

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Regular Meeting, Tuesday December 22, 2015 @ 7:00pm

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
Public Comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -December 8, 2015 Regular Meeting

REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor-

Administrator- Discussion of Global Aerial Video Proposal
- Discussion of Public Utility Easement/Right-Of-Way, Release of Liability

Clerk-

Engineer-

City Attorney-Resolution 15-32, Authorizing Execution of a Contract for Video Services

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Accounts and Finances -Payment of Bills
-Payroll

Streets and Public Improvements -

Public Buildings & Property-

Public Health & Safety- Resolution 15-33, Authorizing Execution of an Employment Agreement with
M. Soucie as Deputy Chief

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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Tuesday, December 22, 2015

Call to Order

Mayor Jim Vehrs called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Vehrs asked Mayors present to lead everyone in the pledge of allegiance. The Mayor then asked everyone before they sit down to keep standing for a moment of silence for Comm. Hutton's brother who passed away yesterday and also Bishop Imesh from the Joliet Diocese who passed away.

Roll Call

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

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

Public Comment

Chris Perry, 2125 E. Rockridge Dr., Diamond. He has recently been hunting Bohac's sandpit for about 6 years or so and there is a city ordinance that conflicts with the state law. He cited our Ordinance, Sec. 58-221, and the Illinois State Code 520 ILCS 5/2.1. It pretty much reads the same as DNR, as long as we are within 100 yards of anyone's residence; we're legally able to shoot in city limits for the purpose of taking game. He wanted to bring this to the council's attention and it's a conflict with city local ordinance and state law. The Mayor stated that if you're within the city limits of Braidwood, there are no firearms or discharge within the city limits. The Mayor also told him that part of Bohac's sandpit isn't in the city limits. They both agreed that parts are in and others are not and if you are hunting in the unincorporated parts, Will County you can hunt there. Chris also stated that conservation police officers have already come here and expressed their concern that it's not proper. The Mayor said he would have a meeting with the conservation officers and looked forward to speaking with them.

Public Comment closed at 7:04pm.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the December 8, 2015 Regular Meeting were approved as read. Motion made by Comm. Hutton, seconded by Comm. Smith. Mayor Vehrs asked for discussion. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays, (Hutton, Smith, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

Mayor

The Mayor wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Anyone wishing to speak with him one on one he will be in the office the first week of January, come on in and talk with him. And to the gentlemen who is a hunter, the Mayor advised him he was a hunter as well, and this will be looked into with the department of conservation as well as our local ordinance.

Administrator

Andy advised the council that in there packets there is an Agreement with Global Aerial Video. Andy set a rough draft to the city attorney and he researched it and made some modifications and you can see its red lined. Andy also gave the council a memo back from them that he's agreeable to all changes that the

attorney requested in the contract. The contract is for \$2,500 is for a baseline aerial video of downtown development, new development and residential. Andy said if anyone has questions he would be glad to answer.

Andy's next item was the Public Utility Easement/Right-of-Way Agreement that was discussed at last meeting. He has given everyone a late copy that was revised by the city attorney which includes the PIN Number on the bottom of the form. Basically what this would be if anyone is putting up a fence or anything in the right of way that they agree upon removal in case the city would have to get in there for drainage issues or utilities. The city attorney said he added in the Release that liability shall run with the land and bind successor(s) in interest to the subject party. This Release may be recorded by the City also. Andy asked for motion for Mayor to execute this Release of Liability. The city attorney said for the record there is no requirement that the Mayor sign this Release.

City Clerk

Clerk advised everyone that city hall and public works are closed on Thursday 31st and Friday the 1st. Also advised everyone about the Braidwood Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship on Saturday January 2nd, 12-4pm at the Godley Park District Gym, and there are pamphlets on the back table if anyone is interested.

Engineer

Absent.

City Attorney

Attorney Kopman addressed his agenda item, Resolution 15-32 which authorizes the Mayor to Execute the Contract for video services with Global Aerial Video.

A motion was made by Comm. Smith, seconded by Comm. Hibler to approve Resolution 15-32 a Contract with Global Aerial Video. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hibler, Hutton, 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 \$136,404.16 seconded by Comm. Smith. Mayor 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 \$78,906.59, seconded by Comm. Smith. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hibler, Smith, Tessler, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs).

Streets & Public Improvements

Comm. Smith said everything is running good like a clock and said hopes snow stays away so men don't have to get called out on Christmas.

Public Buildings & Property

Comm. Hutton gave his report for the last 2 weeks. Comm. Hutton asked that people walking on streets at night to please wear reflective gear. He had someone the other night that he couldn't see wearing a black sweatshirt, black pants walking down the edge of the road, no reflective which could have been an incident.

Public Health & Safety

Comm. Tessler addressed his agenda item first which was discussed at our last meeting.

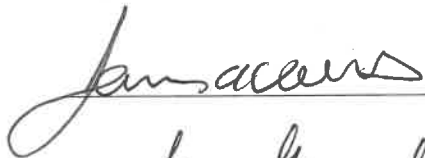
Comm. Tessler made a motion to pass Resolution 15-33, Authorizing Execution of an Employment Agreement with Michelle Soucie as Deputy Chief, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hutton, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs).

Tessler gave the Chief's stats report for the last two weeks. Also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

others are opinions of other municipalities, but basically all cover the same thing. These inspections are for building codes and health violations that need to be looked at. Most of them are on rental property that the landlords are not around or don't visit their properties, outside has a nuisance, or the renter has made changes to inside that they aren't aware of. Andy said we have had a couple of in the last 6 months since he's been here that one didn't know was a 2 unit, thought it was a 1 unit and another on Kennedy with the same thing. We need to look at some type of inspection either when the unit becomes vacant and needs to be re-rented or some are doing inspections yearly, every 3 years, every 5 years. It seems that most of them who do it annually have a fee to cover the expense of the inspection. Half way through this handout is a list of municipalities of who do inspections. Andy asked everyone to look at and if have any questions get back to me because this won't get solved in few days. Andy said we do have a few situations with hoarders and this inspection works very well. Andy said we don't want to adopt what some other town has, we want to review and make up our own rules that pertain to us.

Comm. Hutton made motion to adjourn, seconded by Comm. Tessler. Motion Approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Tessler, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs).

Approved this 12th day of January 2016

 Mayor

 City Clerk



Planning & Zoning Board Report

Zoning will have a report at our next meeting.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Comm. Hutton to go into executive session to discuss personnel, pending and or imminent litigation, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hutton, Smith, Tessler, Hibler and Mayor Vehrs).

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

Action Following Executive Session

No action was taken following Executive Session.

Old Business

Comm. Hutton advised that he picked up the donated chairs from Exelon this morning. Comm. Tessler talked with Comm. Smith and he is glad that Fay is filling the ditches in. Eric's street he said is in bad shape and they need to make ditches a priority in the spring.

New Business

Mayor Vehrs advised that he received a check for the Braidwood Community Care from MG2A, the city's engineering firm; Mike Gingerich & Todd Gereaux. This year instead of them handing out gifts, they supported many area Food Pantries. We were very lucky that they wrote out a check for \$500 going to the Braidwood Community Care. This is the first time that they have made donation to our Food Pantry. Comm. Smith asked that we get a Thank You Card and have commissioners, mayor and everyone sign it, thanking them for their donation.

Adjournment

Comm. Tessler made motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:42pm, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hutton, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs). Meeting adjourned.

Approved this 12th day of January 2016

James Vehrs Mayor

Lee Groggill City Clerk

