Plant that she could possibly use for the plaque at the site of the Time Capsule.

Michelle Serena, Wanted to remind the council and the public that the Annual City Car Show will be held on September 19th at Polk-A-Dot Drive In at 4:00pm and the flyers have been going out.

No further comments, Public Comment closed at 7:03pm.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the July 14, 2015 Regular Meeting were approved as read. Motion made by Comm. Smith, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs). 1 Absent (Comm. Tessler)

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Mayor

The Mayor was glad to see everyone at the Lions Club Summerfest Festival. This year Summerfest was very successful.

Administrator

Andy advised all the commissioners that he has had the Insurance Renewal Request come in for the buildings, equipment in the city, has printout of everything that is insured right now. It all has to be reviewed now and usually has to be done by August 7th to be ready to go for bidding in October.

The other thing Andy brought up was something that the city could do this winter. This was something that was successful when he was an official, it's called Turnabout Day. It's something that you can do with the High School or Grade School where the kids can participate by essay for all positions on the City Council and even the Police Department for the day. The winning kids can be a Commissioner for a day, a Mayor, Police Chief as well as other positions. The essays are turned into the school and the school decides who the winning kids are. They spend an entire day with the officials and it's a way to get kids involved and see what goes on in Local Government. Andy said he would like input from the commissioners and when school is back in session he can talk to the Principals or Superintendent to see if we can set something up.

Andy wanted to let everyone know that Berkot's is going to have a Job Fair in council chambers, August 8th and will be interviewing for all their stores which is about 13, but not sure how many jobs are available. Berkot's Job Fair will be from 10am-2pm. There will also be one for McDonalds but not sure of the date at this time.

City Clerk

The City Clerk read a request from the Knights of Columbus regarding their Annual Tootsie Roll Drive on September 18-20. Friday the 18th will be from 7-9am and 4-7pm, Saturday the 19th in the morning and if weather permits and they have enough volunteers that will be at the corners on Sunday the 20th in the morning also. The city clerk acknowledged that Bill Pohl, Tootsie Roll Chairman was in audience. At this point he came forward and Mayor Vehrs asked Bill to explain the reason for the Tootsie Roll Drive each year.

A motion was made by Comm. Hutton, seconded by Comm. Hibler to approve the Knights of Columbus request for the Annual Tootsie Roll Drive Sept. 18-20. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs). 1 Absent (Comm. Tessler)

The Clerk read a reminder to everyone about the Royal Family Kids 1st Annual Cars for Kids Car Show & Family Fundraiser on August 1st, 10am-3pm at the Christian Life Assembly Church in Diamond.

Engineer

Absent at this meeting.

City Attorney

Nothing to Report.

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Accounts & Finances

Comm. Hibler made a motion to pay ASCAP \$335 which is our License Fee for music at our Annual Car Show, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Comm. Hibler, Hutton, Smith & Mayor Vehrs) 1 Absent (Comm. Tessler).

Comm. Hibler made a motion to pay the bills on the Check Register in the amount of \$123,040.03 seconded by Comm. Smith. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Smith, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs) 1 Absent (Comm. Tessler).

Comm. Hibler made a motion to pay the Payroll Expenses due in the amount of \$75,768.37 seconded by Comm. Smith. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Hutton, Smith & Mayor Vehrs) 1 Absent (Comm. Tessler).

Streets & Public Improvements

Comm. Smith commented that he wish ne could say what Homer Cole used to say "Everything's looking good", but can't say that. There are places where pipe was put in, people's driveways are going and we need to get to them. The problem is on East Second St. and don't want to say which contractor did the work but we have a lot of problems on East Second St. There are 2-3 places with sinkholes and one of the them this is the second time we replaced this driveway. We will get to it, but keep finding other places that have work to be done also that didn't know was there. Comm. Smith please give us time and we will get it fixed.

