

**CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
141 W. MAIN STREET
BRAIDWOOD, IL 60408
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, December 23, 2025 at 7:00pm**

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call by City Clerk

**Elizabeth Dixon
James Mikel, Jr.**

**Warren Wietting
Todd Lyons**

Dale Walsh

IV. Public Comment: State your full name and spell your last name.

Sec. 2-34. - Public comment. (a) At the beginning of each city council meeting, before action is taken on any item, except for approval of the minutes, there shall be a portion allowed for public comment. Public comment is allowed on any subject matter pertaining to city business and is not restricted to matters on the agenda. (b) No prior registration shall be required for any person giving public comment, but before speaking, the person shall state his name and address. There shall be a three-minute time limit to the public comment of each person, but the mayor may waive such time limit. (Ord. No. 98-16, § 3, 4-28-98; Ord. No. 99-13, § 1, 4-27-99)

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A.** Approve Minutes of the Tuesday, December 9, 2025 Regular Meeting

VI. REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

A. Mayor

1. Swearing in new Police Officer, Ashton Harvey
2. Recognition of Reed-Custer Middle School Girls Cross-Country State Qualifiers
3. Request a motion to approve Ordinance 25-62 Approving and Authorizing the City of Braidwood to enter into and for the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Proposal with Hitchcock Design Group regarding a Comprehensive Master Parks Plan

B. City Management Consultant

1. Request a motion to approve Ordinance 25-63 adopting the Prevailing Wage rates to be paid to laborers, mechanics and other workers performing construction of Public Works for the City of Braidwood
2. Request a motion to approve Ordinance 25-64 amending the City of Braidwood Code of Ordinances as it pertains to competitive bidding procedures

C. Clerk

1. Request a motion to approve Ordinance 25-65 Approving and Authorizing the City of Braidwood to enter into and for the Mayor to execute a Residential Solid Waste Collection Service Agreement between the City of Braidwood and Lakeshore Recycling Systems, LLC

D. Engineer

1. Request a motion to approve Ordinance 25-66 Approving and Authorizing the City of Braidwood to enter into and for the Mayor to execute a proposal for professional engineering services with Robinson Engineering regarding a Capacity, Management, Operations, and Maintenance Plan
2. Request a motion to approve Ordinance 25-67 Waiving Competitive Bidding and Approving the purchase of a generator replacement for Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants

E. City Attorney

VII. REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

- A. Accounts and Finances**
 - 1. Approve Payment of Bills \$117,449.20
 - 2. Approve Payroll \$102,481.32
- B. Streets and Public Improvements**
- C. Public Buildings & Property**
- D. Public Health & Safety**
- E. Planning & Zoning**
 - 1. Next Planning and Zoning meeting to be announced.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Motion to go into executive session to discuss (i) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)) and (ii) pending, probable, or imminent litigation against, affecting, or on behalf of the City (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11))
- B. Motion to close executive session

- XI.** Next City Council Meeting is Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
Next Committee of the Whole Meeting is January 13, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council Tuesday, December 23, 2025
Braidwood City Hall 141 W. Main St., Braidwood, IL 60408

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council on December 23, 2025 was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Mayor Lyons in the Council Chambers of the Braidwood City Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Lyons requested that 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 Dixon, Commissioner Wietting, Commissioner Walsh, Commissioner Mikel, and Mayor Lyons

Absent: None.

Appointed Officials:

Present: City Consultant Manager Steve Gulden, Police Chief Eric Allen, City Clerk Sarah Weaver, City Engineer Sean Kelly, and City Attorney Bryan Wellner

Absent: None.

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

Public Comment: An unidentified resident inquired about the City's water supply. It was stated that the City's water is supplied from the municipal well.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Mikel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to approve the meeting minutes from the December 9, 2025 Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Mikel, Dixon, Wietting, Walsh, and Lyons)

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Lyons read a prepared statement honoring the life and service of former Mayor Wayne Salzman, recognizing his many contributions to the City of Braidwood and extending condolences to the Salzman family.

Mayor Lyons administered the oath of office to Ashton Harvey, officially swearing him in as a Police Officer for the City of Braidwood.

The Council recognized the Reed-Custer Middle School Girls' Cross Country Team for qualifying for the state competition. Coach Pavanka addressed the Council and highlighted team and individual accomplishments, including national-level participation through the Plainfield Pack program.

