

**CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
141 W. MAIN STREET  
BRAIDWOOD, IL 60408  
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 7:00pm**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call by City Clerk**
  - Elizabeth Dixon**
  - Warren Wietting**
  - Dale Walsh**
  - James Mikel, Jr.**
  - Todd Lyons**

**IV. Public Comment:** State your full name and spell your last name.

Sec. 2-34. - Public comment. (a) At the beginning of each city council meeting, before action is taken on any item, except for approval of the minutes, there shall be a portion allowed for public comment. Public comment is allowed on any subject matter pertaining to city business and is not restricted to matters on the agenda. (b) No prior registration shall be required for any person giving public comment, but before speaking, the person shall state his name and address. There shall be a three-minute time limit to the public comment of each person, but the mayor may waive such time limit. (Ord. No. 98-16, § 3, 4-28-98; Ord. No. 99-13, § 1, 4-27-99)

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Approve Minutes of the Tuesday, July 22, 2025 Regular Meeting**

**VI. REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS**

- A. Mayor**
  - 1. Request a motion for approval to renew BCBS Insurance
  - 2. Request a motion to appoint a representative on WESCOM's Executive Board
- B. City Management Consultant**
- C. Clerk**
  - 1. Request a motion for Braidwood Lions Club Candy Day, Friday, October 10, 2025
  - 2. Request a motion for Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive, Friday, September 19, 20, and 21, 2025
- D. Engineer**
- E. City Attorney**

**VII. REPORTS BY CITY**

- A. Accounts and Finances**
  - 1. Approve Payment of Bills \$337,540.62
  - 2. Approve Payroll \$87,076.28
  - 3. Motion to approve Resolution 25-11 to appropriate the sum of \$12,500 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for 01/01/2019 to 12/31/2019
- B. Streets and Public Improvements**
- C. Public Buildings & Property**
- D. Public Health & Safety**
- E. Planning & Zoning**
  - 1. Next Planning and Zoning meeting to be announced.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Motion to go into executive session to discuss (i) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)) and (ii) pending, probable, or imminent litigation against, affecting, or on behalf of the City (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11))
- B. Motion to close executive session

**XI. Next City Council Meeting is Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 7:00pm**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council Tuesday, August 12, 2025**  
**Braidwood City Hall 141 W. Main St., Braidwood, IL 60408**

**Call to Order:** The Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council on August 12, 2025 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Lyons in the Council Chambers of the Braidwood City Hall.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Lyons requested that all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Upon Roll Call by the Clerk, the following members of the corporate authorities answered “Here” or “Present”;

**Elected Officials:**

**Present:** Commissioner Dixon, Commissioner Walsh, and Mayor Lyons

**Absent:** Commissioner Wietting and Commissioner Mikel

**Appointed Officials:**

**Present:** City Clerk Weaver, City Engineer Sean Kelly, and City Attorney Wellner

**Absent:** None.

**Quorum:** There being sufficient members of the corporate authorities in attendance to constitute a quorum, the meeting was declared in order.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Walsh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to approve the meeting minutes from the July 22, 2025 Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried with 3 ayes; 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Walsh, Dixon, and Lyons)

**Mayor’s Report:** Lyons: Explained that the Committee of the Whole meetings are for the council to discuss items and not be in violation of the Open Meetings Act. Our new Police Chief, Eric Allen, will be sworn in at the next council meeting. Zoom call with Senator Chris Balkema, a meet and greet and discuss some projects we have going on in our community. Currently working with the engineer to get at sidewalk grant. The water tower is repaired and up and running.

Requested a motion to approve the renewal of our BCBS Insurance and Life Insurance Policies. Commissioner Walsh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to approve the renewal of BCBS Insurance and Life Insurance Policies. Motion carried with 3 ayes; 0 nays (Walsh, Dixon, and Lyons)

Requested a motion to approve the appointment of the Mayor, Todd Lyons, to be a representative on WESCOM’s Executive Board. Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walsh to approve the appointment of Mayor Todd Lyons to the WESCOM’s Executive Board. Motion carried with 3 ayes; 0 nays (Walsh, Dixon, and Lyons)

