

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Regular Meeting, Tuesday August 23, 2016 @ 7:00pm

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Public Comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 9, 2016 Regular Meeting

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor- Merchants Solutions International, Dennis Buxbaum Presenter

Administrator-

Clerk-

Engineer-

City Attorney- Ordinance 16-09, Establishing the Prevailing Wage for the City of Braidwood

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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City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 23, 2016

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 Ficarelo and City Clerk Sue Grygiel were present. City Administrator Don Labriola and City Engineer were absent.

Public Comment

Bill Rulien, 187 E. Main St. Talked about the article on front page of Journal regarding independent investigation, stating that some of the current council apparently thought you were going to get some valuable information when you commissioned the credit card audit. He stated what they really received was an audit designed to deflect criticism from the guilt. Bill said this was designed as a witch hunt and looked at 4 yrs. of his administration in an effort to discredit myself and Lisa Glisson. He said no Auditor, no clerk, no newspaper reporter, stressed nobody called him up and asked him anything about what happened. Bill then gave a background on the controls of the system when he was in office. Bill then questioned the council about charges during his administration that were listed in the paper, no comments were given.

Public Comment closed at 7:10pm.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Comm. Hutton, seconded by Comm. Tessler to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 9, 2016 as printed. Motion approved 4 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Tessler, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs) 1 Abstain (Commissioner Smith).

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

Mayor Vehrs then asked Dennis Buxbaum to give his proposal on his credit card machine with Merchants Solutions. Dennis explained they are a full service processing company; payment processing. He is here tonight on behalf of the Mayor and Chief Ficarelo. He said he could possibly help save the city money on their credit card processing fees, and possibly bringing revenue back into the city through their company. They are a full service payment consulting firm and work with businesses small to large. They have over 25,000 merchants on the books now and also have quite a few municipalities. The goal would be to create a revenue stream back into the city. Dennis saw on our website that city works with Illinois E-Pay for their bill pay and they charge a few towards processing, so your residents pay that fee with no money coming back into the municipality. They could also bring mobile merchants to the city free of charge that could be used at city events, etc. for credit/debit cards. They have many options that can help the city grow through this processing of credit cards. Dennis gave a proposal to the mayor and other things the council could look at.

Administrator

Absent, at a 911 meeting.

City Clerk

The city clerk had nothing to report. She said that the office has had several people coming in looking for the Library while their building is under construction. She advised everyone that they have a Temporary Library set up at the Braidwood Park District building at 242 W. 1st St. with hours of Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 9am-4pm

Engineer

Engineer was absent.

City Attorney

Attorney Kopman addressed his agenda item, Ordinance 16-09 Establishing Prevailing Wage for the City of Braidwood. These are normally done in July but the problem is the state has not yet set what those standards and rates are. There are other municipalities that have been struggling whether to pass this or not. Atty. Kopman said it is their recommendation to move forward with the 2015 rates until the 2016 rates are adopted. Language has been put into this ordinance to accept the 2016 rates when the state establishes and then we'll come back with an ordinance so that everything is on the books.

A motion was made by Comm. Hutton, seconded by Comm. Tessler to adopt Ordinance 16-09 Establishing the 2015 Prevailing Wages for the city. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Tessler, Hibler, Smith and Mayor Vehrs).

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS**Accounts & Finances**

Comm. Hibler made a motion that we pay the total bills due on our Check Register in the amount of \$64,840.58, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Smith, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Hibler said we have one additional payment going out. The Police Department has paid \$21,435.00 out of Federal Seizure Funds. This was a trade-in on the old undercover vehicle for a new undercover vehicle to be used by our DEA Assigned Task Force Officer.

Comm. Hibler made a motion that we approve that payment of \$21,435.00, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 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 \$77,803.47, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Smith, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Streets & Public Improvements

Comm. Smith said the large amounts of rain has really caused them to cut grass. They have a lot of things to do and it doesn't seem like they will get it all done but they are making a hole in it that's for sure. Fay said everything is going good and his workers are working and not arguing, that's when you get things done and said he's very proud of his men.

Public Buildings & Property

Comm. Hutton gave the Outside Crew Report, followed by the Plant Crew Report; Assisted with Service Line to the Library, flushed and Hydro Tested and ready for chlorination, still pending yet. Eaton Power Systems came out to diagnose dead Auto Transfer Switch for Sewer Generator which in process of getting estimate and parts quote, quick estimate was \$32,000. All from the lightning strike 3 weeks ago. Hopefully by next meeting we will have the Ordinance ready that no buffalo boxes or water valves will be placed in a driveway.

Public Health & Safety

Comm. Tessler then read the Press Release from the Chief, with totals calls for service were 263. Also recently the Chief and Deputy Chief and Pete Dell'Aquila from the Healthy Coalition met with Dixon Police Chief on their Drug Addiction Program. Their program has placed approximately 100 opiate addicts into a drug rehab within the last year. We are looking to do something very similar to that. The possible name for the drug recovery program for us is called CHANGE; Community Helping Addicts Needing to Gain Empowerment. Going to deal with changing the perception of addiction, change the path of an addict, changes the outcomes and changes the way police interacts with the addict. We don't want to just catch them but this moves forward in helping them get clean. Not just catch them and throw them in prison, try and help them as best we can.

Planning & Zoning Board Report

No Zoning Board Report.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Comm. Hutton to go into Executive Session to discuss Pending and/or Imminent Litigation and Real Estate Transactions, also inviting Chief Ficarello in, seconded by Comm. Tessler. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Tessler, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs).

A motion was made by Comm. Tessler to Reconvene the Regular Meeting at 8:09pm, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hibler, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs).

No action being taken following Executive Session.

Old Business

Nothing to Report.

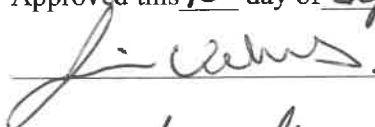
New Business

Nothing to Report.

Adjournment

Comm. Tessler made motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:11pm, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hutton, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs). Meeting adjourned.

Approved this 13th day of September 2016

 Mayor

 City Clerk

