

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Regular Meeting, Tuesday November 14, 2017 @ 7:00pm

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
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 24, 2017 Regular Meeting

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor- Ordinance 17-16, Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement between SEIU 73 & The City of Braidwood

Administrator-

Clerk- Resolution 17-31, In Support of Illinois Bicentennial Celebrations by Executive Order of Governor Rauner

Engineer-2016 MFT Resolution for Improvement Under Illinois Highway Code

- Erie St. Drainage Improvements-Phase 1 & 2, Pay Estimate #1-"D" Const. \$72,093.00
- First St. & Quail Ct. 2016 MFT Pay Estimate#1-"D" Const. \$53,678.23
- Pay Estimate #1-Grosso Const. \$200,470.03, 2017 MFT Various Streets Program

City Attorney- Discussion of DRAFT 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-Ordinance 17-13, Approving CBA Between Operating Engineers Local 150 & City of Braidwood

Public Property-

Public Health & Safety-Resolution 17-32, Authorizing Change Order with Carlile Architects LLC
-Resolution 17-33, Authorizing Execution of an IGA between Will County & City Of Braidwood to Provide Communication Systems for County-Wide Radio Communications
-Swearing in of Alexandria Bitto to F.T. Officer

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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City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 14, 2017

Call to Order

Mayor Vehrs called the meeting to order and asked before the Pledge of Allegiance for everyone to please stand for a moment of silence for our Armed Vets that lost their lives to give us the freedom we have, as well as Vets now serving and keeping watch over us.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Vehrs then lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Elected Officials present: Commissioner Hutton, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Tessler, Mayor Vehrs and Comm. Hibler 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.

Public Comment

Chuck Gallbraith, 347 Ridge St. Chuck said he's at the power plant 4-5hrs., 5 days a week demonstrating, picketing. He said the Mayors of these towns have to get together and to get this power plant to go from nuclear power which is constantly leaking to wind turbines. He said he had mentioned this to the woman who took Peg Warnick's place who is the Vice-President about going to wind turbines vs. dumping this poisonous waste into the Kankakee, Illinois and Mazon Rivers. It's also in our sewer system and coal mine shafts that run under our properties, everything is dying. He also brought up about a 7yr. old boy that died recently from cancer and he said it's because of that power plant. He said there's no reason in the world why the plant can't go to Wind Turbine as there's no cost to the plant per the Vice-President because they're Government subsidized. There's plenty of land to put up theses Turbines. He said he spoke with someone from the Government and was told if there were coal mining shafts running under the power plant that he'd go in there because it's against their Lease, rules. He said there aren't supposed to be any shafts and there are (2) and Chuck said he's been in both of them. The one that runs close to Comet Estates where they have that pond behind there is dumping garbage in that pond. The high school teacher that just retired who has his grandson living with him, now he's got cancer because he plays around that pond over there.

Kent Lee, 155 N. Cook St. He read a letter to the city council stating that residents there have lived through gravel, tar & chip roads in the 70's and 80's. He said he's heard the same rhetoric from previous administrations; be patient, we don't have the money, etc. He said it took over 20 yrs. to get paved roads. In 1988 residents (voters) passed a \$1million bond referendum to blacktop the roads on the west side of town, which took another 7yrs. to get them done, so we understand patience he said. He commented that if the roads were in that bad of shape there should have been a public meeting about it. Doing 3 miles of road with tar & chip should have only done (1) road of asphalt. He requested that the city cease doing any more roads with tar & chip, that you make plans to pave the roads already done with it and make a comprehensive plan to repave the other roads a few at a time as time allows.

Scott Roberts, 762 W. Kennedy. He said he walks around town all the time and sees tar & chip everywhere. He said he has walked out by the Catholic Cemetery around by the nuclear power plant. All those roads out there have brand new blacktop which has no houses, can't build there why is that? And in town Braidwood has no new roads why and where the funding went for that?

Comm. Hutton spoke up at this time and advised him that the roads he's talking about are Township roads and not city. The paved roads you're talking about were paid for by Reed Township, a separate entity.

