

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Regular Meeting, Tuesday August 25, 2015 @ 7:00pm

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Public Comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 11, 2015 Regular Meeting

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor- Apptmt. to Fire & Police Board, filling a vacancy

Administrator-

Clerk-

Engineer-

City Attorney-

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Accounts and Finances -Payment of Bills
-Payroll

Streets and Public Improvements - Accept Resignation of Joe Lehnert

Public Buildings & Property-

Public Health & Safety- Appointment of Part-Time Officers: Bob Coleman & Brad Lande
- Federal & State Seizure Accounts turned over to Police Chief
- Intergovernmental Agreement w/RCSD for School Resource Officer

Planning & Zoning -Recommendations from August 3rd Zoning Board Meeting

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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Tuesday, August 25, 2015

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

The Mayor led everyone in The Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

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

Public Comment

Tom Wilson, 135 E. Schmidt Lane. Tom said he moved into his house in 2005 and is concerned with the Temporary Permit denied by the Zoning Board designed supposedly for the storage of campers on Schmidt Lane. The Mayor asked if he was talking about Thompson and Tom said yes. When they moved in it was a vacant lot and they cut the grass. Tom said at one time Tim talked to him about selling the lot and then over the years campers started to come in; 2,3,4 up to 10, not exact on the numbers. Tim said that he had always been looking for a place and now they are trying to get a Temporary Permit for 10 yrs. Also over the years the trucks coming in pulling the campers, lights shining into the windows. Things progressed and never ever complained about it until they received a letter in the mail. Tom feels at his age now 10 yrs. is Permanent. We are talking only about an acre of land but with the money they have made over the past 10 yrs. he could have got property that is zoned for business. Thompson's business is a Transport Company in a residential zoned area.

No further comments, Public Comment closed at 7:05pm.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the August 25, 2015 Regular Meeting were approved as read. Motion made by Comm. Smith, seconded by Comm. Tessler. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Mayor

The Mayor talked about the Car Show that was held over the weekend at the Braidwood Area Historical Society. They had a great turn out, there were 67 cars there and would like to see that continue on. The Mayor then addressed his agenda item regarding the appointment to the Fire & Police Board. He advised that Tod Lyons' term had expired in April 2015. The Mayor stated he would like to make an appointment but wanted to open it up for discussion. Comm. Tessler asked who he would like to appoint? Mayor replied George Rozak, who served 4 yrs. as Finance Commissioner with the city, knows our form of government very well and is an upstanding citizen and will be good for this position.

Motion made by Comm. Smith, seconded by Comm. Hibler to approve appointment of George Rozak to Fire & Police Board. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hutton, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Administrator

Andy had two issues to discuss. First is there is a big backhoe by Family Dollar and hopefully they will start this week. There were some glitches that had to be taken care of first from the previous administration but those seemed to be resolved. Second is the update on EZ Living, which D Construction started today and again more glitches which had to get worked out and hopefully they will be ready to open up in a month. The Mayor advised that on the EZ Living Project we are still waiting for an IDOT permit and hoping to get by the end of the week so they can have one time laying of asphalt, eliminating joints in the asphalt.

City Clerk

Nothing to Report.

Engineer

Absent at this meeting.

City Attorney

The attorney reported that at the last council meeting Comm. Tessler requested that we put together a noise ordinance. He has a memorandum and a draft of the ordinance that he will pass out to the council and look for comments back from the council in the next few weeks, hoping to finalize in September.

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Accounts & Finances

Comm. Hibler made a motion to pay the bills on the Check Register in the amount of \$106,057.92 and this is a corrected total, seconded by Comm. Smith. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Smith, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

The Mayor asked Comm. Hibler on the Rathbun, Cservenyak & Kozol bill was that one corrected? Comm. Hibler advised she deducted that one off the bills list.

Comm. Hibler advised we have one additional payment going out and is going out of the Federal Forfeiture Account. Motion made by Comm. Hibler that we pay Farmer's State Bank \$31,539.72 for the Lease Payment on Police Cars and equipment, seconded by Comm. Smith. Mayor asked for discussion. 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 \$69,797.20 seconded by Comm. Hutton. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Hutton, Smith, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Streets & Public Improvements

Comm. Smith addressed his agenda item. Comm. Smith made motion that we accept the Resignation of Joe Lehnert, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Smith, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Public Buildings & Property

Comm. Hutton gave update on EZ Street Lift Station, Com Ed was out today and hopefully have wires tied in by tomorrow afternoon and finish power for that issue and that get the Lift Station online and live and working. Second Townes of Braidwood, the 30 services they were to install electricity in, we have already signed the contract and paid the deposit. This was to be done this past spring and wasn't so now we are moving forward with this and all paperwork should be in place. Comm. Hutton then gave his weekly reports.

Public Health & Safety

Comm. Tessler gave the Chief's stats report for the last 2 weeks.

Comm. Tessler addressed his agenda items. Comm. Tessler made motion to appoint Part Time Officers Bob Coleman and Brad Lande, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Mayor asked for discussion.

Comm. Tessler said Bob couldn't make it here tonight, he's retired from Will County Sheriff for over 20 yrs., worked with DEA and his resources will be vital. Brad is here and is currently a City of Joliet Fireman/Paramedic and also has experience with Will County Sheriff's Dept., also a helicopter pilot and owns his own helicopter so that resource will be available to us also if needed.

