

SCITY OF BRAIDWOOD
Agenda
City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 8, 2013, 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Public Comment
Approval of Minutes

September 24, 2013 - Regular Meeting

Reports by City Officials

Mayor

Resolution Supporting Rail Car Safety
Halloween Hours

Administrator

Clerk

Request by Elaine Mitchell & Jane Estey to use the council room for non-denominational gospel sharing on
Oct. 20 & 27th, and Nov. 3 & 10th at 4:00 pm

Engineer

City Planner

City Attorney

Reports by City Commissioners

Accounts and Finances

Payment of Bills
Payroll

Streets and Public Improvements

Public Property

Ordinance to Amend the Utilities Chapter of the Code of Ordinance (Rates)

Public Health & Safety

Motion to Approve the Purchase of a 2014 Dodge Charger \$17,338.00 (Federal Drug Funds)

Planning & Zoning Board Report

Braidwood Area Healthy Community Coalition

Old Business

New Business

Executive Session to discuss personnel, pending and/or imminent litigation, collective bargaining/labor relations, or land acquisition

Adjournment

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Minutes
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City Council Chambers

Call to Order

Mayor Bill Rulien called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present.

Roll Call

Elected Officials present: Mayor Rulien, Commissioner of Public Property Jim Hutton, Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements Danny Graf, Commissioner of Public Health and Safety Eric Tessler, and Commissioner of Accounts and Finances Elena Hibler.

Appointed officials present: City Attorney Scott Pyles, City Engineer Joe Regis, and City Clerk Lisa Glisson.

Public Comment

Richard Bieda of 955 N. Division Street wanted to make the council aware of the new business across the street from his house having an open sign up and not completing all of the requirements of his special use permit. The Mayor advised him that the building inspector was sent out to the property and the zoning clerk is typing up a list of things that still need to be done before he receives the occupancy permit and a business license.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the September 24, 2013 regular meeting were approved as read.

Reports by City Officials

Mayor requested a motion to approve the Resolution 13-10 Supporting the Retrofit of Existing DOT-111 Rail Tank Cars. Comm. Tessler made the motion, seconded by Comm. Hutton. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.

Mayor Rulien advised trick or treat would be on Halloween from 4:00 – 7:00 pm.

Mayor Rulien reported that Casey's is now open. Mayor reported he traveled to Springfield and Rt. 66 presented us with a free booth where we were able to introduce Braidwood to a lot of people in state and out of state. Mayor met with DNR regarding grants and stakeholders in Rt. 66. Mayor Rulien advised he had dinner with Governor Quinn and Senator McGuire when they attended the Illiana meeting.

City Administrator

City Administrator Rich Girot was absent from this meeting.

City Clerk

City Clerk had a request from Elaine Mitchell & Jane Estey to use the council room for non-denominational gospel sharing on Oct 20 & 27th, and Nov. 3 & 10 at 4:00 pm.

Mayor requested a motion to approve the use of the council room. Comm. Tessler made the motion, seconded by Comm. Hutton. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.

City Engineer

Joe Regis advised some of the MFT concrete work has been done in front of City Hall and the reset should start later this week and finish up next week. Regis advised the Will Spring Road main extension is in and still needs to be tested and the restoration done.

City Attorney

Nothing to report.

Reports by City Commissioners

Mayor requested with the council's approval to move Comm. Tesslers' report to the front.

Comm. Tessler made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2014 Dodge Charger \$17,338.00 with Federal Forfeiture Funds. Comm. Graf seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.

Comm. Tessler reported that on 10/2/13, Ofc. Savarino while training Ofc. Wollgast initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle on I55. The vehicle was a rental car and the driver was not on the lease and did not have consent to drive the vehicle, so the vehicle was impounded. During the inventory of the vehicle, Ofc. Savarino discovered approximately \$85,000.00 in cash in the truck of the vehicle. The city could receive 65% of the confiscated funds. Comm. Tessler addressed the comments from the public that officers should not be out on I55. Comm. Tessler advised them that I55 runs through Braidwood, it is a major drug trafficking route and as such we can and should patrol it.

Comm. Hibler moved to pay \$166,522.15 in bills. Comm. Hutton seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.

Comm. Hibler moved to pay \$17,338.00 from the federal forfeiture account to purchase the Dodge Charger. Comm. Graf seconded. The motion was approved 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.

Comm. Hibler moved to pay \$70,046.35 in payroll. Comm. Hutton seconded. The motion was approved 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.

Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements (Comm. Graf) commended Comm. Tessler and his department on the outstanding work they have been doing. Comm. Graf advised the road work should be completed by Friday of next week.

Commissioner of Public Properties (Comm. Hutton) (a) read biweekly reports, discussed the finishing touches going on at the WWTP and advised the council on 2 foreign dignitaries Fortune Mabunda and the director Moferefere Mochatsi from Johannesburg, South Africa. They are in charge of 19 plants in South Africa and are looking to upgrade their system. Comm. Hutton stated they were very impressed with our state of the art plant.

Comm. Hutton moved to approve Ordinance 13-27 an Ordinance Amending the Utilities Chapter 86 of the Code of Ordinances (establishing the rates). Comm. Hibler seconded. Discussion: Comm. Hutton advised this was discussed when the plant was first being put out to be built in how we were going to pay for it. That the rates were going to have to take care most of the payment unless we had more users. At the time we had 2,100 users, it was anticipated by 2015 we would have 15,000 users, unfortunately the growth did not continue and now we have 2,000 users in town we lost a hundred people and the only new major user we have is Exelon and that is where we stand now. We have the growth for the future, we're covered the plant is 95% done it is running, only thing left is the SCADA. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.

Commissioner of Public Health & Safety (Comm. Tessler) Nothing else to report.

Braidwood Area Healthy Community Coalition

Pam Dell'Aquila read the monthly report for project coordinator Pete Dell'Aquila who was unable to attend since he is in grad school. They will be participating in the Scarecrow Fest and the next meeting will be on October 14th at 4:30 pm at the Braidwood Fire Department. Pam also asked that they be put on the agenda for the last meeting of the month so they can hold their meeting prior to ours.

Old Business

Adjournment

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to adjourn. Comm. Tessler made that motion, seconded by Comm. Hutton. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Approved this 22 day of Oct 2013

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Lisa A. Glessor City Clerk

