

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Regular Meeting, Tuesday September 13, 2016 @ 7:00pm

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Public Comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 23, 2016 Regular Meeting

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor-

Administrator-Contract with Merchants Solutions International, Dennis Buxbaum
-Republic Disposal Presentation
-Joe Hudetz of Nice Ice, Presentation

Clerk- National Life Chain, October 2, 2016 2:30-3:30pm, IL53 @ IL Rte. 113

Engineer-Resolution for Maintenance of Streets & Highways by Municipality under IL Highway Code

City Attorney- Ord. 16-10 Amending Chapter 23-Zoning of the City of Braidwood Codes
-Ord. 16-11 Amending Chapter 22-Building & Building Regulations, Section 22-31 Building Code
-Ord. 16-12 Amending Chapter 22-Building & Building Regulations, Section 22-86 Plumbing Code
-Ord. 16-13 Amending Chapter 22-Building & Building Regulations, Section 22-61 Electrical Code
-Ord. 16-14 Amending Chapter 86-Utilities of the City of Braidwood Code of Ordinances

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Accounts and Finances -Payment of Bills
-Payroll Expenses

Streets and Public Improvements -

Public Buildings & Property-

Public Health & Safety- Intergovernmental Agreement to Provide Resource Officer for RCUSD 255U
-Contract with Tasers & Car Camera's
-Official Swearing In of New Lateral Hires

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, September 13, 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 Matt Campbell, Chief Nick Ficarello and City Clerk Sue Grygiel, City Administrator Don Labriola and City Engineer Brian Hertz were present.

Public Comment

Bill Rulien, 187 E. Main St. Bill urged the council tonight to reject any of the bids on those properties that were put out to bid. He didn't think it was a wise move and the reason he said that because it was only bid in the local paper. It should have been advertised, should have put up signs, and should have gone into the regional so not going to get enough interest or enough money for those properties. He told council they should also be looking at whether the properties are going to generate income for the city, not just sales tax income. Those pieces of property are prime choice for the future of this town. You should make sure you're going to get something for your money.

Rich Girot, asked Comm. Tessler about his subdivision where he lives on Brian Lane he has a safety issue. Fay knows about it. Rich said there are a couple of trees that are dead and one of them has already fallen in his and neighbor's yard, they're about 60 ft. He said maybe talk with Mr. Novy about since it's on the property line. Another thing he brought up was on East Cermak between Mitchell and Novy Rd, putting down some cold patch. The mayor told him that he and the city engineer were just down there and we will probably cold patch it until next spring then we can do some resurfacing some spots. Rich then thanked the Street Department for coming around and mowing the easements in his subdivision, but couldn't understand why they stopped at his lot line, wasn't sure if this was another part of political retaliation or what. They mowed and did a nice job. He said again his biggest concern were the trees. Public Comment closed at 7:05pm.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Comm. Hutton, seconded by Comm. Smith to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2016 as printed. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

Mayor Vehrs said he had nothing to report this evening.

Administrator

Don commented that at our last meeting we had a proposal from Merchants Solutions International, a new credit card processing for the city wherein the city gets a rebate back on the processing which is up for acceptance tonight. The Administrator then asked the council for a motion on this proposal. Comm. Hutton asked will this be used on both sides for Police and Water? Mayor Vehrs replied yes it will. A motion was made by Comm. Hutton to accept the proposal with Merchants Solutions International, seconded by Comm. Tessler. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Tessler, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs).

Don then mentioned that our waste hauling contract will be coming up for bid soon. He was contacted by Jim Pozzi from Republic Services who asked to come and give a presentation tonight to the council about their services. At this time Jim Pozzi addressed the council with his presentation. Jim has been with Republic for 13 years, been in the industry for over 20 years, and about a year ago was given the role of Municipal Services Manager. Jim Pozzi gave the council a brochure and reviewed the same with the council members.

Don advised the council that both he and Comm. Hutton met with a Braidwood resident, Joe Hudetz, who wants to open a Water Vending Kiosk in Braidwood. He has a similar one in Wilmington. Mr. Hudetz was going to give a presentation tonight but he was called out of town. The city will be discussing his proposal a little later and hopefully we can get him back here soon to give a presentation. Joe is hoping to get this business open by the end of the year. Mayor Vehrs said he will have a water bill and of course the city will get the sales tax.

Don advised the council that he recently had discussions in the last 2 weeks with two hotel chains. One of which is scheduled to meet with us next week to look at available properties.

We continue to navigate the waters for our 911 Dispatch Center mitigation. The progress is slow but steady. We are hoping to be in the new Dispatch Center by the beginning of 2017.

City Clerk

The city clerk addressed her Agenda item the National Life Chain. Dave Wollgast was supposed to be here tonight so she explained the National Life Chain. This is something that they do every year and have been doing since about 1995. It is churches of all faiths, and they hold a Peaceful, Public, ProLife Silent Protest. They will be standing out there along the road on Route 113 at Routes 53 & 129 silently, holding signs, for an hour from 2:30-3:30pm on October 2nd. The city clerk then asked council to entertain a motion to approve the National Life Chains request.

