

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Rescheduled Meeting, Thursday December 21, 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 – November 28, 2017 & December 21, 2017 at next council meeting

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor-

Administrator-

Clerk-

Engineer-

City Attorney-Ordinance 17-18, Adopting a Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment for the City of Braidwood

-Resolution 17-38, Renumbering of Resolution 17-35, Approving 2017 Tax Levy Estimate

-Ordinance 17-19, Amending Chapt. 82-Traffic & Vehicles of the City of Braidwood Code Of Ordinances

-Resolution 17-41, Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from TIF2 to TIF3

-Ordinance 17-22, Approving the Sale of Real Estate in a TIF District to Michael Guinta

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Accounts and Finances -Payment of Bills

-Payroll Expenses

-Ordinance 17-20, Tax Levy & Assessment of Taxes for the City of Braidwood Will County II for the Fiscal Year May 1, 2018 and Ending April 30, 2019

Streets & Public Improvements-

Public Property-Resolution 17-39, Authorizing the Award of Bid to Repair Well #5

Public Health & Safety-Resolution 17-40, Clarifying the Police Department Office Administrator Salary Adjustment

-Ordinance 17-21, MAP Collective Bargaining Agreement for Sergeants

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

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD
City Council Rescheduled Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 21, 2017

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Vehrs asked Comm. Hutton to lead everyone in 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 and Chief Nick Ficarelo. City Engineer Todd Gereaux was absent.

Atty. Kopman addressed the Agenda with scriveners errors that need to be corrected; Approval of Minutes should be December 12, 2017 & December 21, 2017, under City Attorney the second to last item Resolution 17-41 Transfer of Funds should be from TIF2 to TIF3, under Accounts & Finances the last item Ordinance 17-20 should read Will and Grundy County IL and under Public Health & Safety the last item Ordinance 17-21 should read Approving MAP Collective Bargaining. Atty. Kopman advised that a motion is needed to correct these scriveners errors.

Comm. Hibler made a motion to amend the Agenda to correct scrivener's errors, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Smith, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Public Comment

Open and Closed at 7:05pm.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of December 12, 2017 and December 21, 2017 to be approved at next council meeting.

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor

Mayor Vehrs advised everyone of an important situation that happened this week that's very important to our residents. The Mayor received a call from Exelon letting him know about a situation at their blow down line. This happened during robotic preventative maintenance, which they do every so often, they saw a little wear in one of the sections of pipe, and there was no leak. They dug the pipe up, 20ft. section then wrapped it and backfilled it and good till 2040. Today they received a clear bill of health and he just wanted to make sure the residents were aware of what happened. Mayor wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.

Administrator

Nothing to Report

City Clerk

Nothing to Report.

Engineer

Absent.

City Attorney

Atty. Kopman started his Agenda items with Ordinance 17-18, Adopting a Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment for the City of Braidwood. The state legislature passed a law back in November that requires every governmental agency to adopt a Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment. The city had one before but we are going to formally adopt one through this Ordinance to comply with state law. The state law required that this occur before the end of this calendar year and that's why we have it on Agenda tonight, really didn't give us much time to put together. This all comes from what is going on in Springfield now. Attached to the Ordinance is a 4 page Policy of the City.

Comm. Hutton made a motion to adopt Ordinance 17-18 Adopting Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment for the City of Braidwood, seconded by Comm. Smith.

Comm. Hutton asked if we were going to have in house training for employees. The attorney replied that when the legislature passed it a portion of it requires training, what it appears to be it only applies to State Officials and State Employees. There is no requirement that other governmental institutions provide that training to their employees. The attorney feels they may change that but unsure at this time. Atty. Kopman feels it's a good thing to make sure that every employee acknowledges receipt of the Policy and read it and understand it.

Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Next item is Resolution 17-38, Renumbering of Resolution 17-35. At the November 28th meeting council approved Resolution 17-35 Approving 2017 Tax Levy Estimate. Again through scriveners error we had two Resolutions that ended up being numbered 17-35. So this Resolution simply corrects that.