Public Buildings & Property

Comm. Hutton gave his weekly report. Comm. Hutton let the council and audience know that today we had 3 water main breaks at the same time which is unusual, one on Will Road, West Cermak and a buffalo box leaking on School St. The strange thing is Wilmington was having the same issues as us.

Public Health & Safety

Chief Ficarello commented that after taking over as Chief of Police he's noticed some flaws in the security for the Police Department. He requested a quote from a company called Clear Loss Prevention to address this. The Chief provided the city council a copy of this quote which he had previously brought up at the last city council meeting. The quote reflects changes to the police department which he believes is necessary and the city's insurance company is on board as well with these upgrades that need to be done. The items in the quote provides for an Alarm System which sits vacant during the week approximately 12 hrs. a day and 18-20 hrs. a day on the weekend. Chief feels the best way to handle their security is to institute a proximity card reader for access for police officers and our civilian personnel. Also, an Alarm System for when people are in or out of the building, a Security Window Film applied to 4 windows on the North side of the building. The department currently has bullet proof glass at the service window, but on the North side there is just regular glass and has been told that in past rocks have been thrown at them. The front vestibule is open to the public 24 hrs. a day 7 days a week, very easy for someone to access and do some damage. This alarm system will also lock the outside doors after 5 pm on weekdays and the doors will be locked on the weekends. Clear Loss Prevention has provided a quote in the amount of \$15,800 for Labor and Installation of all the upgrades listed on the quote. Comm. Hutton said he spoke with Chief earlier and they agreed to each pay half for the upgrades at the police department.

A motion was made by Comm. Hutton to accept the quote from Clear Loss Prevention in the amount of \$15,800, seconded by Comm. Smith. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs) 1 Absent (Comm. Tessler).

The Chief addressed the recent Promotion of Michelle Soucie from the rank of Sergeant to Deputy Chief. Prior to this Michelle Soucie at the rank of Sergeant was receiving an average Overtime Salary on top of Regular Salary amounting to between \$9,000 and \$10,000. With her added responsibility Chief felt it only fair and Comm. Tessler felt the same that she receive additional pay for the added responsibilities, they decided to split the difference and allow a retroactive payment from the time she was sworn in on 7/14/15. Her new annual rate of pay will be \$77,958.40.

A motion was made by Comm. Smith to approve the new salary of Dep. Chief Michelle Soucie Retroactive from July 14, 2015, seconded by Comm. Hibler. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hibler, Hutton and Mayor Vehrs) 1 Absent (Comm. Tessler).

Chief Ficarello gave his report regarding the police activities at this point.

Planning & Zoning Board Report

Chairman Michelle Serena addressed the Zoning Board Recommendations from the July 6, 2015 meeting. The Zoning Board recommends that the city council approve the Final Plat for EZ Living, her board approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 2 absent. This Final Plat was a formality that the Zoning Board had to do.

August 3, 2015 will be the next Zoning Board Meeting and they will be having a Public Hearing held on Thompson's Transportation on Schmidt Lane. He is requesting the use to allow storage of travel trailers with an expiration of 10 yrs. and a maximum capacity of 10 campers/trailers.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Comm. Hutton, seconded by Comm. Smith to go into Executive Session at 7:26pm for the purpose of discussing Personnel, pending and/or imminent litigation, collective bargaining/labor relations or land acquisition. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs) 1 Absent (Comm. Tessler).

A motion was made by Comm. Smith, seconded by Comm. Hutton to Reconvene the Regular Scheduled meeting. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs) 1 Absent (Comm. Tessler).

Comm. Hibler made motion to pay Jim Acanfora the balance due him minus mileage that was not discussed nor agreed upon, seconded by Comm. Smith. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hibler, Hutton, & Mayor Vehrs) 1 Absent (Comm. Tessler).

Old Business

Nothing to Report.

New Business

Nothing to Report.

Adjournment

Comm. Hutton made motion to adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs) 1 Absent (Comm. Tessler).
Meeting adjourned.

Approved this 17th day of August 2015

James A. Vehrs Mayor

Sue Grogan City Clerk

