

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Regular Meeting, Tuesday October 13, 2015 @ 7:00pm

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Public Comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - September 22, 2015 Regular Meeting

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor-

Administrator- Discussion of Possible Agreement with Wireless Bridge Partners & City of Braidwood

Clerk- Halloween, Sat. 10/31, Trick or Treat Hours 4-7pm

Engineer-

City Attorney- Resolution 15-24, Letter of Understanding with Local 150

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Accounts and Finances -Payment of Bills
-Payroll

Streets and Public Improvements -

Public Buildings & Property- Ordinance 15-8 Amending Portion of Chapt. 86 Utilities of Braidwood Code

Public Health & Safety- Appointment Of Part-Time Police Officer

Planning & Zoning - RCSD School Variance

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

-Actions to be taken following Executive Session:

Motion to Remove from Table Resolution 15-23, Authorizing Mayor to sign Memo Of Understanding with Local 150

Old Business

New Business

Adjournment

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Tuesday, October 13, 2015

Call to Order

Mayor Jim Vehrs called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Mayor asked the Police Chief to lead everyone in The Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Elected Officials present: Mayor Vehrs, Commissioner Fay Smith, Commissioner Elena Hibler and Commissioner Eric Tessler and Commissioner Jim Hutton.

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

Public Comment

Opened at 7:01pm.

Angie Hutton. Angie addressed the Lighted Parade and Tree Lighting that is scheduled for December 5th. This year's theme is either an Old Fashioned Christmas or Christmas through the Decades. The Chamber debated where the parade will end and they decided to end it at the Intermediate School. The Library is taking care of the pictures, they will pick the judges, there are just too many pictures any more to display at city hall so the library will do. Several of the radio stations like WCSJ, WJDK are putting together a Holiday Gift Guide featuring each community, holiday parades-events; tree lighting, Christmas shopping and asked for a list of our events to include Braidwood in this guide. The Mayor asked what day is the parade and Angie said it is set for December 5th.

Mike Walsh. He wanted to come up and let council know that he was having a problem, a hard time getting some help and by a fluke he ran into the City Administrator Andy who told him he would call him first thing in the morning and sure enough he called first thing. He met me like he said he would and helped me out. Mike said he just felt compelled to stop by, he's not a cousin to me, never met him before but Andy went out of his way to help me, said thank you.

Public Comment closed at 7:02pm.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the October 13, 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 Abstain (Comm. Hutton).

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Mayor

The Mayor thanked everyone for coming out at our Scarecrow Festival. Special thank you to those who had volunteered their time to put on this great event. The new pumpkin patch was very busy. Everyone enjoyed the Chili cook off and the many games for the kids.

Administrator

Andy had a presentation for the council and residents present with LSK Architects. Carmelo LaSpina made the presentation that could show the Mayor and Commissioners how to bring Braidwood to the next level as

far as development. The city has some things in progress and the city has contracts coming with some real estate properties. Andy addressed the 340 acres sitting off Reed Road and I55 and where we need someone with more expertise than he to bring this full circle. As Carm will be explaining if we do this wrong from the start we will be ruining a piece of property. At this point presentation was given.

Andy then addressed our water towers. Both he and Don sat down with gentlemen from Cell At Auction. Basically what he does is leases space on our towers and makes a commission on it. Andy was looking for direction from the council, if we want to go to the next step; he gave us a rough contract that he'd like us to review. But before doing the contract Andy wanted the get the council's approval to negotiate. Andy's question to the council is do they want to release the remaining two other towers? There is also a possibility of a billboard that was laid out by the previous administration. Only difference is that he is taking it to the next level and go Digital and not going fixed as they had planned. Digital is about \$15,000 per month. Andy asked for an opinion from the council, a yes or no, does the city take it to the next level? Comm. Tessler said that he and Andy spoke before the meeting and the only issue he had was the maintenance part of it. Andy said that was an issue that he would definitely look into, same thing what type of advertisement. Andy said his biggest concern is that he can go to Auction and he doesn't want to commit to a low number like they did previously. Comm. Hutton said his biggest issue is what Tessler just brought up, like the tower behind city hall we have to maintain, and to paint it we have to take all the antennas off then paint it, an expensive adventure, and in next three years we will have to paint 2 of the 3 towers. Andy said right now we have the upper hand; we don't have to do anything we don't want to. Andy said nothing will be done unless the full council agrees upon it. Comm. Smith said if it doesn't cost us a lot he sees no reason why we can't take their money. Andy said that anyone can discuss with him privately he doesn't care. Comm. Tessler said it's something to look into. The current tower behind city hall we are locked into for 20 years.

