

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, December 22nd, 2020 @ 7:00pm

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call by City Clerk **James Mikel, Jr.** **Doug Money**
 Wayne Saltzman **Fay Smith**
 Robert Jones

IV. Public Comment: State your full name and spell your last name. Section 2-34 of the Braidwood Code of Ordinances imposes a three (3) minute limit for each person during public comment.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approve Minutes of the December 8, 2020, Regular Meeting

VII. REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

A. Mayor

B. Administrator

B. Clerk

D. Engineer

E. City Attorney

VIII. REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

A. Accounts and Finances

1. Approve the Payment of Bills
2. Approve Payroll

C. Streets and Public Improvements

1. Motion to Approve an Ordinance Approving the First Amended Annual Budget and Appropriations for the City of Braidwood for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2020 and Ending April 30, 2021

C. Public Buildings & Property

D. Public Health & Safety

E. Planning & Zoning

IX. OLD BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS - There will be a Special City Council Meeting on December 28, 2020, at 7:00pm, to Approve an Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the City of Braidwood, Will County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2020 and Ending April 30, 2021

XI. Next Regular City Council Meeting is Tuesday, January 12th, 2021 at 7:00pm

XII. ADJOURNMENT

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council Tuesday, December 22nd, 2020
Braidwood City Hall 141 W. Main St., Braidwood, IL 60408**

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council on December 22nd, 2020 was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Mayor Jones in the Council Chambers of the Braidwood City Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Jones requested all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Upon Roll Call by the Clerk, the following members of the corporate authorities answered "Here" or "Present";

Elected Officials:

Present: Commissioner Saltzman, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Money
and Mayor Jones

Absent: Commissioner James Mikel, Jr.

Appointed Officials:

Present: Chief Lyons, City Administrator Altieri, City Attorney Wellner, and City Engineer Dave Weber

Absent:

Quorum: There being sufficient members of the corporate authorities in attendance to constitute a quorum, the meeting was declared in order.

Public Comment: Nicole Shores asked Commissioner Smith if he had a computer and how often he checks his city email. Commissioner Smith provided no response. Shores is seeking information which she submitted via FOIA some time ago. Shores urged the council to vote NO on the budget amendment.

Adam Beaty addressed the City via public comment to focus on the positives in the city rather than the negatives seen in the local newspaper Sound Off section or community Facebook pages. Urged council to vote NO for the budget amendment.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Saltzman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Money, to approve meeting minutes from the December 8th, 2020 Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried with 4 ayes: 0 nays. (Saltzman, Smith, Money and Jones)

Mayor's Report: Nothing to report

Administrator Report: Nothing to report

City Clerk Report: N/A

Engineer Report: Nothing to report

Chief of Police: See Public Health & Safety Report

City Attorney Report: Nothing to report.

Accounts & Finance Report: Commissioner Saltzman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the Payment of Bills, in the amount of \$326,928.13 as identified in the Accounts Payable General Ledger dated December 8th, 2020. Motion carried with 4 ayes; 0 nays. (Saltzman, Smith, Money, and Jones). Commissioner Saltzman stated the bills were a little high and yielded to City Administrator Altiery to further explain. Altiery stated the jump in bills was due to the annual liability insurance which accounted for \$260,000 “and a couple cents.” He further explained out the \$400,000 previously discussed, the remainder will be workman’s comp. which is paid monthly. Bills are up almost \$90,000 due to nationwide unrest caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Commissioner Saltzman then made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to Approve Payroll Expenses, in the amount of \$82,889.87 as identified in the Payroll General Ledger dated December 20th, 2020. Motion carried with 4 ayes; 0 nays. (Saltzman, Smith, Money, and Jones) Commissioner Saltzman then made general comments about Shop with a Cop and the holiday parade.

Streets & Public Improvement Report: Commissioner Smith stated his desire to move a part-time employee to full-time in order to hire another laborer. Smith wanted to move to approve the amended budget as detailed in Exhibit A of the Resolution of the City of Braidwood Authorizing the Transfer of Amounts from Seven (7) Line Items Within the Budget of the General Fund. Saltzman seconded but discussion continued. City Administrator Altiery added he received eight (8) emails from residents that urged the council vote NO for the proposed budget amendment. Altiery helped explain that money being moved in several line items does not exist. Transferring money from the Pace Bus Grant cannot happen because the money is for that purpose only and is based on reimbursements. Saltzman stated he disagreed with the amendment as read. Saltzman is asking for the money to be moved because Commissioner Smith’s budget was cut in the past and the moneys is needed to ensure he is able to operate until the next fiscal year. City Administrator Altiery explained the proposed movement of money is for the movement of personnel. Smith desires to move a part-time employee to full time and hire a new laborer. Altiery disagreed saying the amount of work to be done does not warrant an additional employee nor the movement of the part-time employee to full time.

Commissioner Saltzman sought to end the argument and called for a vote. Saltzman made the motion and Commissioner Smith seconded. Motion failed with 2 ayes (Saltzman, Smith); 2 nays (Money, Jones).

Discussion continued following the vote. Commissioner Smith stated he already promoted the part timer to full time 3 months ago and no one said anything about it then. Altiery believed the action to be in violation of budget laws. Commissioner Smith said to Altiery he would not back up and if he wanted to go to court with him on the subject they will be going.

Commissioner Smith said if the City Administrator weren’t paid so much to do his job the city would have the money to do what needed to be done. Commissioner Saltzman called on Smith to end the discussion and move on.

Public Property Report: Nothing to report.

Public Health & Safety Report: Chief Lyons reported the success of the annual Shop with a Cop and thanked the multiple donors to the event. He thanked the Braidwood Fire Department for their use of vehicles and Rosati’s Pizza for their donation of food. Chief Lyons detailed the first annual Blue Santa’s Mission event which will provide hot meals and toys to families who are down on their luck on Christmas Day. Notice was put out to the community on Facebook and food and toy donations came from all around. Chief Lyons thanked the Shadow Lakes, Lighthouse Cove community for their donations of toys and money. He thanked Mark Hunt and Karen Hart for their donations.

Planning & Zoning Report: Nothing to report.

Old Business: None

New Business: Special City Council Meeting on December 28, 2020 to discuss the Tax Levy Assessment.

Adjournment: Commissioner Saltzman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Smith, to adjourn the December 22nd, 2020 regular meeting of the Braidwood City Council. Motion carried with 4 ayes: 0 nays (Saltzman, Smith, Money and Jones). The next regular meeting of the Council will be held January 12th, 2021 at 7:00pm

Approved this 12th day of January, 2021.



Mayor



City Clerk