

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
Regular Meeting, Wednesday, December 27, 2023 at 7:00pm

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call by City Clerk

Doug Money
Ron Wilczak Sr.

Warren Wietting
Karen Hart

Dale Walsh

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.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Approve Minutes of the Tuesday, December 12, 2023 Regular Meeting

VI. REPORTS BY CITY OFFICIALS

- A. Mayor
- B. Administrator
- C. Clerk
- D. Engineer
- E. City Attorney

VII. REPORTS BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

A. Accounts and Finances

- 1. Approve Payment of Bills **\$86,487.33**
- 2. Approve Payroll **\$91,210.04**

B. Streets and Public Improvements

- 1. Motion for Ordinance 23-21 Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Proposal for Professional Engineering Services Regarding a Street Condition Survey Between the City of Braidwood and Robinson Engineering

C. Public Buildings & Property

D. Public Health & Safety

E. Planning & Zoning

- 1. Request motion for Ordinance 23-22 Granting a variance to 333 W. Anndon Drive, Braidwood, Illinois 60408 PIN No. 02-24-05-313-015-0000

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 9, 2024 at 7:00pm

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council Wednesday, December 27, 2023
Braidwood City Hall 141 W. Main St., Braidwood, IL 60408**

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council on December 27, 2023 was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by Mayor Hart in the Council Chambers of the Braidwood City Hall.

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Hart 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 Money, Commissioner Wietting, Commissioner Walsh, Commissioner Wilczak and Mayor Hart

Absent:

Appointed Officials:

Present: City Clerk Weaver, City Administrator Altiery, Chief Goodwin, and City Attorney Eric Hanson

Absent: City Engineer Dave Weber

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

Public Comment: Wayne Kancler, 226 Fossil Cove Lane: At the last meeting I had questions about the exchange of firearms from the previous meeting, Commissioner Wilczak answered my questions. But as a follow up; I want to commend the chief, that came out to the office of Shadow Lakes to make sure all my questions were answered. Well done, thank you.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Wilczak made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to approve meeting minutes from the December 12, 2023. Regular Council Meeting. Motion carried with 4 ayes: 0 nays; 1 Abstain (Money, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart)

Mayor's Report: Mayor Hart: I would just like to say, I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and this weather is more like Florida but I will take it and it will save on plowing. It was wonderful to go around the town and see all the lights.

Administrator Report: Admin. Altiery: We have been trying to go around town and fix things before we eventually get cold weather. We were able to use the new building for the sludge that we put up this summer. It allowed us to have an extra five drying beds to dry without having to use chemicals.

City Clerk Report: Clerk Weaver: I want to remind everyone that the office will be closed January 1 and 2nd, that Monday and Tuesday. Also, that garbage pick-up is delayed a day as well. Monday pick-up will be on Tuesday and Tuesday pick-up will be on Wednesday.

Mayor Hart: There was also a notice that came out.

Clerk Weaver: I believe Josh took care of that.

Engineer Report:

City Attorney Report: None

Accounts & Finance Report: Commissioner Money made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wietting, to approve the Payment of Bills, in the amount of \$86,487.33 as identified in the Accounts Payable General Ledger dated December 27, 2023. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays. (Money, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart) Commissioner Money then made a Motion, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to Approve Payroll Expenses, in the amount of \$91,210.04 as identified in the Payroll General Ledger dated December 22, 2023. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays. (Money, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart). Comm. Money: Last but not least I would like to announce the winners of the Christmas Lights judging; First Place will go to Michael and Brigitt Schmidt, Second Place goes to Jaclyn Heelan, and for Third Place there was a tie with Michelle Czok and Zoran Uskokovic & Jennifer King.

Mayor Hart: I want to try for next year if we can get more people involved. Going around and looking at the ones we had chosen, I saw so many out there that should have entered.

Streets & Public Improvement Report: Commissioner Walsh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wietting, to approve Ordinance 23-21 Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Proposal for Professional Engineering Services Regarding a Street Condition Survey between the City of Braidwood and Robinson Engineering. The Engineering firm measures the condition of the streets. It is well in the budget under \$20,000.00. Commissioner Wietting; I like the direction we are going to get a good evaluation. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays. (Money, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart)

Public Property Report: Commissioner Wietting: We are still waiting on some prices for updating well #2. Hopefully we can get some numbers quick and we can move on that as quick as possible. We are kind of in limbo with today's world, sit back and wait for the quotes. But we are running fine with everything else.

Public Health & Safety Report: Commissioner Wilczak: First I would like to say I hope everyone has a Happy New Year. I hope you enjoyed your Christmas. Take good time and celebrate and be happy for 2024 but please be cautious and careful because safety is a concern. Make sure you and your family are safe and have a good time. Next, I will report on the activity from the Police Department over the last two weeks from December 12 to December 26, 2023. The total number of calls for service were 237, case reports 15, total subjects arrested were 3 and total arrest charges were 3. The total number of traffic stops were 59, citations 10, written warnings 31, total number of P-tickers were 6 and P-tickets issued to trucks 1. I would like to thank the chief for all his good work especially during the holiday season here and also our ESDA our emergency services group for all the good work they do especially during this time of the holiday season and all the activities going on.

Planning & Zoning Report: George Kocak: The Planning and Zoning Commission met on December 18, 2023 in regards for a variance for 333 W. Anndon Drive on Section 23-43 J. which is yard building requirements for a residential zone. The ordinance states metal buildings or pole barns are not permitted other than small storage sheds which are 6ft x 9ft on a concrete slab. The resident is asking for a variance to build a stick-built garage with steel siding. All the jurisdictional requirements for a hearing were met, upon public comment no-one was apposed to this variance. One citizen spoke up that he thought it was going to be a well-built and attractive building and thought it should be approved. This building is built in a warehouse and will be delivered to the home on two flat-bed trailers. Most pre-built buildings like this met specifications that are probably better than on-site garages because they are built in a warehouse. All the angles are precision, prefabricated homes are allowed in Braidwood. After speaking with the property owners and discussing with the commission members the vote of the commission was to approve this

variance. Our reasoning is, is that it will be built and installed by an Indiana Company that specializes in garages. It will be on a concrete slab 28ft x 24ft. There will be no ill-effects on neighbors or the community. It will be an attractive building, maintain and approving the physical appearance of our city. The commission recommends that the city council approve this variance.

Comm. Wietting: I have seen pictures of the building, it's a beautiful building. I, myself have had modulars and pre-fabs, they do a phenomenal job. Some of the best built. If is understand correctly, these variances are case by case.

George Kocek: Yes, this is not setting a precedence. This is for that address only.

Commissioner Wietting made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilczak to approve Ordinance 23-22 Granting a Variance to 333 W. Anndon Drive, Braidwood, IL 60408. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays. (Money, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart)

Old Business:

New Business:

Adjournment: Commissioner Wilczak made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wietting, to adjourn the December 27, 2023 regular meeting of the Braidwood City Council. Motion carried with 5 ayes: 0 nays. (Money, Wietting, Walsh, Wilczak and Hart) The next regular meeting of the Council will be held Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 7:00pm

Approved this 9 Day of January of 2024.

 Mayor

 City Clerk

