

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD
Minutes
City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 11, 2014
City Council Chambers

Call to Order

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

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 Administrator Rich Girot, City Attorney Scott Pyles, City Engineer Howard Hamilton and City Clerk Lisa Glisson.

Public Comment

Angie Hutton – 285 Mitchell Street, announced the Chamber has chosen the Patterson Family as the Grand Marshalls for this year's Summerfest and they are being honored with their picture on the Red Carpets post card this year. There is a write up that was done with how they started with a picture of the first funeral home. We are unsure if Mr. & Mrs. Patterson will be able to make it for Summerfest but the rest of the family will be there. Next Wednesday is the meeting in Pontiac for the Red Carpet Corridor, if anyone is going to attend. The Chamber is still working on trying to get banners for Main Street.

Dee DeGroh – 116 N. Lincoln Street, thanked the City and council for all of their help and support with the depot and especially thanked Comm. Hutton for calling out Rob Grivetti while he was out of town on vacation to fix the heat in the building. It was very nice of them to take care of it right away. I also wanted to let you know the yearly count of visitors, our first year it was 477 visitors 112 out of towners, 721 last year with 201 out of towners, this year 784, with 318 out of towners, so we are getting there.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the regular meeting were approved as read.

Reports by City Officials

Mayor requested a motion to approve Resolution 14-02 A Resolution to Authorize the Condemnation of Property within the City of Braidwood (portion of Hole in the Wall Road). Comm. Graf made the motion, seconded by Comm. Tessler. Discussion: Comm. Hutton asked if everyone knows what happened that it was supposed to be deeded over to us? The Mayor explained there was a portion of hole in the wall road that was purchased by another person that closed the road for a time. That is the only way out of Shadow Lakes if something happened to Novy Road. We approached him about purchasing the property and he was going to deed it over to us and it has gotten tied down with lawyers and such. We have an appraisal on the property, we

need to move forward and take it for unminent domain so it will be protected from closure. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.

Mayor requested a motion to approve An Ordinance 14-01 Amending the Building Codes Chapter for the Code of Ordinances. Comm. Tessler made the motion, seconded by Comm. Hibler. Discussion: Comm. Hutton asked if this has been through the Zoning Board for recommendation? The Mayor advised this updates our codes to what Coal City has had for several years, we do not even have the books regarding the codes that we are using and cannot even order them anymore. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.

Mayor wanted to thank the residents for putting up with the winter with how hard it has been. He expressed how proud he is of our public works department they have kept our roads safe and well salted. He also thanked the police department for helping to keep the roads safe.

City Administrator

Administrator reported Mr. Lleshi will be back next week and he will speak with him regarding what is going on with his property down town, the adjudication processes is continuing and we are hoping we will start to receive some of the tax returns from the people that still owe us money and the two large checks going back to the state are for seized funds that we have to pay to the state for them to then return our 65% back to us.

City Clerk

City Clerk presented a request from BBSA to hold its Annual Opening Day Parade on Saturday, April-19th at 9:00 am from RCIS to the City Park and presented a request from the Historical Society for the use of the council room on Thursday, April 24th at 7:00 pm for a presentation on the Arsenal Property History.

Mayor requested a motion to approve the BBSA Parade. Comm. Tessler made the motion, seconded by Comm. Hutton. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.

Mayor requested a motion to approve the Historical Society Program. Comm. Hibler made the motion, seconded by Comm. Hutton. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.

City Engineer

Engineer advised nothing to report at this time but he would present the change orders later in the meeting.

City Attorney

Nothing to report.

Reports by City Commissioners

Comm. Hibler moved to pay \$223,438.91 in bills for week ending 1/29/14. Comm. Hutton seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.

Comm. Hibler moved to pay \$28,000.00 in drug forfeiture funds to Tyson Motors for the purchase of a new vehicle. Comm. Tessler seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.

Comm. Hibler moved to pay \$79,786.19 in payroll for week ending 1/17/14. Comm. Hutton seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.

Comm. Hibler moved to pay \$211,001.02 in bills for 2/12/14. Comm. Hutton seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.

Comm. Hibler moved to pay \$77,490.36 in payroll for week ending 1/30/14. Comm. Tessler seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.

*Comm. Hibler moved to pay \$11,490.01 in drug forfeiture funds to Chicago Parts & Sounds for video and radio equipment for the squad cars. **Discussion:** Mayor advised this is for the video equipment in the new squad car. Comm. Tessler seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.*

Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements (Comm. Graf) echoed what the Mayor and everyone else has said about the job that the public works department has done. This City from the girls in the office to the police officers to the public works employees they have worked together to take care of the city. The guys have put in a lot of hours for the residents of this town, they have went from fixing breaks to plowing in the last several months they have had about 3-4 days off only. Comm. Graf thanked everyone for all their hard work.

Mayor advised there is nothing worse than having to fix a water main break in this cold weather. We do appreciate what all these guys are doing.

Comm. Hutton continued this with the report of the guys being out on another frozen line right now. Comm. commented that even though these overtime budgets are shot, we are still out there providing services. The lines they are out working on now because the frost is all the way down, things are freezing that haven't before.

Commissioner of Public Properties (Comm. Hutton) read weekly reports and reported on the status of the generator.

*Comm. Hutton moved to approve Change Order #2 for Spring-Will Sanitary Sewer & Water Main Extension with a **deduction** of -\$5,917.34 and extension of project completion until June 1, 2014. Comm. Hibler seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.*

Comm. Hutton moved to approve Change Order for Sensus Flowmeter Converter Additions in the amount of \$2,930.00 for the SCADA system. Comm. Hibler seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.

Comm. Hutton moved to approve Change Order for of one TCS Basys Temperature transmitter and sensor in the amount of \$1,736.50 for the SCADA system. Comm. Hibler seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.

Commissioner of Public Health and Safety (Comm. Tessler) advised (a) he was going to table the acceptance of Joshua Shirley's resignation until the next meeting, (b) read the thank you from the Jr. Panthers Wrestling Club.

Planning and Zoning Board Report

Chairman Tim Duran reported that the variance for Sefcik's room addition has been approved by the Zoning Board with the stipulation that as bedrooms they must have closets.

Mayor requested a motion to approve An Ordinance 14-02 Granting Certain Zoning Variance to Sefcik's Residence (236 W. Main Street) allowing a building addition as shown on Exhibit A provided that there is

access to the closet from inside each bedroom. Comm. Hutton made the motion, seconded by Comm. Hibler. The motion was approved with 4 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Rulien) 1 Abstain (Tessler) 0 nays.

New Business

Comm. Hutton reported that the diesel fuel tank down in the yard was rusting inside and there was no bladder in it so it has contaminated the gas. We are leasing a new tank now, but when we redo the contract we need to see if we can have them put the new tank in the contract.

Executive Session

Mayor requested a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss land acquisition and imminent litigation. Comm. Hutton made that motion, seconded by Comm. Hibler. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Tessler, Graf, Rulien) 0 nays.

Entered executive session at 7:21 pm and roll call to return to regular meeting at 7:52 pm.

Adjournment

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Approved this 25 day of February 2014

Wall De Mayor

Lisa A. Glessner City Clerk