

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Regular Meeting, Tuesday December 12, 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.)

Presentation by Beth Gonzalez-Community Relations with Pace Bus

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 28, 2017 Regular Meeting

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor-Resolution 17-35, Approving Salaries for Non-Bargaining Employees in City Hall
-Discussion on Continuing of City Stickers

Administrator-

Clerk-December 26th Regular Meeting Cancelled, Rescheduled to December 21st at 7:00pm, City Hall

Engineer-Award Bid for Repair of Well #5

City Attorney-

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Accounts and Finances -Payment of Bills
-Payroll Expenses

Streets & Public Improvements-

Public Property-Surplus of City Boom Truck
-Waive Competitive Bid for Boom Truck Purchase from Schmidy's Machinery
-Resolution 17-37, Authorizing Purchase of Boom Truck from Schmidy's Machinery
For \$24,500

Public Health & Safety-Resolution 17-36, Approving Pay Raises for Non-Bargaining Employees under the Braidwood Police
-Ordinance 17-17, Amending Chapt. 58-Offenses of the Braidwood City Code

Planning & Zoning-No Recommendations

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, December 12, 2017

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Vehrs asked everyone to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

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

Public Comment

Gerry Curl, Representing the Braidwood Baseball Softball Association. Advised that he had a concern with the agenda item Ordinance 17-15, with Raffles. He feels the \$50 charge per raffle is a little steep for Not For Profit Organizations. He said Morris charges like \$5 and \$10. He asked why is Braidwood charging \$50 per raffle. The Mayor advised Gerry that we will look at this as a council for possible changes. The Mayor said this ordinance is for the protection of the Organization and the city.

Angie Hutton, on behalf of the Chamber, representing the committee that organized the Xmas Lighted Parade, Tree Lighting at City Hall, the activities at the Elementary School, Coloring Contest, and the two new activities; Gingerbread House Contest and the decorating of the flower pots along Main Street. She thanked Comms. Smith & Hutton for allowing the employees to help get the decorations out, getting the Xmas Tree up and stringing the lights on the bushes in front of city hall.

Kent Lee, 155 North Cook St. Kent thanked the City Engineer Todd Gereaux for sending him the Written Guarantee from Gross Construction concerning the recent roads.

Bill Rulien, 187 E. Main St. He addressed his main concern with regards to the raises on the Agenda tonight. He doesn't feel they should happen and the council should take a look at things fiscally.

Bob Jones, 552 S. Division. Bobby said that this city council needs to make Braidwood look more welcoming at our exits coming into town. This city needs to be working together to make people want to come into Braidwood, give them a reason to stop in our town. Businesses should get together and make a sign listing all the names of the businesses in town with arrows showing the direction to find them. We need to make our exits into our town more inviting and cited some other towns that have really dressed up their town as you come in and we should do something like that.

Closed at 7:14pm.

Presentation was then given by Beth Gonzalez in charge of Community Relations with PACE Bus Service.

Approval of Minutes

Comm. Tessler made a motion, seconded by Comm. Smith to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 28, 2017. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hibler, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Tessler made a motion to amend the Agenda to move Closed Session to the beginning of the Agenda, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hutton, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs).

Closed Session

Comm. Tessler made a motion to go into Closed Session at 7:18pm to discuss Personnel Compensation, Land Sales and asked that only Elected Officials and Attorney be included, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hutton, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs).

No action was taken following Closed Session.

Comm. Tessler made a motion to Reconvene the Regular Meeting at 8:09pm, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hibler, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs).

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

Mayor Vehrs asked for a motion to approve Resolution 17-35, Approving Salaries for Non-Bargaining Employees in City Hall. Comm. Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 17-35, seconded by Comm. Hibler. The Attorney advised for the record that this would make the salary of the city clerk \$56,217 per year in addition to benefits and the city accountant to \$50,000 per year in addition to benefits. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hibler, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

The Mayor then addressed the continuance of the City Stickers. He commented that we're just a little bit ahead and then asked the council if they still want to continue or discontinue the City Stickers. The city clerk commented that the unfortunate thing is that the whole town is not purchasing stickers and every vehicle in town does not have a city sticker. Not really fair to those buying 1-4 stickers per household and others in town haven't bought in years and it's the same year after year. The selling of city stickers puts more work on city hall staff and for the 2-3 month time of the sale it's taking away from the daily workings of the office. Comm. Fay said he would like to do away with them. Comm. Hutton asked do we have some way to replace the revenue? The City Administrator asked to speak on that. He advised that our Gaming Revenue over last year is ahead by \$18,000 and believes this trend is going to continue because we have new Gaming Revenue coming in. Comm. Tessler said to discontinue. The city attorney will prepare an Ordinance for the next council meeting.