Comm. Tessler said we are understaffed and he was glad we appointed George Rozak tonight. We are going to expedite the hiring list with the Fire & Police Board, for whatever the reason was for delaying for the last 3-4 months. Hope to hire Full Time personnel in the near future.

Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hutton, Smith, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs).

At this point the City Clerk swore in Brad Lande as Part Time Officer.

Comm. Tessler then addressed his next agenda item regarding Federal & State Seizure Funds. The responsibility of these funds are being turned over to the Police Chief. The last administration we didn't really have full run of these accounts, it was kept in the General Fund and maintained by our old Finance Consultant. This move gives the Chief more flexibility and Eric advised that he always knew what was in there but the Chief should be the responsible person for these funds.

Last item discussed was the Intergovernmental Agreement with Reed-Custer School District for School Resource Officer. Every year before school starts since Wally Evans passed, we have an Intergovernmental Agreement with the School District that is passed annually for the Resource Officer in the schools, which is Vern Reed.

A motion was made by Comm. Tessler to accept the Intergovernmental Agreement with RCSD and the City of Braidwood for the School Resource Officer, seconded by Comm. Hibler. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hibler, Hutton, Smith & Mayor Vehrs).

The Mayor advised that the school is going to break ground here in late fall for a new school, the current school will still be there and operational. The baseball fields, playground will be taken out to start the new school. We may have to talk to the post office since the buses will be rerouted because Walker Street will be closed and they will be going through the church parking lot on to Main St. That cluster box next to the Parrish Hall will have to be moved because it's going to be a sharp turn for the buses and may take out that cluster box there, so we will have to talk with them to get relocated.

Planning & Zoning Board Report

Chairman Michelle Serena addressed the council. The Zoning Board had a meeting on August 3rd, a Public Hearing for a Special Use for Tim & Julie Thompson at 120 Schmidt Rd. During the Public Hearing we had several neighbors in the area speak giving their pro's and con's, which was all typed up in Memo given to the council. Under their new business the Zoning Board had discussion on it. The discussion was to allow the campers and trailers on Schmidt Road with an expiration of 10 years and a maximum of 10 campers/trailers at that time. As Zoning Chairman, Michelle had asked for a motion, there was no motion so that request was denied. The Chairman then asked for motion to deny the request for Thompson's, that motion was made and seconded and passed by the Zoning Board. The Board felt that basically he's had 12 years to find a place and the board feels that residential is not the place at this time and another 10 years would be too long. Also in the memo it was brought up at their meeting about Mark Waldick and that is noted in the memo for the council to review.

The Zoning Board will be having a meeting on September 14, 2015, Public Hearing will be on that date which was requested by the Reed-Custer Board of Education for a Height Variance for the new school, notices have been sent out also.

The Zoning Board is looking for council's action on Thompson's Special Use. The attorney asked about Waldick in Hickory Trails? The administrator advised that we have an agreement with Waldick, the issue needed 4 votes by the Zoning Board and they voted 3 ayes, 2 nays, and 2 absent so they didn't have full

vote. They did get a full vote on the other, any duplexes being built the door must face the road. They are not going to make him change the current duplex being built but future ones will have to comply with door facing the road. The Zoning Board would need a motion by the council reflecting this allowance. The attorney said the council can make a decision on the brick veneer, technically there is no recommendation from the Zoning Board because of the 3-2 vote with 2 absent and a vote of 4 needs to be for the recommendation.

A motion was made by Comm. Hutton to deny the Request for Thompson's Special Use at 120 Schmidt Road, seconded by Comm. Tessler. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Tessler, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs). Zoning Chairman asked about timeline as to when campers/trailers need to be removed from that property? The attorney replied that's up to zoning enforcement he can go out there and issue citation if necessary. Comm. Tessler said he would like to give them 30 days and he will talk with Rex in the morning. The Mayor also said that he and Eric will talk about this too. The Mayor feels we should give him until November 1st, giving him enough time to find another location before winter. Comm. Tessler agreed with the Mayor on November 1st, just as long as we set a date.

A motion was made by Comm. Hutton to allow brick veneer that resembles brick up to the window level on this duplex unit only for Mark Waldick in Hickory Trails subdivision, seconded by Comm. Smith. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Executive Session

A motion was made by Comm. Hutton, seconded by Comm. Smith to go into Executive Session at 7:39pm for the purpose of discussing Personnel, pending and/or imminent litigation, collective bargaining/labor relations or land acquisition. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

The Mayor said there will be no action taken following Executive Session.

A motion was made by Comm. Smith, seconded by Comm. Tessler to Reconvene the Regular Scheduled meeting at 7:56pm. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Tessler, Hibler, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs).

Senator Sue Rezin came to address council and gave the State of Illinois. Also thanked everyone during the Tornado for their help from First Responders, EMA and all local agencies that gave their assistance.

Old Business

Nothing to Report.

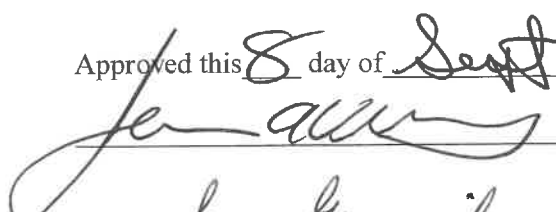
New Business

Nothing to Report.

Adjournment

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

Approved this 8 day of Sept. 2015

 Mayor

 City Clerk