Mayor Lyons requested a motion to approve Ordinance 25-62. Commissioner Mikel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve Ordinance 25-62 Approving and Authorizing the City of

Braidwood to enter into and for the Mayor to execute a Professional Services Proposal with Hitchcock Design Group regarding a Comprehensive Master Parks Plan. Motion carries with 3 ayes; 1 nay; 1 abstain (Mikel, Dixon, and Lyons)

Holiday Light Contest Winners:

- Michael & Bridget (Route 129)
- Richard Zilka (115 E. Cermak Rd)
- Wayne & Donna Ricketts (Janet Drive)

Administrator Report:

Management Consultant Steve Gulden requested a motion to approve Ordinance 25-63. Commissioner Mikel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve Ordinance 25-63 adopting the Prevailing Wage rates to be paid to laborers, mechanics, and other performing construction of Public Works for the City of Braidwood. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays (Mikel, Dixon, Wietting, Walsh, and Lyons)

He also requested a motion to approve Ordinance 25-64. Commissioner Mikel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve Ordinance 2-64 amending the City of Braidwood Code of Ordinances as it pertains to competitive bidding procedures. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays (Mikel, Dixon, Wietting, Walsh, and Lyons)

Steve also thanked staff for organizing the employee Christmas party and announced a legislative breakfast scheduled for January 29, 2026.

City Clerk Report:

Sarah requested a motion to approve Ordinance 25-65. Commissioner Wietting made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Mikel to approve Ordinance 25-65 approving and authorizing the City of Braidwood to enter into and for the Mayor to execute a Residential Solid Waste Collection Service Agreement between the City of Braidwood and Lakeshore Recycling Systems, LLC. Motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays; (Wietting, Mikel, Dixon, Walsh, and Lyons)

Engineer Report

Sean Kelly requested a motion to approve Ordinance 25-66. Commissioner Wietting made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Mikel to approve Ordinance 25-66 approving and authorizing the City of Braidwood to enter into and for the Mayor to execute a proposal for professional engineering services with Robinson Engineering regarding a Capacity, Management, Operations, and Maintenance Plan. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays (Wietting, Mikel, Dixon, Walsh, and Lyons)

He also requested a motion to approve Ordinance 25-67. Commissioner Wietting made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walsh to approve Ordinance 25-67 waiving competitive bidding and approving the purchase of a generator for Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nay; (Wietting, Walsh, Dixon, Mikel, and Lyons)

City Attorney Report: No report.

Accounts & Finance Report: Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to approve the Payment of Bills, in the amount of \$117,449.20 as identified in the Accounts Payable General Ledger dated December 23, 2025. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays. (Dixon, Walsh, Wietting, Mikel, and Lyons)

Commissioner Dixon then made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to Approve Payroll Expenses in the amount of \$102,481.32 as identified in the Payroll General Ledger dated December 19, 2025. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays. (Dixon, Walsh, Wietting, Mikel, and Lyons).

Audit Update:

- City's accounting consultant Cris Miroballi explained the city's qualified audit opinion due to noncompliance with GASB 75 (post-employment health liability).
- Recommendation: Obtain an actuarial evaluation to quantify liability and achieve full compliance.
- Council agreed to seek pricing before making final decision.

Streets & Public Improvement Report:

Commissioner Walsh reported on winter road maintenance and encouraged residents to bag garbage and recyclables to prevent litter.

Public Property Report:

Commissioner Wietting commended Public Works staff for continued excellent performance.

Public Health & Safety Report:

Commissioner Mikel gave the Police Press Release:

- Calls for services 234
- Case reports 30
- Total subjects arrested 1
- Total arrest charges 1
- Total number of traffic stops 76
- Citations 16
- Written warnings 27
- Semi-truck violations 1
- Total number of P-tickets 7

Code Enforcement:

Abandoned/Inoperable Vehicles removed from private property 4, by compliance 4, by tow 0.

Additional Updates:

- Officers certified for FAA drone operations.
- Participation in the Wescom Records Division network for improved compliance and efficiency.
- Collaboration with Joliet Junior College Criminal Justice Program to modernize curriculum.

Commissioner Moose welcomed a new granddaughter. Council offered congratulations.

Planning & Zoning Report:

The next Planning and Zoning meeting date is pending.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

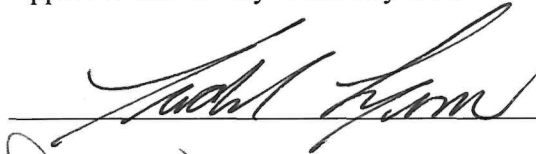
Adjournment: Commissioner Walsh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Mikel, to adjourn the December 23, 2025 regular meeting of the Braidwood City Council. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays. (Walsh, Mikel, Dixon, Wietting, and Lyons)

The next regular meeting of the Council will be held Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

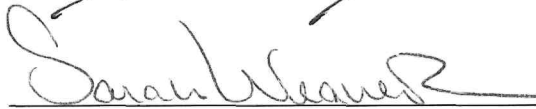
The next Committee of the Whole meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 6:30 pm.

- Multiple officials extended Merry Christmas and Happy New Year wishes.
- Meeting adjourned with a final tribute to Wayne Salzman: *"This hurts, but... Go Cubs."*

Approved this 13 Day of January 2026.



Mayor



City Clerk

