

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 7:00pm

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call by City Clerk

Kim Earling

Warren Wietting

Dale Walsh

Ron Wilczak Sr.

Karen Hart

IV. Public Comment: State your full name and spell your last name. Section 2-34 of the Braidwood Code of Ordinances imposes a three (3) minute limit for each person during public comment.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approve Minutes of the Tuesday, August 27, 2024 Regular Meeting

VI. REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

A. Mayor

1. Mayor Appointment of Wayne Kancler a member to the City of Braidwood Plan Commission Board with a term to expire on October 31, 2030.
2. Approval of Mayor Appointment of Wayne Kancler as a member to the City of Braidwood Plan Commission Board with a term to expire on October 31, 2030.

B. Administrator

C. Clerk

1. Request a motion to approve the holding of a National Life Chain Event on October 6th, from 2:30pm – 3:30pm at IL Route 53 and IL Route 113

D. Engineer

E. City Attorney

VII. REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

A. Accounts and Finances

1. Approve Payment of Bills **\$232,086.58**
2. Approve Payroll **\$94,155.75**

B. Streets and Public Improvements

1. Motion to approve Resolution 24-3 for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code

C. Public Buildings & Property

1. Acceptance of the low bid and award of contract to Austin-Tyler for the Reed-Custer Elementary School Water Main Improvement Project in the amount of \$144,983.95

D. Public Health & Safety

E. Planning & Zoning

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, September 24, 2024 at 7:00pm

XII. ADJOURNMENT

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council Tuesday, September 10, 2024
Braidwood City Hall 141 W. Main St., Braidwood, IL 60408**

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council on September 10, 2024 was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Mayor Hart in the Council Chambers of the Braidwood City Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Hart requested 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 Earling, Commissioner Wietting, Commissioner Walsh, Commissioner Wilczak and Mayor Hart

Absent:

Appointed Officials:

Present: City Clerk Weaver, City Administrator Altiery, Chief Goodwin, City Engineer Sean Kelly, and City Attorney Wellner

Absent:

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

Public Comment: Elizabeth Dixon; 195 N. Lincoln St: Asked to not allow the Life Chain Event to take place.

Samantha Guistat; 281 S. Center St: Noted that the Life Chain Event is a quiet and peaceful protest with no graphic signs.

Nicole Shores; 976 N. English St.: Addressed the council about Tony Altiery and his comments on Facebook. Mayor Hart: Excused Shores for the comments that it was inappropriate to talk about people and personalities but said she could give out the packets.

Karie Larson; 285 E. 1st: Commented on the flooding issue in backyard caused by an unhooked drainage pipe to put in the pond on Mitchell St. Spoke about the Pheasant Run flooding being fixed by the city. Talked to the AG about issues and trying to receive help when needed and being lied to.

Chris Earling; 180 N. Mitchel: There has been turn around on the council board, but pleased to see we are out of debt. Thanked council for staying within budget unlike previous administration.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Wietting made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilczak, to approve meeting minutes from the August 27, 2024 Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Earling, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart)

Mayor's Report: Hart: Appointment of Wayne Kancler to the City of Braidwood Plan Commission Board. Attny Wellner: Point of clarification, the agenda states a term with the incorrect date. It will be

adjusted administratively. Commissioner Wilczak made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wietting to approve the appointment of Wayne Kancler to the City of Braidwood Plan Commission Board. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Earling, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart). Wayne Kancler took the oath and was sworn in by Mayor Hart.

Administrator Report: Altiery: Working with Surf Internet and the Engineering team with the streets.

City Clerk Report: Weaver: Requested a motion to approve the Knights of Columbus to host the National Life Chain Event 2024 on October 6th between 2:30pm – 3:30m at the intersections of Route 53 and 113. Commissioner Earling made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walsh to approve the National Life Chain Event 2024. Commissioner Wilczak stated this is not voted on by our opinions but their freedom to protest. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Earling, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart)

On October 14 from 5:30pm – 7:30pm a Women’s Personal Safety class will be held here at council chambers for anyone to attend.

Engineer Report: Kelly: Bid opening on September 19 for the road program.

City Attorney Report: No Report.

Accounts & Finance Report: Noted on the bills we paid the garbage \$48,000, about \$21,000 was paid to ComEd and \$34,000 towards plant repairs. Commissioner Earling made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilczak, to approve the Payment of Bills, in the amount of \$232,086.58 as identified in the Accounts Payable General Ledger dated August 27, 2024. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays. (Earling, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart)

Commissioner Earling then made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wietting, to Approve Payroll Expenses, in the amount of \$94,155.75 as identified in the Payroll General Ledger dated August 30, 2024. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays. (Earling, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart).

Streets & Public Improvement Report: Commissioner Walsh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wietting to approve Resolution 24-3 for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code. Explained that this happens every year, we cannot use the fuel tax money until this resolution is passed. Altiery further explained that this is the MFT money, we get approximately \$230,000 every year. This budget includes about \$70,000 for salt for the roads, another \$70,000 for electric for street lights, and another \$5-\$10,000 in concrete repair or stone. The remainder will go towards road repairs. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Earling, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart)

Public Property Report: Wietting: There was bid put out for the Reed-Custer Elementary School water main relocation an improvement. This will be paid by the school we are accepting the bid on their behalf. Commissioner Wietting made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilczak to accept the low bid and award of contract to Austin-Tyler for the Reed-Custer Elementary School Water Main Improvement Project in the amount of \$144,983.95. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Earling, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart)

Commented on how this administration has been as transparent as can be. Was able to get lot of information right from our website. The administration has changed insurance companies and saved the city \$170,000 a year. Have seen this administration take us out of severe debt with the help of Tony.

Public Health & Safety Report: Wilczak: The Braidwood Police Press Release for dates of August 27 to September 9, 2024. The total number of calls for service were 275, case reports 24, total subjects arrested 5, total arrest charges 6, total number of traffic stops 66, citations 9, written warnings 39, semi-truck violations 1, and total number of P-tickets 1. ESDA report for the month of August.

Spoke on our open-door policy and encouraged residents to come to meetings and have discussions. We have the right to free speech but it is not appropriate to name call or make derogatory comments. Commented on how they are working together to help our community. Read the Civility Pledge that was shared from a meeting with the Illinois State Representatives.

Planning & Zoning Report: No Report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Comm. Walsh: Next Town Hall meeting will be October 8, 2024 at 6:00pm.
Comm. Wilczak: The meetings have been recorded and this is an extra service the council has been doing. Other neighboring towns do not record their meetings. There are plans to keep our meetings recorded and will be posted.

Adjournment: Commissioner Wilczak made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to adjourn the September 10, 2024 regular meeting of the Braidwood City Council. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays. (Earling, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart) The next regular meeting of the Council will be held Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 7:00pm

Approved this 24 Day of September 2024.

Kevin E. Hart Mayor

Sarah Weaver City Clerk

