

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Regular Meeting, Tuesday August 8, 2017 @ 7:00pm

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Public Comment **(Comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes per Sect. 2-34(b) of the City's Code of Ordinances)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 25, 2017 Regular Meeting

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor-

Administrator-

Clerk-Request for Annual Lions Club Candy Day Fundraiser, Friday October 13th, 3-7pm downtown crossings
-Knights of Columbus Request for Annual Tootsie Roll Drive

Engineer-Accept Bid Opening Results for Erie St. Storm Sewer Improvements
Accept Bid Opening Results for 2017 MFT Road Improvements

City Attorney-Resolution 17-17 Award of Contract for Erie & Sixth St. Storm Drainage Project
-Resolution 17-18 Award the Contract for 2017 Motor Fuel Tax Road Improvements
-Seeking direction on Allocation of TIF2 Funds to Pay for Erie St. Drainage Project
-Discussion of IMRF Eligibility

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Accounts and Finances -Payment of Bills
-Payroll Expenses

Streets & Public Improvements-

Public Property-

Public Health & Safety-

Planning & Zoning-Recommendations Presented at August 22, 2017 Council Mtg.

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, August 8, 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 City Engineer Todd Gereaux 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 Campbell, City Clerk Sue Grygiel, City Administrator Labriola, Chief Nick Ficarello and City Engineer Todd Gereaux were present.

Public Comment

Open and Closed at 7:03pm.

Approval of Minutes

Comm. Tessler made a motion, seconded by Comm. Smith to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2017. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays, (Smith, Hutton, Hibler, Smith, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

The Mayor thanked everyone that worked, volunteered for the Annual Golf Outing which turned out to be a great success. More money was raised this year over last year but Mayor said he didn't have the final numbers yet but will report when he does. The Mayor advised he attended the MAPP Meeting this morning. Met the gentlemen who hosted the meeting from the Disability Resource Center. This department works with Seniors and those who are Disabled. There are a lot of State Programs, under Grants out there and if you need something the Mayor asked to please call city hall or pick up the Mayor's business card in the hallway rack outside city hall which has his cell phone number on it. The Mayor said he once again learned a lot today at this meeting.

Administrator

Nothing to Report.

City Clerk

The clerk read a letter from the Braidwood Lions Club requesting to hold their Annual Candy Day on Friday, October 13th from 3-7pm. Then asked for a motion to approve their request. Comm. Smith made a motion to approve the Lions Club Annual Candy Day request, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hutton, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

The clerk then addressed the request from the Braidwood Knights of Columbus for their Annual Tootsie Roll Drive on September 15th-17th, hours of (7-9) and (3-5). Then asked for a motion to approve their request. Comm. Smith made a motion to approve the KC's Annual Tootsie Roll Drive, seconded by Comm. Hibler. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hibler, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Engineer

Todd said they had a couple of Bid Openings. One was for the Erie St. Project; low bidder was "D" Construction with a base bid of \$72,831 and recommends the council to accept that. The other Opening was the 2017 MFT Road Improvements, low bidder was Grasso Construction with a total bid of \$281,641.69 which is above the Engineers estimate but only by \$2,000, well within the limits and recommends the council accept this bid. Todd also advised that the city attorney has prepared Resolutions and will accept under those.

City Attorney

Atty. Campbell addressed the two Resolutions that the City Engineer spoke about previously.

