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CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Regular Meeting, Tuesday October 24, 2017 @ 7:00pm

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

Presentation of FY2016/2017 Annual Financial Report by Auditor Mack & Associates

Public Comment **(Comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes per Sect. 2-34(b) of the City's Code of Ord.)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 10, 2017 Regular Meeting

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS
Mayor-

Administrator-

Clerk-

Engineer-

City Attorney- Discussion on Memo & Draft to Regulate and License Raffles
-Ordinance 17-15, Amending Chapt. 26-Businesses of the City of Braidwood Code of Ordinances to Allow for the Licensing & Regulating Raffles

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS
Accounts and Finances -Payment of Bills
-Payroll Expenses

Streets & Public Improvements-

Public Property-

Public Health & Safety-

Planning & Zoning-Recommendations from Public Hearing: Caryn Reserve Subdivision Variance for Lot Width & Revise Previous Plat & Regular Meeting of October 2, 2017
-Board Motioned to Approve the Caryn Reserve Subdivision Variance as requested

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

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD
City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 24, 2017

Call to Order
Mayor Vehrs was absent. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Hibler.

Pledge of Allegiance
Mayor Pro Tem Hibler asked everyone to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call
Elected Officials present: Mayor Pro Tem Hibler, Commissioner Hutton, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Tessler and Mayor Vehrs was absent.

Appointed officials present: City Attorney Kopman, City Clerk Sue Grygiel, City Administrator Labriola, Chief Nick Ficarello and City Engineer Todd Gereaux were present.

At this time Mayor Pro Tem Hibler asked the city's Auditors, Mack & Associates to present the city's FY2016/2017 Annual Financial Report. The report was broken down to the council by Tawnya Mack.

Public Comment
Kent Lee, 155 N. Cook St. Had several questions about his road and others in town that he said were in good shape, now we've gone backwards to tar and chip. He approached the council with his approximately (11) questions and thanked council for their time.
Emma Wallerich, also lives on N. Cook St. like Kent Lee. She and her husband agreed with Kent and had same questions as to why the city is going back to tarred and chipped certain roads.
Mayor Pro Tem advised them both that the Mayor will get back with them as he wasn't able to be here tonight.
Closed at 7:17pm.

Approval of Minutes
Comm. Tessler made a motion, seconded by Comm. Smith to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2017 with one correction mentioned by the city clerk. Motion approved 4 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Tessler & Mayor Pro Tem). 1 absent (Mayor Vehrs).

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS
Mayor
The Mayor was absent so there was no report given.

Administrator
Nothing to Report.

City Clerk
Nothing to Report.

Engineer
Nothing to Report.

City Attorney

Atty. Kopman advised that the council should have received a Memorandum from his office on a proposed Raffle Ordinance. The Mayor reached out to him about this. Comm. Hutton also followed up with him about two weeks ago, both concerned with what had happened in Morris with the raffle at the VFW there. He was asked to draft a proposed ordinance that would be in compliance with state law and would allow for Non Profit entities in town here to hold raffles for the purpose of raising funds for their organizations. So Draft Ordinance 17-15 is for council members to review and ask if there are any questions, comments, suggestions, please let them know. This was mainly for discussion tonight and it will be on the Agenda for the next council meeting. Comm. Hutton asked if this would be for all raffles and the attorney replied yes this is for all raffles in the city Not for Profit and those for profit as well. The Not for Profit organizations are defined by State Statute.

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Accounts & Finances

Comm. Smith made a motion to pay the total bills due on our Check Register in the amount of $121,664.40, seconded by Comm. Tessler. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Tessler, Hutton & Mayor Pro Tem). 1 absent (Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Smith made a motion to pay the Payroll Expenses due in the amount of $103,037.84, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved 4 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Pro Tem). 1 absent (Mayor Vehrs).

Streets & Public Improvements

Comm. Smith said they're having a hard time on the streets. He mentioned that the city doesn't get as much money as they used from the state to do road improvements. So the only way the city gets money for roads is through Motor Fuel Tax regulated by the State. It doesn't come out of the city's budget. Comm. Smith said he's not too happy with the roads himself. We are continuing to do our best to save money and do everything we can to save our streets. The commissioner said he has to rely on what the engineer's recommend us to do and has to be that way since we are using Motor Fuel money and the engineering firm is the one that submits the paperwork for these funds to be used by the city. The commissioner also said they will try every way they can to straighten out the issues with the roads. The price that it costs to repair our roads is so high that it makes it difficult to repair all of them at same time, and the MFT money we receive isn't enough to cover what we need done each year. So with MFT funds going down, we have less to work with each year, but we still want to do our best to save our roads as best we can.

Public Property

Comm. Hutton gave the Outside Crews Report then the Plant Crews Report. Layne Western was here to pull Pump #5, one of the smaller wells that stopped working and addressing that problem now. City clerk ordered a new light pole that was hit by IDOT at Main St. & Railroad.

Public Health & Safety

Comm. Tessler then gave the numbers provided him by the Chief from 10/10-10/23/17 with total calls for service 286. Last week Thursday the Braidwood Police Department did a drug sweep for a total of 27 arrests. Commissioner said he's very proud of the police department and the Chief and the city of what we accomplished during this drug sweep. The commissioner said this is not the end of it, only the beginning of going after the drugs. He hopes the word has spread, people got wind of what we did, because we don't want this in our area nor do we want it in our town! He is also very proud of the stance we're taking on the drugs here and also very proud that we've had -0- deaths this calendar year, which not too many towns that can say that. He asked everyone to please take pride in this because this is not just for the Police Department, city council but for all of us here in Braidwood. The commissioner reminded everyone that on Saturday, October 28th from

10am-2pm at the Police Department they're "Taking Back Drugs", expired and unused for Safe Disposal, no questions asked.
Comm. Tessler then addressed the questions during Public Comment about our road improvement projects. Explained that he felt it was partially his fault for not doing is due diligence. He said he did vote for the MFT resurfacing of roads but unfortunately assumed that we were going to get a product better than what we got. Quite honestly doesn't know how we're going to remedy this but isn't done thinking about it and will do the best with the council to help rectify the situation.

Planning & Zoning Board Report
Zoning Chair Serena addressed the council with the Public Hearing that was held on October 2, 2017 for the Caryn Reserve Subdivision on West Cermak, previously platted for Katelyn's Crossing Subdivision. Mr. Guinta approached the Zoning Board and asked for a Variance for the Lot Width and the revision of the previous plat. Mr. Guinta has made several concessions throughout this whole process; wherein he started with 80 units and now down to 29 units in the subdivision. Guinta has kept the same design from the previous subdivision platted. He's asking for concession on the variance of the lot line down to 65ft. from 80ft. and still has the 10ft. off property line and 30ft. setbacks off the front and the rear. Guinta has been before the Zoning Board several times and much discussion by the board a motion was made to approve his request for the Variance for the Lot Width.
Comm. Hutton made a motion to revise the previous Platted Caryn Reserve Subdivision and Variance for change in Lot Width, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 4 ayes, 0 nays. (Hutton, Smith, Tessler & Mayor Pro Tem). 1 absent (Mayor Vehrs).

Closed Session
No request made for Closed Session.

Old Business
Nothing to Report.

New Business
Nothing to Report.

Adjournment
Comm. Tessler made motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:34pm, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hutton & Mayor Pro Tem). 1 absent (Mayor Vehrs).

Approved this 14th day of November 2017

James Vehrs Mayor

Sue Grygiel City Clerk

AYES: 4
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1
ABSTAIN: 0