

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD
City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 26, 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

Angie Hutton – 285 Mitchell Street – The Braidwood Chamber of Commerce requested Neutron for a demonstration during Red Carpet Corridor Festival on May 4 & 5, 2013, as it gets closer to the event they can set up the actual time. The Braidwood Chamber will be hosting the Meet the Candidates night on Tuesday, March 19, 2013 at the Reed Township Building, doors will open at 6:00 pm with a start time of 6:30 pm. Angie advised if anyone needs to get ahold of her they can contact her either via Facebook, by phone or they can call Lisa and she can reach her. Citizens can submit questions to the Chamber at P.O. Box 318, Braidwood, IL 60408. All questions must be in a sealed envelope and not of a personal nature or no knocking anyone, they will be reviewed by a panel prior to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the February 12, 2013 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting were approved as written.

Reports by City Officials

Mayor Rulien requested a motion to Approve the Change of Meeting Dates in April from Tuesday the 9th and 23 to Thursday the 11 & 25th since the 9th is the election and the 23rd is the Lobby Day in Springfield. Comm. Hutton made the motion. Seconded by Comm. Graf. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nays.

Mayor Rulien introduced Sandy Fletcher the President of the Braidwood Area Healthy Community Coalition to present the winners of the Animal naming contest with certificates and their cash prize. Sandy gave a brief overview of what the Coalition is doing to help keep kids off drugs and requested that

anyone interested to join them at their meetings on the first Monday of the month at 4:30 pm at the fire station. The area businesses picked the winning name of the animal they donated. Sandy and Mayor Rulien announced the winners and the names of the zoo animals: Gabrielle Fitzwater age 7, winner for the cow: Lulu belle donated by JC Travel, Will Crutchfield age 8, winner for the elephant: Trunker donated by Beaver Creek, Josh Mikel age 10, winner for the polar bear: Shivers donated by Midwest Auto Locators, Megan Glovier age 8, winner for the giraffe: Sarafina donated by Mc Donald's and Kayley Kohler age 7, winner for the bull: Bosco donated by Polk-a-Dot. Mayor Rulien thanked all the kids for the great names and their effort in naming the animals.

Mayor Rulien advised the executive session minutes were not given out in time for the council to review so that will wait until next time.

Mayor Rulien requested a motion to Approve Resolution 13-02 A Resolution Authorizing an Agreement Between SMR Acquisitions Company, LLC, and the City of Braidwood for the Purchase of Land. Motion made by Comm. Graf. Seconded by Comm. Hibler. Discussion: Comm. Hutton asked are they just freezing the price at this point? Mayor Rulien advised yes they want to lock in the price until they get all of their plans done. Comm. Hutton asked if they had a variety of companies they represent. Mayor advised yes. Comm. Tessler asked if this was just for the price not any type of plans? The Mayor also advised yes. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nays.

Mayor Rulien advised the motion to authorize the purchase of land from Townes of Braidwood was not complete yet, so it will also be tabled till next time.

City Administrator Rich Girot advised Casey's is moving faster than anticipated now so hopefully within the next month.

City Clerk Lisa Glisson advised vehicle stickers are on sale Feb. 15th – March 28th, there is a request for a tag day by the Braidwood Police Department, there is a correction of ordinance numbers the Ordinance to vacate the Alley behind Casey's is 13-3 and the city has started keeping a log of FOIA request, anyone who would like the information as to what and who is being FOIA. The clerk's office will present the council and public with the log. Mayor Rulien advised FOIA's are a necessary evil, they cost a lot of money to complete between lawyers and office staff time in looking for the information, but they do help to keep government honest.

Mayor Rulien requested a motion to approve a tag day for the Warrior Dash by the Braidwood Police Department on May 25th and 26th, 2013. Comm. Tessler made the motion. Seconded by Comm. Graf. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nays.

City Attorney Scott Pyles advised the council on the status of the properties at 121 N. Center and 136 E. Eureka Street for the condemnation procedures. The property on Main Street is about a month or so away from the court order approving the condemnation. The other two properties are about six months away.

Reports by City Commissioners

Comm. Hibler moved to pay \$169,517.97 in bills. Comm. Hutton seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nays.

Comm. Hibler moved to pay \$67,946.99 in payroll. Comm. Hutton seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nays.

Commissioner of Streets and Public (Comm. Graf) – commended the public works employees for the great job they have done with the snow plowing this year. During the last big storm we had no road related accidents, our guys are doing a great job.

Commissioner of Public Properties (Comm. Hutton) also added that when there is two or more inches of snow do not park on the street, and he read the biweekly reports.

Commissioner of Public Health & Safety (Comm. Tessler) reported the cad calls from 2010 8,400, 2011 9,000, 2012 11,459 and so far this year 1,869, reported Exelon is hosting their Fishing for a Cure and on May 18 the children's tournament will be held at Godley park, Will Co. EMA is having an severe weather preparedness week in Illinois from March 3 – 9th and the police department is looking for full and part time crossing guards.

Comm. Tessler moved to re-appoint Don Zinnel as the Chairman to the Police and Fire Board. Comm. Graf seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nays.

Planning and Zoning Board

Michelle Serena advised the zoning board recommends the approval of the Special Use and Variance for the Gustafson property at 942 N. Division and recommends to approve the Pressley Re-Zoning from R-1 to B-1 at 332 French Street. There will also be a meeting on March 4, 2013.

Mayor Rulien requested a motion to Approve Ordinance (13-4) An Ordinance of the City of Braidwood Granting Certain Zoning Variances & Special Use. Discussion: Mayor Rulien asked if the fence on the north side of the property is going to be completed. Yes it will be completed by Mr. Gustafson and the neighbor. The consensus is not to take out one of the entrances as it is a State Highway and if you get rid of it you will never get it back and the fire department would like it to stay and just block it off. Mayor also wanted to know if they were going to paint the other building, that is another property and not a part of this. Comm. Tessler made a statement that he likes the site plan and the fact that the property is being cleaned up, he just does not like the idea of another set of storage units when we have so many already in town. Comm. Graf made the motion. Seconded by Comm. Hutton. The motion was approved with 4 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Rulien) 1 nays (Tessler).

Mayor Rulien requested a motion to Approve Ordinance (13-5) An Ordinance Authorizing Zoning Change with the Pressley Property. Comm. Hutton made the motion. Seconded by Comm. Hibler. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nays.

Adjournment

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

Approved this 12 day of March 2013

Will Rulien Mayor

Lisa A. Glessner City Clerk