**Administrator Report:** Gulden: Reported on projects in the city. The water tower is back online and meets all IEPA standards. We put out a notification of the IDOT widening and resurfacing of Route 129 and 53 intersections. We had our bid openings for the water plant softener salt and the road improvements

for Vita Lane, English St., and Stacey Court. In the Development Review Meeting, we will talk about Globe Builders with high-end homes, Oasis Truck Stop, and a Truck Sales Project. Mastodon should be starting construction this week. The dilapidated garage has been removed from W. Cermak. We are working with two other vacant homes with agreements and potential buyers. We are talking with Ultimate Rides about the parking lot project they want to do, since they have not applied for a permit, a letter of Cease and Desist will be going out. Talked with Comcast about our Franchise agreement, and this will be up for a vote at the next meeting, as this is a continuation of a contract that has expired. The improvements at Route 113 and EZ St. with the no left turn, we are still waiting for permits from IDOT. We will be having a meeting on the Letter of Credit and bonds that lay out procedures for developers. At the next Committee of the Whole, we will talk about our TIF consultant and changing to a different firm.

**City Clerk Report:** Weaver: Requested a motion to approve the Braidwood Lions Club Candy Day on Friday, October 10, 2025. Commissioner Walsh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the Braidwood Lions Club Candy Day. Motion carried with 3 ayes; 0 nays (Walsh, Dixon, and Lyons)

Requested a motion to approve the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive on Friday, September 19, 20, and 21, 2025. Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to approve the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive. Motion carried with 3 ayes; 0 nays (Dixon, Walsh, and Lyons)

**Engineer Report:** Kelly: At the next council meeting, we will have a letter of recommendation for the Salt Bid and the Road Bids that took place earlier this week.

**City Attorney Report:** No report.

**Accounts & Finance Report:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to approve the Payment of Bills, in the amount of \$337,540.62, as identified in the Accounts Payable General Ledger dated August 12, 2025. Commissioner Dixon gave a report of a breakdown of some of the bills that were paid out of each department. Motion carried with 3 ayes: 0 nays. (Dixon, Walsh, and Lyons)

Commissioner Dixon then made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to Approve Payroll Expenses in the amount of \$87,076.28 as identified in the Payroll General Ledger dated August 1, 2025. Motion carried with 3 ayes; 0 nays. (Dixon, Walsh, and Lyons).

Commissioner Dixon gave a report on projects she has been working on. Professional fee agreements to help recoup money spent on projects from permit applications. Finishing up the MFT audits.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walsh to approve Resolution 25-11 to appropriate the sum of \$12,500.00 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for 01/01/2019 to 12/31/2019. Motion carried with 3 ayes; 0 nays (Dixon, Walsh, and Lyons)

Commissioner Dixon addressed some comments from the last meeting's public comment regarding raising the water rates, Axon contract, and raising taxes.

**Streets & Public Improvement Report:** Walsh: IDOT is responsible for the widening and timing of the Route 129 project. Reported for all the everyday duties the street department takes care of, such as mowing, street repair, shoulder stone, and painting hydrants.

**Public Property Report:** Gulden gave report: Reported the water department duties the last couple weeks: 8 meter repairs, 1 new meter install, 7 emergency shut-offs, 5 final reads, 108 locates, 4 hydrant repairs, 4 B-Box repairs, and helped streets with parking lot repairs.

**Public Health & Safety Report:** Mayor gave report: Braidwood Police Department Press Release from July 22 to August 11, 2025: Total number of calls for service 501, case reports 42, total subjects arrested 15, total arrest charges 36, total number of traffic stops 179, citations 38, written warnings 102, semi-truck violations 9, and total number of P-tickets 15.

Thanks to ESDA and the hours they have logged over 6,000.

**Planning & Zoning Report:** No report

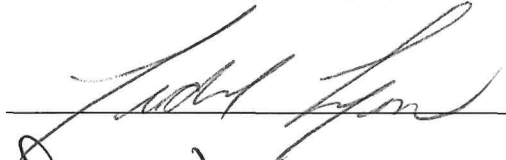
**Old Business:** Commissioner Dixon reported from last meeting on the balance of our Illinois Fund Account started with \$8.6 million and as of August 12, there is \$9.4 million.

**New Business:** None.

**Adjournment:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to adjourn the August 12, 2025 regular meeting of the Braidwood City Council. Motion carried with 3 ayes: 0 nays. (Dixon, Walsh, and Lyons)

The next regular meeting of the Council will be held Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Approved this 26 Day of August, 2025.

 Mayor

 City Clerk

