CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Regular Meeting, Tuesday September 22, 2015 @ 7:00pm

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Public Comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 8, 2015 Regular Meeting

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor-

Administrator-

Clerk-

Engineer-

City Attorney- Resolution 23-15, Statement of support for the Kankakee River Valley Tri-County Water Collabborative Infrastructure Project.

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Accounts and Finances -Payment of Bills
-Payroll

Streets and Public Improvements -

Public Buildings & Property-

Public Health & Safety- Ordinance 08-15 Amending Portion of Chapt. 58-Offenses, Braidwood Code

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 22, 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 Fay Smith, Commissioner Elena Hibler and Commissioner Eric Tessler. Commissioner Jim Hutton was absent.

Appointed officials present: City Attorney Bryan Kopman, City Administrator Andy Galatte, Chief Nick Ficarello, City Clerk Sue Grygiel and City Engineer Mike Gingerich were present.

Public Comment
Opened at 7:01pm.
Public Comment closed at 7:02pm.

Approval of Minutes
The minutes for the September 8, 2015 Regular Meeting were approved as read. Motion made by Comm. Smith, seconded by Comm. Hibler. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs) 1 Absent (Comm. Hutton).

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Mayor
The Mayor discussed the Car Show at Polk A Dot and advised everyone that it went very well. Also he thanked all the volunteers who helped put this on, our helicopter pilot for the ride over town and it's an experience to see the whole town from up in the air.

Administrator
Andy advised the council that our Website is going to have links set up for businesses to promote Jobs that are available here. Also going to have a Video Presentation for Future Development and Future Investors. The next thing we are going to be looking into over the next 6 mths. is a Tree Replacement Plan for the Ash Boar trees on our easements and some on private properties. We are going to contact some nurseries and see about rebates or discounts. At the IML Seminar in Chicago this issue was widespread. There may be a grant available for removal on private property and the parkways. The next item is in regards to the Agreement with Cell Towers that was given to council in their boxes. This is a possibility of putting a Cell Tower on I55. The Cell Tower behind city hall is currently valued at $350,000 and previous administration sold it and only got $120,000 for it.

City Clerk
Nothing to Report.

Engineer
Mike Gingerich had Nothing to Report.

City Attorney
Atty. Kopman addressed his agenda item Resolution 15-23 that had been requested by Comm. Hutton. This Resolution is a statement of support for the Kankakee River Valley Tri-County Water Collaboration of Infrastructure Project. At this time Mayor Vehrs asked if anyone had any questions on this.
Motion made by Comm. Smith, seconded by Comm. Tessler to accept Resolution 15-23. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Tessler, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs) 1 Absent (Comm. Hutton).

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Accounts & Finances
Comm. Hibler made a motion to pay the total bills due on our Check Register in the amount of $72,791.06, seconded by Comm. Smith. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Smith, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs) 1 Absent (Comm. Hutton)

Comm. Hibler made a motion to pay the Payroll Expenses due in the amount of $77,017.24, seconded by Comm.Smith. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Smith, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs) 1 Absent (Comm. Hutton)

Streets & Public Improvements
Comm. Smith advised the council that they have got a lot of work done over the last two weeks. Mayor has done a great job working with us and getting things done and we still have a lot to do. Fay is glad to see that the Mayor wants to see our city shine.

Public Buildings & Property
Comm. Hutton Absent.

Public Health & Safety
Comm. Tessler asked to make a motion to Table Ordinance 08-15as there are still a few things that he and the Chief would like to discuss, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs) 1 Absent (Comm. Hutton).
Comm. Tessler then gave Chief's stats reports. Also gave an update on the search for a Code Enforcement Officer which is running another week in the paper then will begin the interview process. If anyone knows of anyone interested in this position to please let he or chief know.
The Chief also gave him the numbers for the past years calls of service and it seems like every year the calls for service are going up about a 1,000 per year.

Planning & Zoning Board Report
Michelle Serena, Chairman, advised that on September 14 they had a Zoning Board Meeting and Public Hearing for Height Variance for the School and will have those accommodations ready for the October 13th council meeting, and it was approved. There will also be a Zoning Board meeting on October 5th.

Executive Session
A motion was made by Comm. Tessler, seconded by Comm. Smith to go into Executive Session at 7:15pm for the purpose of discussing Personnel, pending and/or imminent litigation, collective bargaining/labor relations or land acquisition, and would like to invite in Andy Galatte, Donn Labriola and Mike Ginta, proposed developer. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs) 1 Absent (Comm. Hutton)

A motion was made by Comm. Tessler, seconded by Comm. Smith to Reconvene the Regular Scheduled meeting at 8:12pm. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hibler, & Mayor Vehrs) 1 Absent (Comm. Hutton)

Old Business

The city administrator addressed a meeting scheduled for tomorrow with Wescom that Comm. Tessler is unable to attend. The issue is that only elected officials from the city, Comm. Tessler, has voting rights at the Wescom Executive Board Meeting, and unable to attend leaves Braidwood with no voting rights at this meeting. The Mayor is also a voting member at this meeting but he also cannot attend. The administrator requested a motion from the council to give voting authority on behalf of the city. Comm. Tessler requested in that motion that Chief Ficarello be given voting authority on behalf of the city.

Motion made by Comm. Tessler, seconded by Comm. Smith to give Chief Ficarello voting authority on behalf of City at Wescom Executive Board Meeting. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs) 1 Absent (Comm. Hutton)

New Business

The city administrator advised the council that the IDOT Permit for EZ Living is a nightmare. Other issues will be next year when the Railroad wants to shut down all three crossings at the same time. When their architects sit down and design they do not take into consideration the traffic, closing the other side of our town down allowing us no access to the other side of town. The Mayor has big concern with this and doesn't Braidwood to end up like Coal City their town being cut in half because of the railroad.

Adjournment

Comm. Tessler made motion to adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs) 1 Absent (Comm. Hutton)
Meeting adjourned.

Approved this 8th day of September 2015

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Sue Grygiel City Clerk