A motion was made by Comm. Smith to approve the National Life Chain on October 2nd, seconded by Comm. Tessler. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Tessler, Hibler, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs).

Engineer

Engineer Brian Hertz addressed his Agenda item regarding the MFT Resolution. This is the standard IDOT Resolution for Motor Fuel Tax. The city has been looking at doing a couple of street repairs in town before the end of the year. This is the Resolution we had a firm cost estimate. The estimate is broken down into couple of items; recycled asphalt material looking to purchase if need be, more as a contingent item which was included so it was covered. In the estimate Brian provided a break down and basically it's on First St. between School and Walker. There is some patching and resurfacing and a little widening. This section is very narrow so the widening is included in the estimate as well. Also included in there is Quail Court the cul desac which has some drainage issues, road crumbling and is in need of definite repairs pretty soon. The total includes some engineering fees, some testing fees so the Resolution amount that is indicated is \$80,000. Once we have approval it's then submitted to IDOT.

A motion was made by Comm. Smith to approve the MFT Resolution under the Illinois Highway Code in the amount of \$80,000, seconded by Comm. Hibler. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hibler, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

City Attorney

Attorney Campbell addressed his five Ordinances on tonight's agenda. This first four deal with the Planning & Zoning's recommendations for amendments to prior ordinances.

The first one is Ordinance 16-10 which changes the fence ordinance for the City of Braidwood. What it says is there cannot be any fences past the front corner of the house and the rear corners on the street corner on the side yard. Fences are not prohibited past the front yard of interior lots. If chain link is used the wire opening shall be no larger than 3" x 3". Additionally added is an inspection for post holes. The remaining part of ordinance stays the same.

A motion was made by Comm. Smith to adopt Ordinance 16-10, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hutton, Tessler, Hibler, and Mayor Vehrs).

The next ordinance is 16-11, Ordinance Amending Chapt. 22 of the Building & Building Regulations chapters of the city code. All the Zoning Board wanted to do was to change the International Building Code referenced in there. Previously we had the 2012 International Code, recommendation of the Zoning Board was to stay with the 2009 International Building Code, which is a change from Ordinance 16-04 that was passed previously, and everything else remains the same.

A motion was made Comm. Hutton to adopt Ordinance 16-11, amending Chapt. 22, Section 22-31 Building Codes, seconded by Comm. Smith.

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

The next ordinance is 16-12, Ordinance Amending Chapt. 22 of the Building & Building Regulations, Section 22-86, the Plumbing Code. Recommendation of the Zoning Board was to change it from the 2005 Building Code which was referenced in the prior section of Ordinance 14-01 to reflect the most current version of the Illinois Plumbing Code as it was adopted. They want to follow the most current Plumbing Code that is approved by the state.

A motion was made by Comm. Hutton to adopt Ordinance 16-12, amending Chapt. 22, Section 22-86 Plumbing Codes, seconded by Comm. Tessler. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Tessler, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs).

The next ordinance is 16-13, Ordinance Amending Chapt. 22 of the Building & Building Regulations chapters of the city code, specifically Section 22-61 of the Electrical Code. It was the recommendation of the Zoning Board that we change from the previous reference to the 2005 International Electric Code to the most recent International Electric Code, same language that was in Ordinance 14-01.

A motion was made by Comm. Tessler to adopt Ordinance 16-13, amending Chapt. 22, Section 22-61 Electrical Codes, seconded by Comm. Hibler. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hibler, Hutton, Smith & Mayor Vehrs).

Lastly is Ordinance 16-14, Amending Chapter 86, Utilities, specifically Section 86-31 of the Water Connection Required Section, at the suggestion of Comm. Hutton. Language added that reads no valves, B boxes or shutoffs shall be located under any permanent structure including driveways and or roadways. The concern is that if we need to get to them we want to make sure that they can be gotten to. That's the only change to Section 86-31. Comm. Hutton said they ran in to couple issues this past spring with a concrete driveway that had B box in the middle of the driveway. So if we don't put them there in the first place then we don't have to take driveway out.

A motion was made by Comm. Hutton to adopt Ordinance 16-14, amending Chapt. 86, Section 86-31, Water Connection Required Section, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Hibler, Tessler & 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 \$157,193.95, 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 Expense for the pay period ending August 26, 2016 in the amount of \$83,193.22, also the payroll expenses for the pay period ending September 9, 2016 in the amount of \$85,816.28, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Smith, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Streets & Public Improvements

Comm. Smith said that from some much rain they can hardly do anything. They haven't been able to clean ditches out, rain been hard on the roads, hard trying to keep up with cutting grass! Mosquitos have been terrible and only thing we can do to fight mosquitos is to get rid of standing stagnant water, because they don't breed in running water. This all takes pipe being put in to keep water moving and that is very costly. Fay also talked about the tree that Rich Girot was talking about, and said that is very dangerous tree! It's not on city property or we could have had it gone and if any way we could get in there we would do something if we could. Fay also said he's not sure why they didn't mow the easement in front of Rich's house but he is going to find out. Fay said he tries to treat everyone alike because they're taxpayers. It doesn't matter how much you may dislike someone or something, you still have to work with them because the taxpayers do pay the bills.