Administrator

The administrator told Bobby Jones that he appreciated his comments. He would like to relay this to him and the rest of the town that we've been working with IDOT about those intersections. Last year he was out there with Comm. Smith and Comm. Hutton and they were here and cut a lot of trees down at Rte. 113. He said it is like a jungle out there and we are trying to get them back. Don also said that IDOT has long range plans to rebuild the interchange at Lorenzo Rd. which will affect us all the way down to Rte. 113.

City Clerk

The city clerk advised everyone that the December 26th meeting has been cancelled and rescheduled to December 21st at 7:00pm.

Engineer

Todd advised that Well#5 has had some issues lately and he's been working with the city on solutions to bring that well back online and in good condition. This well repair was put out for bid and had a Bid Opening today at 3:00pm. Two bids were submitted; Water Well Solutions & Layne Christenson Company. Both bids were pretty close, Water Well at \$63,757.40 and Layne at

\$69,679.40, low bidder being Water Well Solutions. There hasn't been maintenance over time so it is in need of repair.

Comm. Hutton made a motion to award the Bid for Well #5 Repair to Water Well Solutions in the amount of \$63,757.40, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs). There will be a Resolution for the next council meeting.

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 \$152,282.46, seconded by Comm. Smith. 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 \$101,756.57, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Smith, Hutton, Tessler, & Mayor Vehrs).

Streets & Public Improvements

Comm. Smith went back to Bobby Jones' comment earlier. He said he is in 100% to see the signs and 200% that we enforce it. If we put up signs and don't enforce it then it won't work. He said if you want a good neighbor you have to be a good neighbor. He said there's a lot of work to be done in this town for the people, seems like we're dragging our feet and not getting anything done. There's a sign in Kentucky that says "The Greatest Town on Earth" and wouldn't it be nice if we could be the Greatest Town on Earth!

Public Property

Comm. Hutton made a motion to Waive a Competitive Bid of \$20,000 for a Boom Truck (Derrick Digger) from Schmidy's Machinery, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Hutton made a motion to approve Resolution 17-37, Authorizing the Purchase of Boom Truck from Schmidy's Machinery in the amount of \$24,500, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Hutton gave the Outside Crews Report then gave the Plant Crews Report.

Public Health & Safety

Comm. Tessler gave the numbers provided by the Chief from 11/28-12/12/17 with total calls for service approximately 270.

Comm. Tessler made a motion to approve Resolution 17-36, Approving Pay Raises for Non-Bargaining Employees under the Braidwood Police, seconded by Comm. Hutton. The Attorney advised for the record this is for the salary of \$97,500 for the Chief of Police, \$86,900 for the City Administrator, \$56,500 for the Police Dept. Office Administrator and \$34,320 for the Police Dept. Administrative Assistant. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hutton, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Tessler said over the last few months he's had calls regarding vaping. We know that smoking has been banned in businesses so the Electronic smoking is the new thing. The vapors from the Electronic smoking are affecting people inside of businesses. He talked with the city attorney and an Ordinance was drawn up basically to ban vaping in businesses. The attorney

advised that the Smoke Free Act was passed by the Illinois Legislature which banned smoking in certain public places, this Ordinance applies the same for Electronic smoking or vaping.

Comm. Tessler made a motion to adopt Ordinance 17-17, Amending Chapt. 58-Offenses of the Braidwood City Code, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hutton, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs).

Planning & Zoning

No recommendations.

Old Business

Nothing to Report.

New Business

Nothing to Report.

Adjournment

Comm. Tessler made motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:28pm, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hutton, Smith, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs).

Approved this 9th day of January 2018

James Vehrs Mayor

Sue Greggill City Clerk

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