Angie Hutton, behalf of Braidwood Chamber. Angie handed out flyers to the council for the Christmas Lighted Parade and the events to follow. This year the Chamber has added more to the event other than the Tree Lighting, Lighted Parade and things for the kids at the new Elementary School. One of the new events is a Family Gingerbread House Contest. Families will take their houses to Casey's on December 9th for display and the winner will receive a Casey's gift card.

Bill Ewing, 279 S. Walnut. He commented that the roads were bad, the funds weren't there. The roads were tar & chipped and he was kind of glad they did because now he has a decent road and it has slowed the speeders down a lot just on their (5) house street. He just wanted to say thank you for slowing traffic down and taking care of his road, he appreciates it. Comm. Smith said he appreciates that someone realizes we don't want to raise taxes and we have to do what we have to do.

Closed at 7:17pm.

Approval of Minutes

Comm. Hutton made a motion, seconded by Comm. Tessler to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2017. Motion approved 4 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Tessler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs). 1 absent (Comm. Hibler).

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

The Mayor addressed his Agenda item regarding the Contract with SEIU Local 73 after finally coming to an agreement. The Mayor asked for a motion to accept the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the city and the employees of Local 73.

Comm. Hutton made a motion to approve Ordinance 17-16, CBA with SEIU 73 subject to Attorney review and modification, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 4 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs). 1 absent (Comm. Hibler).

The Mayor then thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers, phone calls to express their concerns for his father who had triple bypass surgery and he had to miss the last meeting to be with him.

The Mayor then addressed the chip-seal program going on and the issues being brought up. He said that 4% of taxes come back to the city which isn't much money. Various programs were looked at and we went with the best bang for the buck and surely the weather didn't cooperate and we'll be back at it next spring. When he sat down with this gentlemen, Comm. Smith and our Engineer, we knew we would be close to the winter months-2 months out. The discussion with this gentleman was about problems during the winter months that may arise and he said that he stands behind his work and he will be back.

Administrator

Nothing to Report.

City Clerk

City Clerk addressed Resolution 17-31, which if adopted would show Braidwood's support for Illinois' Bicentennial Celebration between December 3, 2017 and December 3, 2018, which will be our states 200th Birthday. Local municipalities will be receiving an Illinois Bicentennial Flag in the next week from the committee that was given an Executive Order by Governor Rauner to make sure all local municipalities are included. All municipalities have been asked to adopt a Resolution approving the states Bicentennial celebration.

Comm. Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 17-31 in support of Illinois' Bicentennial Celebration, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved 4 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs). 1 absent (Comm. Hibler).

Engineer

City Engineer Todd Gereaux addressed his (4) Agenda items.

First is an IDOT Resolution Under the Illinois Highway Code. This is Amending a previous MFT Resolution from a Maintenance Agreement to a Construction Agreement for the 2016 MFT Project that we paved First St. and Quail Ct. IDOT asked us to Amend it to a Construction Agreement for the paving of those streets.

Comm. Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 17-34, Amending previous Resolution for Maintenance to a Construction Agreement with IDOT, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved 4 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs). 1 absent (Comm. Hibler). Second was Pay Estimate #1 from "D" Construction in the amount of \$72,093 for the Erie St. Drainage Improvement Project, Phase 1 & 2.

Comm. Smith made a motion to approve Pay Request #1 to "D" Construction \$72,093 for the Erie St. Drainage Improvement Project, Phase 1 & 2, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved 4 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs). 1 absent (Comm. Hibler).

Third item was Pay Estimate #1 under the 2016 MFT Program for Erie St. & Quail Ct. to "D" Construction in the amount of \$53,678.23.

Comm. Tessler made a motion to approve the Pay Estimate #1 to "D" Construction in the amount of \$53,678.23, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 4 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs). 1 absent (Comm. Hibler).

The Engineers last item was Pay Estimate #1 with Grosso Construction in the amount of \$167,554.03 which was changed from original amount of \$200,470.03 for Various Streets Program under the 2017 MFT Maintenance Agreement.