Public Buildings & Property

Comm. Hutton gave the Plant Crew Report; shut down high service pump on water treatment plant, flow dropped off making a lot of noise so they're using backup pump right now and we're evaluating what we're going to do with the first one. They finished repairs on screener, back on line, this is from the damage from surge when the lightning strike when everything got shut off and turned back on. PSI test and disinfectant of six inch service line for the Library. Rebuilt two air valves in water treatment plant, replaced a bad ballast assembly for ultraviolet 3000+. Likey Chemical Engineer came here went over our chemical feed system, ordered ferrous fluoride for wastewater phosphorus removal, so now we are starting that project now, about time I guess. And did other things around the plant. The High School Advanced Biology class did their annual tour of the waste water treatment plant and water plant. There were 21 kids that came through, both Rob and Matt each took a group of kids through. They did ask a lot of good questions. Told the kids there were grants out there, like American Waterworks and Rural Water for college education. The outside crew was basically like Fay said cutting grass and moving things, trying to keep up.

Public Health & Safety

Comm. Tessler gave his numbers report first, total calls for service 313.

Comm. Tessler then addressed his first Agenda item.

A motion was made Comm. Tessler to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement to Provide a Resource Officer to the Reed Custer School District 255U, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Comm. Tessler explained that this was the same agreement passed for the last few years. Officer Vern Read is the Resource Officer and has had nothing but praise. It's paid us dividends and everyone that knows Eric and has a kid in our schools, works in the school district knows Vern who is very easy to get along with. He does a great job with children and is a great person. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hutton, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Tessler addressed the Contract with Tazer, a company for the in car cameras. The Chief provided him some information. Our current video camera system is lack luster and some squads not properly working which isn't a good thing for an Officer. The Martel units are old and breaking down constantly

so we need to upgrade them. ProVision is newer and actually works as far as their performance. The Administrator, Coordinator Tari Atherton and Deputy Chief Soucie were the tasked with performance of searching for replacements. After scrutinizing over many systems they came up with their top three.

1st one is Utility In Car Cameras, they provide 5 yrs. web availability, \$112,000 for 14 squads. They provide 12 months of Cloud Storage at \$32,160, Redaction Software included. Total to start with Utility is \$144,160.00.

2nd Tazer In Car Camera, they provide 5 yrs., \$39,836.32 for 14 squads. Their 12 months of Cloud Storage with Evidence.com \$13,538.00 Redaction Software Included as well. Installation would be \$5,600, total start \$58,974.32.

3rd Watchguard In Car System for 12 cars \$83,495.00. Five terra byte server included. Their total is \$83, 495.00.

Comm. Tessler said he would like to go with Tazer, payments can also be paid in increments \$13,538 a year until paid off.

Comm. Tessler made a motion to approve the Contract with Tazer International for \$58,974.32, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hutton, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Tessler's final Agenda item, the swearing in of the New Lateral Hires. The three Later Hires are Terry Craig, Tom Friddle and Gerald Causer. Both Terry and Tom have been with us a little while, Gerald is recently new. Eric then asked each of them to give a short bio of themselves. At this time the city clerk swore in the Lateral Hires.

Comm. Tessler had one final thing to say. Over the past 15 months the City of Braidwood and the surrounding area has seen a tremendous reduction in the amount of illegal drug and narcotic activity. This has been the result of extraordinary collaboration between the Braidwood Police Department, DEA, State Police, County Sheriff and surrounding Police Departments. In addition to this escalated enforcement the Braidwood Police Department has partnered with Drug Rehab Organizations to alternatives to those in need that wish to lead normal productive lives when battling addiction and don't know where to turn for assistance. This collaboration on multi-level team work has gone a long way to make Braidwood safer and more enjoyable place to live, work and learn.

Planning & Zoning Board Report

No Zoning Board Report.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Comm. Hutton to go into Executive Session at 7:41pm to discuss Personnel and Land Acquisition, also invited the City Administrator in, seconded by Comm. Tessler. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Tessler, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs).

A motion was made by Comm. Smith to Reconvene the Regular Meeting at 8:21pm, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hutton, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

No action being taken following Executive Session.

Old Business

The City Clerk reminded everyone about the Tootsie Roll Drive this weekend. The Mayor also said the Knights of Columbus are looking for volunteers, if anyone has time on Friday or Saturday.

New Business

Comm. Tessler asked Fay or Jim what would it take to restripe the parking lot across from the Police Department? Jim said he has a guy coming on Saturday to give him a price on sealing city hall side. Jim said Aubrey can stripe this side then do across the street at Municipal Lot.

Adjournment

Comm. Tessler made motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:24pm, seconded by Comm. Hibler. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hibler, Smith, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs). Meeting adjourned.

Approved this 27th day of September 2016

Jim Vehrs Mayor

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