

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Regular Meeting, Tuesday December 8, 2015 @ 7:00pm

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Public Comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -November 24, 2015 Regular Meeting

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor-

Administrator-

Clerk-

Engineer-Request for Change Order #2 "D" Construction
- 1st Pay Request from "D" Construction

City Attorney-

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Accounts and Finances -Payment of Bills
-Payroll
-Ordinance 15-09, Fiscal Year Tax Levy

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 Jim Vehrs called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Vehrs asked everyone to please stand for the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

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

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

Public Comment

Angie Hutton, Chamber would like to thank everyone for being part of our Tree Lighting and Lighted Parade. She thanked Little Miss Summerfest and Noah Curl for his reading, the young man who was in charge of the 5K Run for Braden Grayling. There were about 20 floats in the parade and about 105 kids at school. Next year they will be making the popcorn up by the businesses and not out of city hall. Some businesses had hot chocolate out so we are going to make popcorn up there as well.

Public Comment opened and closed at 7:04pm.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the November 24, 2015 Regular Meeting were approved as read. Motion made by Comm. Hutton, seconded by Comm. Tessler. Mayor Vehrs asked for discussion. Comm. Smith asked if these were the minutes from the last meeting and Mayor replied yes. Motion approved with 4 ayes, 0 nays, (Tessler, Hibler, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs). Comm. Smith abstained is vote.

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Mayor

Mayor Vehrs wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Also thanked the Chamber with our Tree Lighting and Lighted Parade, all the volunteers, organizations that decorated the trees in front here and all the businesses that were involved in making this a successful event. And thank you to Noah for coming down and saying a few words. Mayor is glad to see the people of Braidwood come out and support this event.

Administrator

The only thing to be reported to the council is that we aren't going to sign the contract with CGI for the website for the portion of the development. With our attorney's help we couldn't come to an agreement that we thought was fair enough for us without screwing up our website. We have another vendor we met with last week, he's going to send us a proposal to continue with the same concept. As soon as Andy receives it he will inform this council what it entails.

City Clerk

Nothing to Report.

Engineer

Brian wanted to address the change order first that's on the agenda. The EZ Street Roadway Project has a Change Order #2 for the roadway which includes additional work related to the extension of a sanitary sewer main across the EZ Street Roadway to serve future development areas. This will result in an increase of \$9,550.00, after the change order the adjusted contract price is \$442,535.36.

A motion was made by Comm. Hutton to accept Change Order #2 for "D" Const. in the amount of \$9,550.00, seconded by Comm. Smith. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Brian's second Agenda item is a 1st Pay Request from "D" Const. for work completed on the EZ Street Roadway Construction. We visited the site and confirmed the improvements generally appear to have been installed in accordance with the construction drawings. The Change Order payment is \$118,511.55 which includes retainage of 10% of the recommended pay request. The total adjusted contract amount after the change order is \$461,217.03. A 5% of the contract amount is being retained until the project is completed and closed out.

A motion was made by Comm. Hutton, seconded by Comm. Smith to accept the 1st Pay Request by "D" Const. in the amount of \$118,511.55. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 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 to pay the total bills due on our Check Register in the amount of \$292,591.43, seconded by Comm. Smith. Mayor Vehrs asked for discussion. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Smith, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Hibler made a motion to pay the Payroll Expenses due in the amount of \$77,897.71, seconded by Comm. Smith. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Smith, Tessler, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Hibler made a motion to approve Ordinance 15-09, for the Tax Levy an Assessment of Taxes for Fiscal Year beginning May 1st, 2016-April 30, 2017, seconded by Comm. Smith. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Smith, Hutton, Tessler and Mayor Vehrs).

Streets & Public Improvements

Comm. Smith had one thing to say. Going back eight years, I have better cooperation among the guys then he had that whole eight years prior. This time there is a different attitude among the guys and he hopes it stays and appreciates everybody's help that has had their hand in it. He's not having problems in getting things done.

Public Buildings & Property

Comm. Hutton gave his report for the last 2 weeks. Aubrey went up to Belson today and picked up two checks from scrap. The Plant crew had an EPA inspection last week, everything went good, waiting for the report. We hauled 20 loads of sludge yesterday, leaving us with the normal supply now.

Public Health & Safety

Comm. Tessler gave the Chief's stats report for the last two weeks. Eric addressed a memo from the Chief regarding our Officer working for the DEA Task Force. This Officer was involved with two arrests up in the Chicago area with a total of 5 kilos of heroin and cocaine, along with \$1.1 million dollars in cash. The city will be getting a portion of that money for our Drug Forfeiture Fund. Also the Fire & Police Board has two new appointees within the past few months. We are trying to have them adopt some new rules that will bring some consistency and a little more transparency for promotion, hiring and training new Full Time Police

Officers. Hopefully next week these new rules can be adopted by this board and tentatively at first of the year we will start interviewing for new employees.

The Mayor addressed the council before moving on to Planning & Zoning with a couple of comments. We have some Ash Trees across from Comet Estates that got Boar and destroyed them. Between January 9th-11th we will be over there removing these trees. Also in the process of this the Mayor signed an Intergovernmental Agreement Contract with Local 150 between the municipal workers and Local 150 Operating Engineers Training Site. The city has had one worker go through to learn how to operate a 60 ft. Genie Lift, has completed all the classes today and is now certified. As we move forward with this we will be sending more workers there for training, working with Comm. Hutton and Smith to make our work a little safer.

Planning & Zoning Board Report

Zoning Chair advised that they have a meeting on January 4, 2015, also a Public Hearing for Thompson Transport to vacate a plat and rezone as well.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Comm. Hutton to go into executive session at 7:20pm to discuss personnel, land acquisition, pending and/or imminent litigation and real estate matters, both the Police Chief and Administrator were requested in, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Tessler, Hibler and Mayor Vehrs).

A motion was made by Comm. Smith, seconded by Comm. Tessler to Reconvene the Regular Scheduled meeting at 7:51pm. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Tessler, Hibler, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs).

Action Following Executive Session

No action was taken following Executive Session.

Old Business

Comm. Hutton advised that Family Dollar requested a water meter for their building. Jim isn't sure if there is heat in there but he will find out.

Mayor also thanked the Braidwood Police Department and the Braidwood Fire Department for helping us out with our special events.

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, Hutton, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs). Meeting adjourned.

Approved this 22 day of December 2015

Jim Accurs. Mayor
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