Comm. Smith made a motion to approve the 2017 MFT payment to Grosso Construction in the amount of \$167,554.03, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved 4 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs). 1 absent (Comm. Hibler).

City Attorney

Atty. Kopman advised that the council had been given a Memorandum and a Draft Raffle Ordinance. He asked the council if there were any questions, changes to it, restructuring or rewording or do they want him to finalize it. If so, should it be on the upcoming Agenda? 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. Basically looking for any input/feedback from the council. The Mayor said to go ahead and give us the final Ordinance to put through and put on the Agenda. Comm. Tessler agreed with the Mayor. Atty. Kopman will get finalized for the next meeting.

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Accounts & Finances

Comm. Hibler was absent so the city clerk addressed her Agenda items in her absence.

Comm. Hutton made a motion to pay the total bills due on our Check Register in the amount of \$635,502.68, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs). 1 absent (Comm. Hibler).

Comm. Smith made a motion to pay the Payroll Expenses due in the amount of \$104,956.74, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved 4 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs). 1 absent (Comm. Hibler).

Streets & Public Improvements

Comm. Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance 17-13, the Collective Bargaining Agreement with Local 150 between the city and employees, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved 4 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs). 1 absent (Comm. Hibler).

Public Property

Comm. Hutton gave the Outside Crews Report then the Plant Crews Report. The commissioner then addressed conversations that are being made around town about the water rates. He advised for general knowledge the water rates have not been raised in 2yrs. Everyone paying the same rate

they were 2yrs. ago. The only thing we changed was monthly billing to bi-monthly and that's the only thing that's changed this last year. He hopes this solves everyone's concern. At this point the Mayor spoke about the confusion when we went from monthly to bi-monthly billing. The Mayor said he met with an elderly, retired resident who was very upset about his high water bill and as a Senior citizen he can't afford this. They looked at the bill together and he told the gentleman to divide his bill by (2) and he didn't realize that he was being billed every other month. He looked at his checkbook because he has an automatic debit on his bill and realized he was paying every other month. He then told the Mayor that's what he's been paying forever.

Public Health & Safety

Comm. Tessler made a motion to adopt Resolution 17-32, Authorizing a Change Order with Carlile Architects LLC in the amount of \$561.00 with a new Contract amount of \$105,561.00, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Comm. Tessler explained that this was the (2) types of brick that's going to be used and the types had to be blended together to match the police department. The current brick is no longer available so a decision had to be made to blend to get as close as possible to the older brick. Motion approved 4 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hutton, Smith & Mayor Vehrs). 1 absent (Comm. Hibler).

Comm. Tessler made a motion to adopt Resolution 17-33, Authorizing Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between Will County and the City of Braidwood to Provide Communications Systems for County-Wide Radio Communications, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 4 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs). 1 absent (Comm. Hibler).

Comm. Tessler made a motion to swear in Officer Alexandria Bitto to a Full-Time Officer. At this point Chief Ficarello gave a brief description on what Alexandria's been working on, progress made with the department. Motion seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved 4 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hutton, Smith & Mayor Vehrs). 1 absent (Comm. Hibler).

Comm. Tessler then advised that the reconstruction at the police department is about 90% done and coming together quickly. Comm. Tessler then gave the numbers provided him by the Chief from 10/23-11/14/17 with total calls for service 380. Comm. Tessler over the last few days has been getting updates emailed to him about the new Lincolnway Communication Center. It looks like December 20th is the day we will be going to the new Lincolnway Communication Center, hoping all goes well.

Planning & Zoning Board Report-No Report.

Closed Session-No request made for Closed Session.

Old Business

Comm. Tessler addressed a couple of meetings ago we had a lady address the city council, expressing her concern about vaping in businesses. He talked with the Administrator, the Attorney and will probably have something in a couple of weeks regarding vaping.

New Business-Nothing to Report.

Adjournment

Comm. Hutton made motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:45pm, seconded by Comm. Tessler. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Tessler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs). 1 absent (Comm. Hibler).

Approved this 28th day of November 2017

[Signature] Mayor

[Signature] City Clerk

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