City Clerk

The city clerk advised the council that Halloween Trick or Treating will be on Saturday, October 31st from 4-7pm, same time as the Lions Club Hot Dog Give Away. May be going back to Sunday next year in the afternoon per the Mayor.

Engineer

Absent

City Attorney

Atty. Kopman addressed his agenda item Resolution 15-24, Letter of Understanding with Local 150 and said talked with a couple of commissioners before the meeting. There seems to be concerns and issues with the legal aspects of it, so we can discuss this in executive session and address after executive session.

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 \$231,552.65, seconded by Comm. Smith. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Smith, Tessler, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Hibler made a motion to pay the Payroll Expenses due in the amount of \$76,444.85, seconded by Comm. Smith. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Smith, Tessler, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs).

Streets & Public Improvements

Comm. Smith advised that the street department has been helping the water department for the last 2-3 days. Fay addressed the gentleman that normally sits in back of council room who barely misses meetings unless he's in Florida in 15 years. Delmar Hakey has had a terrible accident, fell out of his tree stand and has a

broken neck, back broke, and 15 bones are broken. Fay asked when people go to pray to please pray for him as his recovery may be a very long one.

Public Buildings & Property

Comm. Hutton read his Weekly Reports. Jim then addressed Ordinance 15-08, reinstating the water and sewer tap on fees; \$1750 for the sewer and \$500 for the water. Several communities around the area did the same thing years ago to try and stimulate some growth and now everyone reinstating the fees. This Ordinance will be in effect as of October 14, 2015.

Comm. Hutton made a motion to approve Ordinance 15-08, Amending a Portion of Chapter 86-Utilities of the City of Braidwood Code of Ordinances, seconded by Comm. Smith. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Public Health & Safety

Comm. Tessler gave the Chief's stats for the last two weeks and once again they were very busy. Eric read a Press Release from the Chief; Braidwood's DEA Task Force Agent was involved in a drug seizure of 6.6 pounds of 92% pure Heroin and a total of \$390,000 in cash. We will be getting a cut of that and the case is still under investigation which usually takes some time.

Comm. Tessler then addressed his agenda item. Comm. Tessler made a motion to appoint a Part-Time Police Officer, Nick Bengston. Nick is a returning Marine Corp., decorated combat vet from Afghanistan and is seeking an appointment from the city. The department is still in need of big help and Nick's experience speaks for itself, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hutton, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs). At this time the City Clerk swore Nicholas Bengston in as Part-Time Police Officer.

Planning & Zoning Board Report

Chairman Michelle Serena advised the council that they had a meeting on September 14th and had a Public Hearing for the Board of Education for the Reed Custer Community Unit School District. The School Board is asking for a Height Variance for the new school entrance way. The Zoning Board recommends that the city council approve the height variance of 37.8". The Zoning Board vote passed 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Michelle also advised that they will be having a meeting on November 2nd.

Comm. Hutton made motion to accept Zoning Boards recommendation of Height Variance of 37.8" for new school's entry way, seconded by Comm. Tessler. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Executive Session

A motion was made by Comm. Hutton, seconded by Comm. Smith to go into Executive Session at 7:52pm for the purpose of discussing Personnel, pending and/or imminent litigation, collective bargaining/labor relations or land acquisition. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

A motion was made by Comm. Hutton, seconded by Comm. Tessler to Reconvene the Regular Scheduled meeting at 8:22pm. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hibler, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Tessler made motion to approve Resolution 15-24, Letter of Understanding with Local 150, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hutton, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs).

Old Business

Nothing to Report.

New Business

Nothing to Report

Adjournment

Comm. Tessler made motion to adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hibler, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs).
Meeting adjourned.

Approved this 27 day of October 2015

Jens Aasen Mayor

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