CITY OF BRAIDWOOD
Agenda
City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 10, 2013, 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

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

November 26, 2013 - Regular Meeting

Reports by City Officials

Mayor

A Motion to Approve the 2013 Tax Levy Ordinance
A Motion to Approve An Ordinance to Vacate the remaining Ally North of Main Street
A Motion to Approve an Ordinance to Vacate the South East portion of Railroad Street (between Main & Alley)

Administrator
Clerk
Engineer
City Planner
City Attorney

Reports by City Commissioners

Accounts and Finances

Payment of Bills
Payroll

Streets and Public Improvements

Public Property

Public Health & Safety

Motion to Approve Appointment of George Weaver to the ESDA team
Motion to Approve Appointment of Joseph Lehnert to the ESDA team
Motion to Declare Firearms (confiscated, found or given with no cases pending) as Surplus Property

Planning & Zoning Board Report

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
City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 10, 2013
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 Administrator Rich Girot, City Attorney Scott Pyles, City Engineer Howard Hamilton, City Accounting Consultant Jim Acanfora, and City Clerk Lisa Glisson.

Public Comment

Angie Hutton 285 Mitchell Street – On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, Angie wanted to thank everyone for their help Saturday night with the tree lighting, parade and Santa being at the school. It was cold but everyone had a nice time.

The Mayor then thanked Angie for all her hard work and the work of the Chamber to put together the event.

Jim Canup – 466 Sullivan Lane Mr. Canup wanted to make sure the record indicates that the guns listed to be declared surplus property were never used in any type of crime. He wanted to make sure that the public record reflected only clear guns will be sold by a licensed gun dealer.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the November 26, 2013 regular meeting were approved as read.

Reports by City Officials

Mayor Rulien turned the meeting over to Comm. Tessler for a couple of presentations.

Comm. Tessler turned it over to the Chief Rich Girot who presented Sgt. Souice and Ofc. Savarino with awards for Sargent of the Year and Officer of the Year. Chief advised these were voted on by the other officers in the department. Comm. Tessler and Chief Girot present the plaques to both. Chief commented that Ofc. Savarino has dedicated himself to the fight against drugs and is one of the best crime fighters we have. Chief advised that Sgt. Souice is his right hand in running the department and has been recognized by MADD and the State of Illinois for all of her hard work with DUI cases. Both were congratulated for a job well done.

Comm. Graf asked Comm. Tessler if he wanted to just finish up his reports since two of his guys were also there tonight to be appointed to ESDA.

Comm. Tessler moved to appoint George Weaver to the ESDA team. Comm. Graf seconded. The motion was approved 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.

Comm. Tessler moved to appoint Joseph Lehnert to the ESDA team. Comm. Hutton seconded. The motion was approved 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.

Chief Girot commented that these are really hard working guys and Aubrey is in charge of ESDA and it is really a great thing that they are volunteering to do. Girot stated that he and Aubrey are working hard to get the program going and they need and appreciate the hard work of these people.

Mayor also commented that they also were tornado fighters and they were very helpful during the events.

City Clerk swore them in with the Oath of Office.

Comm. Tessler moved to declare firearms (confiscated, found or given with no cases pending) as Surplus Property. Comm. Hibler seconded. ***Discussion:*** *Chief Girot reported that after checking with the Federal and FBI on the legal action that can be taken with the discarded guns any weapons used in a crime need to be destroyed anything else can be declared as surplus property and as you look at the list it goes back to 1978. In reviewing the list we did give back 5 to the original owners the rest are clear to bid out to federal arms dealers for sale legally. All the proceeds go back to the general fund. The motion was approved 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.*

Comm. Tessler updated the council on the Tobacco Compliance Program, that we received a grant for. He advised part of the stipulations of the grant is to have an undercover attempt to buy tobacco and alcohol by minors at the 8 stores in town that sell those products. Comm. Tessler reported that all 11/27/13 Sgt. Goodwin performed the checks and all stores refused service/sell to the minors.

Mayor moved back to his report.

Mayor requested a motion to approve the Tax Levy Ordinance 13-28 for the Fiscal Year beginning May 1, 2014 and ending April 30, 2015. Comm. Tessler made the motion, seconded by Comm. Hutton. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.

Mayor requested a motion to approve the Ordinance to Vacate the remaining Alley North of Main Street 13-29. Comm. Graf made the motion, seconded by Comm. Tessler. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.

Mayor requested a motion to approve the Ordinance 13-30 to Vacate the South East portion of Railroad Street. Comm. Hibler made the motion, seconded by Comm. Hutton. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.

Mayor advised the only other things to report is he had a meeting with our new representative, John Anthony, met with a developer that is possibly interested in putting in a shopping center, reported the ice rink is open from 9 am – 8 pm each day and he wanted to thank the Chamber and the Lions Club for their hard work in putting up the lights around town and the parade.

City Administrator

City Administrator advised he and Doug are still working with the new owner Manny Lleshi of what used to be

the Chinese restaurant and they met with a group about leasing out the water towers for cell towers. The Chief advised that last week, Doug Savarino made an arrest and seized 30 pounds of marijuana with a street value of over $65,000.00. Mayor advised there is a picture in the Joliet Herald today. Chief advised that there has been some people on Facebook upset that we are seizing marijuana but we will continue to do it. Doug has done a great job.

City Clerk

City Clerk advised ComEd reported the lights on Cermak should be installed starting December 17, 2013 and the RCHS Cheerleaders took the I-8 Conference Championship last week at the Comet Invitational and they took first place in the competition.

City Engineer

Nothing to report.

City Attorney

Attorney advised at the Mayor's suggestion we have been reviewing some of the building, electric and plumbing codes. The codes as they stand now are from 2000-2002, before we can adopt new codes we have to inform the State of Illinois Capital Development Board on which edition of the codes we are adopting.

The other thing coming up is a report by the Police Pension Board regarding the condition of the pension fund.

The Mayor advised the other thing in the new building code is a swimming pool ordinance which we need to have in our codes, so it will be a good thing.

Reports by City Commissioners

Comm. Hibler moved to pay $214,261.19 in bills. Comm. Hutton seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.

Comm. Hibler moved to pay $77,739.60 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) advised we had our first taste of snow the other day and I want to commend the public works department as always they did a great job at keeping our roads clean and safe.

Commissioner of Public Properties (Comm. Hutton) (a) reported to the board that the FEMA reimbursement that Aubrey applied for and got that was for $2,756.09 which was quite a bit of book work on his part. Mayor advised that was for the work they did helping out Diamond during the tornado. Comm. Hutton read the weekly reports from the outside crew and the plant crew.

New Business

Chief Girot reported he was attending a class this Friday that addresses the conceal carry laws and the medical marijuana laws that go into effect 1/1/14.

Comm. Hutton advised the generator has a few things left with the tie in and then it will be ready to go.

Mayor advised the last thing before we leave Merry Christmas.

Adjournment

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Approved this 26 day of December 2013

Elena M. Hibler Mayor, PRO-TEM

Lisa A Glesser City Clerk