

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Regular Meeting, Tuesday October 11, 2016 @ 7:00pm

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Public Comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 27, 2016 Regular Meeting

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor-

Administrator-

Clerk- Discussion of Date & Time for Trick or Treating
-4th Annual Scarecrow Festival October 16th, 12-4 at City Park Pavilions

Engineer- North Division Street Sanitary Sewer Extension-Recommendation to Reject All Bids

City Attorney-

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Accounts and Finances -Payment of Bills
-Payroll Expenses

Streets and Public Improvements -

Public Buildings & Property-

Public Health & Safety-

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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Call to Order

Mayor Vehrs called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Vehrs asked the Police Chief to lead us in 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 and City Engineer Brian Hertz were present. City Administrator Don Labriola was absent.

Public Comment

Mike Compton, 852 N. English, He thanked Comm. Hutton for getting the fire hydrants in their subdivision. He then had a question regarding the report that the city plans on publishing regarding the Townes of Braidwood Subdivision. He asked will this be in a written format so that it can be passed around the sub-division? The Mayor asked him regarding the sales of the lots? He said yes. The Mayor then said we will be listing those lots. The city attorney spoke and said there was a Request for Proposal that was put out, some Proposals were submitted and none of them have been accepted by the city. So no sale has happened but when it does you will know about it.

Public Comment Closed at 7:02pm.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Comm. Hutton, seconded by Comm. Tessler to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2016 as printed. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Tessler, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs).

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

Mayor Vehrs said that there was a young man here last week, Brandon Schulte. Brandon is getting his Eagle Patch for a project that he planned out and put together down at the Route 66 Information Center, Zoo. This project was to install a flag pole and the Mayor said he was very proud of him. The Mayor, Brandon's dad, some city volunteers helped to install this flag pole of which many parts of this project were donated. Also the Schulte Family donated a Route 66 flag that is under the American Flag. The Mayor said he will be talking with Jim Canup to dedicate this flag pole on November 11th, Veterans Day at 4:00pm. Mayor said anyone interested is welcome to come down, and all Veterans are welcome to the Dedication of the flag pole at the Route 66 Information Center.

The Mayor also mentioned that on October 16th we have our 4th Annual Scarecrow Festival at the Braidwood City Park. This is an event for all family members with their children, grandchildren. We have 800 pumpkins coming, free hot dogs, cotton candy, popcorn and many games for the kids. This is a free outing for the whole family. There is a chili cook off and anyone interested come down that day bring a pot of chili and register. Judges will be judging each chili contestant and we have medals for 1st,

2nd and 3rd. First Place also gets a Traveling Trophy that they will turn back in next year for the 1st Place winner. If we would get completely rained out the rain date is October 23rd.

At this time the Mayor had Clerical Staff Laurie Johnson give a report on the new Will County Public Safety Complex Groundbreaking Ceremony on October 5th that she and the Mayor attended. Will County Executive Larry Walsh was also present and spoke on the Complex project. The Sheriff's facility will be scheduled to open in spring time in or around 2018.

Administrator

Don was absent at this meeting.

City Clerk

The city clerk addressed her agenda item regarding this years date and time for Trick or Treating. The clerk and the mayor discussed this earlier, Trick or Treating will be on Halloween, October 31st from 4-7pm and concurrent with the Lion's Club Hot Dog Giveaway at the city park.

The clerk then brought up the Tag Days the clerical staff held for donations for the Scarecrow Festival. On Saturday October 1st after half an hour we got rained out but got donations of \$89.39. So we went out again on Friday October 5th and took in donations of \$600.00, for a total of \$689.39 to help defray some of the cost on the city. The clerk then thanked the Mayor, the 1st Lady, Joel Corbin, Tyler Geiss, Rob Grivetti and my staff Donna Geiss and Laurie Johnson. The clerk then elaborated on the Mayor report for the Scarecrow Festival. We are also going to have a 50/50 raffle of baskets which we have received a lot of basket donations from the businesses in town. Also there for the kids there will be Hampster Balls, a large blown up slide, Bozo buckets, face painting, cupcake walk and a train ride for the kids around the park.

