

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD
City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, January 8, 2013, 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present.

Roll Call

Elected Officials present: Mayor Bill Rulien, Commissioner of Public Property Jim Hutton, Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements Danny Graf, Commissioner of Public Health and Safety Eric Tessler, and Commissioner of Accounts and Finances Elena Hibler.

Appointed officials present: City Attorney Scott Pyles, Police Chief /City Administrator Rich Girot and City Clerk Lisa Glisson

Public Comment

Scott Howard, 137 N. Division Street – Mr. Howard advised he is the president of the Lions Club and there has been requests with the International Lions Club on how to become a member. Mr. Howard explained how to become a member; he invited everyone to come to a meeting, they are held every second and fourth Thursday at 7:00 pm at Old Smokey. He stated it is very easy to become a member; you need to have a current member sponsor you. He encouraged anyone interested to come and help out. You don't have to be a member to volunteer to help with some of the summer fest, or putting up Christmas lights or passing out fruit baskets and that way people can see what the Lions Club is all about. Mr. Howard again invited anyone interested to come out and take a look at the club as they would be glad to have you.

Jerry Curl, 128 N. Walker Street – Mr. Curl advised he is the president of the Braidwood Baseball and Softball Association and they will be having their sign ups this weekend at Old Smokey Park on Friday 5-8, Saturday 9-3 and Sunday 1-4. Mr. Curl advised they are still trying to form a special needs league.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the December 27, 2012 Regular Meeting were approved as written.

Reports by City Officials

Mayor Rulien advised he had nothing to report.

City Administrator Rich Girot advised he had nothing to report.

City Clerk Lisa Glisson advised the council that Silver Cross Hospital is sponsoring a free Men's Prostate Health Event on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at Lincoln Way West High School. If you register by Jan 20, you will be entered in a drawing for 2 free Chicago Bears tickets.

Reports by City Commissioners

Comm. Hibler moved to pay \$386,094.16 in bills, advising there are two large bills for the insurance renewal and Williams Bros. for the WWTP. Comm. Hutton seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nays.

Comm. Hibler moved to pay \$64,226.65 in payroll. Comm. Tessler seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nays.

Commissioner of Streets and Public (Comm. Graf) – reported we had our first little bit of snow and hoped we would continue to be lucky, he also reminded everyone to drive safely when it does.

Commissioner of Public Properties (Comm. Hutton) advised that Danny wanted to also remind everyone that if there is more than two inches of snow do not park on the street. Comm. Hutton read the biweekly reports, advised the donated freezer for the food pantry arrived today and reported Rob Grivetti passed his Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator Class I exam.

Comm. Hutton motioned to appoint Rob Grivetti Jr. as the Head Waste Water Treatment Plant Operator. Comm. Hibler seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nays.

Comm. Hutton made a motion to Approve Ordinance 13-01 An Ordinance Amending The Utilities Chapter 86 of the Code of Ordinances. Seconded by Comm. Tessler. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nays.

Commissioner of Public Health & Safety (Comm. Tessler) read the press release regarding the search warrant executed at 456 N. Center Street, with the subsequent arrest of Kenneth L. Holman 43 for production of cannabis plants, possession of cannabis and no valid FOID card, and Kenneth L. Holman Jr. 22 of Braidwood for possession of a controlled substance.

New Business

Police Chief Rich Girot advised it has been brought to his attention that there have been remarks that the police department is costing the City too much money. Girot requested that if the citizens feel the PD is costing too much money he would appreciate the citizen's contact him and let him know if they would like to keep the department open or close it. He advised it does cost a lot to run a police department, in the past year they have had 10 search warrants and one this year, each one of those is done during overtime to get everyone together to execute it. Chief Girot explained that we have 1 officer that is at DEA and his overtime is reimbursed by them, but we pay it out first. The Chief also explained that in the last three months we have been down 3 officers, 1 out for a week on funeral leave, 1 on desk duty and 1 on work comp. We have to pay overtime to replace these people. If the citizens believe we only need one person for patrol I'd like to hear from them. I'm trying to cut cost but I can't put safety for citizens or officers over cost. If the Braidwood citizens would like to see change at the police department they can email me at Rgirot@braidwood.us or call me and I will answer any emails and phone calls.

Mayor stated that during the last council meeting we did pledge that we will spend a little extra money where we have to, to protect the schools and keep the kids safe.

Adjournment

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to adjourn. Comm. Hutton made that motion, seconded by Comm. Tessler. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) and 0 nays.

Approved this 22 day of January 2013

Will Rulien Mayor

Lisa Agleson City Clerk