Comm. Tessler made a motion to adopt Resolution 17-17, awarding the Contract for Erie St. Project to "D" Construction in the amount of \$72,831, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hibler, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Smith made a motion to adopt Resolution 17-18, awarding the Contract for the 2017 MFT Road Improvements to Grasso Construction in the amount of \$281,641.69, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hutton, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Atty. Campbell addressed his Agenda item regarding the Council's direction in relation to the allocation of TIF Funds for the Erie St. Drainage Project. Atty. Campbell explained that TIF Funds can be used for public improvements. The Erie St. Project does affect TIF2. The engineers have put together a map of where it's affected and was forwarded onto the city's TIF Attorney. They have made an estimate of about 50-60% of the total project amount could be attributable to TIF2 because it relates to the drainage in the TIF2 area. The Atty. is looking for direction from the council if they wish him to continue to work on this and try to get that allocation of funds. If so, then at the next meeting or the following it will be on the bills listing for payment. Comm. Smith said that's good money spent because the Erie St. Drainage is a health hazard and would like to see it done as quickly as we can. Comm. Tessler thanked Don, Mayor Vehrs, both our Attorney's for their work on this as well as our TIF Atty. The commissioner said he was seeking \$45,000 from the TIF Fund to allocate towards the Erie St. Project, that's the number he was thinking of. The Mayor said once the TIF Attorney gets the number that will be the hard number we'll be able to go with. The Mayor said we go ahead and pursue this. Atty. Campbell asked if any of the council had any reservations with moving forward on these funds and there were no concerns.

Atty. Campbell then brought up IMRF eligibility. This is something that we are mandated to do by a recent change in the statute. We need to determine whether or not we have certain positions of elected officials that are eligible for IMRF participation. As far as the history goes the attorney asked the city clerk if the city has ever had any elected officials participate in IMRF. She replied the city has never had any elected officials in IMRF. Years ago they would have had to work 600hrs per IMRF and now the city is at 1000 hrs. It requires the people you designate to a position to now work 1000 hrs. to qualify for IMRF. The attorney also said in other municipalities as well it's difficult for an elected official to get to the 1000hrs.

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 \$267,125.55, 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 \$96,652.70 seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Smith, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Streets & Public Improvements

Comm. Smith said he could talk for a long time about a lot of things but he's not. The street department is doing the best that they possibly can. He said he does get around a lot, looks at things people want done but the city cannot go on private property. He said he can't take one taxpayer's money and turn around and give to someone else. The commissioner said he's doing everything he can to fulfill his promises he made as an elected official and will continue to do and won't be resigning.

Public Property

Comm. Hutton gave a shorter report since the guys were out doing a sewer plug last night. They had a sewer line plugged up with tree roots on South Division St. They worked late yesterday afternoon and into late night. They came back this morning and finished about 3:00 this afternoon. They cleaned out all the manholes, the lines getting everything they possibly could get. He said the plants holding its own. Our water production per day is actually going down. City hall has been getting a lot of calls about water consumption on water bills and said really doesn't know what to tell them. A lady called him today with a consumption of 27,000 gallons, meters don't lie. Maybe had a leak, used more water, but not sure what's going on.

Public Health & Safety

Comm. Tessler gave the stats that the Chief provided from 7/25-8/7/17, with total calls for service 249. The commissioner then gave an overview of the Annual Golf Outing thanking everyone for putting their time into it and they raised \$6500. He also said in May of this year the Police Dept. applied for a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). On August 1st the department was awarded \$28,000 which will be used to further the CHANGE Program, a huge step forward for the CHANGE Program in fighting the issue of drugs. The commissioner then read a letter the Police Department received from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. In this letter their committee designated the City of Braidwood to receive \$28,000 from JAG Federal Fiscal Year 2013, Federal Funds to implement this Program. This Grant money is contingent on completing all requirements and execution of the Grant Agreement.

Planning & Zoning Board Report

No Recommendations at this meeting.

Closed Session

No request made.

Old Business

Comm. Smith wanted to say one thing. It seems like this council is just talking, we keep spinning and spinning our wheels and getting nothing done. We need Work Meetings bad where we can discuss what we need as a council. There's a lot of talk and no action, the city needs development in here to help with our taxes, we're not moving as fast as we should, and not doing what we told the people we were going to do before the election. Comm. Tessler agreed but at same time the Mayor, Administrator, Engineer are trying the best they can, if people can't commit and sign on the dotted line there isn't much we can do. Mayor said we have a new subdivision coming in on Cermak Rd. Comm. Smith said he hopes we get foundations put in and the Mayor said the developers hoping the same.

New Business

Nothing to Report.

Adjournment

Comm. Tessler made motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:25pm, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hutton, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs). Meeting adjourned.

Approved this 22nd day of August 2017

Jean Vehrs Mayor
Sue Gregg City Clerk

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