The clerk also mentioned that they have been getting a lot of calls regarding the large lit up signs on Rte. 53 saying the road will be closed. The clerk received a call from Eric Rhoda with "D" Construction advising her that the road will be closed at Center St. on Rte. 53 at the railroad crossing on the East side. Basically the whole intersection and railroad crossing at Center St. Eric said the crossing will be closing on October 13th and will be closed for approximately 8 weeks.

Engineer

Engineer Brian Hertz had one agenda item tonight. It's regarding the North Division Street Sanitary Sewer Extension. This project went out for bid for a small Sanitary Sewer Extension just installing a shallow sanitary sewer alongside an existing much deeper sanitary sewer system along Rte. 113. Brian advised the council they opened (3) bids here on September 20th. The bids ranged in the amounts of about \$127,000-\$288,000. These bids were well in excess of any budgeted or planned amounts that the engineer had expected. The engineer is recommending that the city reject those bids and we do some fine tuning to the project, better define some of the ground water expectations. The Mayor also said that the soil boring will be added into the contract.

A motion was made by Comm. Hutton to accept the recommendation by the City Engineer to reject all bids on the North Division Street Sanitary Sewer Extension, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

City Attorney

Nothing to Report.

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 \$125,318.30, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Hutton, Smith, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Hibler made a motion to pay the Payroll Expenses due in the amount of \$94,118.72, seconded by Comm. Tessler. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Tessler, Smith, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs).

Streets & Public Improvements

Comm. Smith commented about the street department's old equipment. He said they cannot buy new, they don't have the money and they are working hard to get the equipment fixed. Fay said that Wayne is doing an excellent job and they are working hard on that and that's going to save us. The guys are doing a great job at fixing our older equipment and he's having no problems with any of his men. Fay said he's glad to see that Comm. Tessler is working with him and he knows his job has to do with Safety.

The Mayor then said you will see what Fay's talking about with his equipment when you see the single axle dump truck come out and again he thanked Wayne for his hard work and he's done a great job on them. The mayor also said the guys have gone over all the hydraulic lines and made sure they're ready for the winter season.

Public Buildings & Property

Comm. Hutton gave the Outside Crews Report. They also jetted Rte. 129 & Kennedy where the sewer got hit with the directional bore, which is now fixed and taken care of. The commissioner also said the Plant crew is in process of completing hydrant flushing and they should be done tomorrow.

Public Health & Safety

Comm. Tessler read the Chief's numbers from 9/24-10/10/16; total calls for service were 202. At this time the Chief had a statement he wanted to make. Chief advised that they placed their fourth victim who is addicted to opiates in our C.H.A.N.G.E. Program for narcotics rehabilitation. Previously we used a non-profit organization called Man In Recovery. Since then we are starting to act as the agents that provide transportation along with our Braidwood Healthy Coalition partnership. Word is starting to get out there they we are not here just to arrest people but try to help people change their lives. Since January of this year also, we have eight Narcan overdose saves from the Police Department alone not counting the Braidwood Fire Departments. Narcotics have unfortunately gone up but our crime rate has gone down and the Chief gave his stats from when he took his position versus years prior. The audience gave the Chief a round of applause. The Mayor also said the Police Department is doing an outstanding job and we stand behind them 100%.

Planning & Zoning Board Report

No Zoning Board Report.

Executive Session

No motion to go into Executive Session.

Old Business

Nothing to Report.

New Business

The Mayor said the only thing he has is the time changing to be careful out in the morning with kids out at the bus stops, especially in the next couple of weeks before the clocks change. Also after we change clocks back to be careful with children getting off the buses at their stops. Please keep an eye out for the children who may be walking up and down your streets as you back out of your drive ways.

Adjournment

Comm. Tessler made motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:20pm, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hutton, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs). Meeting adjourned.

Approved this 25th day of October 2016

[Signature] Mayor

Sue Gregg City Clerk