Comm. Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 17-38, Renumbering of Resolution 17-35 Tax Levy Estimate, correcting the scriveners error, seconded by Comm. Hibler. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hibler, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Next is Ordinance 17-19, Amending Chapter 82-Traffic & Vehicles of the City of Braidwood Code of Ordinances. At the last meeting the council had a discussion to whether or not to continue with the sale of vehicle city stickers in town. It was the consensus of the council that the cost benefits didn't really work out such that it was appropriate for the city to continue doing. This Ordinance repeals those sections of the City's Code of Ordinances and if passed tonight then the residents will no longer have to purchase city stickers for their vehicles.

Comm. Tessler made a motion to adopt Ordinance 17-19, Amending Chapter 82-Traffic 7 Vehicles of the City of Braidwood Code of Ordinances, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved 4 ayes, 1 nay-Hutton (Tessler, Smith, Hibler, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs).

Next item is Resolution 17-41, Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from TIF2 to TIF3. The city council earlier this year approved for TIF2 to expire on December 31, 2017, the end of its 23yr. life as allowed by Illinois State Statute. TIF2 does have some remaining funds and State Statute allows the transfer of funds from one TIF District to another TIF District as long as they're touching one another which TIF2 and TIF3 do. TIF3 was established on December 27, 2011 so there are quite a few years left with TIF3. This Resolution would allow the remaining TIF2 Funds to be rolled over into TIF3.

Comm. Smith made a motion to approve Resolution 17-41 the Transfer of Funds from TIF2 to TIF3, seconded by Comm. Hibler. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hibler, Hutton, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Last Agenda item is Ordinance 17-22, Approving the Sale of Real Estate in a TIF District to Michael Guinta. With direction from the council some time back we listed a Request for Proposals, advertised this Request related to land owned by the city in the Townes of Braidwood which is located within a TIF District. One Proposal was submitted from Michael Guinta and it's a multi part Proposal. This would be the first part which is selling 2 lots to him at \$9,000 per lot. If adopted by the council, the Ordinance would allow us to then finalize that contract with Michael

Guinta. The remainder of his Proposal is something we're working on to possibly put into a Development Agreement that affects other lots in Townes of Braidwood, hoping to have this back to the council sometime in January 2018.

Comm. Smith made a motion to adopt Ordinance 17-22, Approving the Sale of Real Estate in a TIF District to Michael Guinta, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hutton, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

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 \$257,584.86, 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).

Comm. Hibler made a motion to approve Ordinance 17-20, Tax Levy & Assessment of Taxes for the City of Braidwood, Will & Grundy County Illinois for Fiscal Year May 1, 2018 and Ending April 30, 2019, 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 approve Resolution 17-39, Authorizing the Award of Bid to Repair Well #5, to Waterworks Solutions in the amount of \$63,757.40, 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 made a motion to approve Resolution 17-40, Clarifying the Police Department Office Administrator's Salary Adjustment, seconded by Comm. Smith. Comm. Tessler explained that it wasn't clarified at the last meeting. This position is held by Tari Atherton and she was put on Salary seeing that there had been an increase in overtime with Tari and it wasn't fitting into the Budget so we decided to make her position Salaried. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hutton, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs).

His second Agenda item is Ordinance 17-21, Approving MAP Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Sergeants. Comm. Tessler made a motion to approve Ordinance 17-2, seconded by Comm. Hutton. The Commissioner said the Chief has been handling this directly so at this time he turned it over to the Chief and he explained the reasoning behind the Sergeants being part of the MAP Union. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hutton, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs).

Comm. Tessler gave the numbers provided by the Chief from 12/12-12/21/17, with total calls for service 155. He also commented on what he termed as hitting a milestone yesterday. It's been 6 yrs. in the making but we have successfully changed over to the new Dispatching Center which took place at noon yesterday. The City Administrator and Deputy Chief Finlon were there to make

sure everything went smoothly. Had a few small bugs with the radio volume but other than that everything went smooth. The Chief advised that we can communicate with the Fire Department even though they've stayed with Wescom the same as other Departments currently do via Will County Sheriff's or other Dispatching Centers contacting one another. They're hoping down the road to be Patched with the Braidwood Fire Department on same frequency.

Planning & Zoning

No recommendations.

Closed Session

No request for Closed Session.

Old Business

Nothing to Report.

New Business

Nothing to Report.

Adjournment

Comm. Tessler made motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:28pm, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hutton, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs).

Approved this 9th day of January 2018

James Tessler Mayor
Sue Gregor City Clerk

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

