CITY OF BRAIDWOOD
Minutes
City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 10, 2012
City Council Chambers

Call to Order

Mayor Bill Rulien called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present.

Roll Call

Elected Officials present: Mayor 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, City Administrator Rich Girot, and City Clerk Lisa Glisson.

Public Comment

Chuck Van Patten, Shadow Lakes, Thanked the Mayor, Commissioners and City workers for assisting Shadow Lakes a couple of weeks ago.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the March 27, 2012 regular meeting were approved as read.

Reports by City Officials

Mayor Rulien recognized Billy Chancey as the Journals Sportsman of the Year.

Mayor Rulien advised there will be two public hearings, a joint hearing between the Villages of Coal City and Elwood and the City will be held on Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 7:00 pm and then on May 3, 2012 at 6:00 pm for the City for the Electric Aggregation. Mayor requested the City Attorney to explain and read the Purchasing Agent Ordinance.
Attorney: City Attorney Scott Pyles presented the ordinance for the creating of an office of purchasing agent. Mayor Rulien reported that in Coal City they have a full time Administrator who handles this and they have taken in 1.8 million in grants in the last four years.

Rulien asked for a motion to approve an Ordinance Creating the Office of Purchasing Agent, Ordinance 12-13. Comm. Graf made a motion to approve the ordinance. Seconded by Comm. Tessler. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) and 0 nays. ***Discussion:*** *Comm. Hutton inquired as to the wage scale, Comm. Tessler asked if it was full time. Mayor advised they would negotiate the wage scale next week, yes it is full-time.*

Rulien asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Mary Beth Pressley as the Purchasing Agent. Comm. Hutton made a motion to approve the appointment of Mary Beth Pressley. Seconded by Comm. Graf. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) and 0 nays. ***Discussion:*** *Comm. Tessler inquired as to her background. Mayor advised she has been working here for the last month and prior to that has an administrative background in management and bookkeeping.*

Mayor Rulien advised the Ordinance for windmill power will be coming at the next meeting. The City wants to be ahead of residents putting in windmills, with how close we are to Exelon and being in the path of the wind.

Rulien asked for a motion to approve the lowest bid of $49.00 per lot from Papa J's Lawn Mowing for the maintenance of the vacant/foreclosed lots in town. Comm. Hutton made the motion. Seconded by Comm. Hibler. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) and 0 nays. ***Discussion:*** *Comm. Tessler asked how frequently and if they will do clean up. Mayor advised every 14 days and they would just use a mulching mower. Comm. Hutton inquired if we can add and subtract lots and the same price. Mayor advised yes it would be same price. Comm. Graf advised himself and Comm. Hutton had looked into the cost and it is more cost effective to contract it out and it frees us our guys to do the City work.*

Mayor Rulien reported the plan by the developer for the Main Street Shopping Center and Restaurant that is going in next to the new Casey's is available to view, there are still revisions to be done but the concept plan and the building concept is shown. He will set it out after the meeting for everyone to review.

Mayor advised a tax will be put on all hotel and motels in the City of Braidwood, that ordinance will be on the next agenda.

Administrator

Rich Girot reported on the Boundary Agreement we are working on with Diamond. He also reported on the closing of Hole in the Wall Road by the new land owner. He advised it is a civil issue and the City was unable to convince the new owner to keep it open since it crosses his land. The Fire Chief Heberer advised the fire department does not use that road since it is too small for most of their trucks.

Reports by City Commissioners

Comm. Hibler moved to pay $524,718.63 in bills. Comm. Hutton seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) with 0 nays.

Comm. Hibler moved to pay $62,199.65 in payroll. Comm. Graff seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) with 0 nays.

City Clerk advised the Salvation Armey requested approval for Donut Days on Friday and Saturday, June 1st and 2nd, 2012 and the Red Kettle Campaign from Friday, November 16 through Monday, December 24, 2012. *Comm. Tessler made a motion to approve both the Donut Day and Red Kettle Campaign. Seconded by Comm. Hutton. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) and 0 nays.*

Commission of Streets and Public Improvements advised all sewer and water work is done on Will Road and they are stripping out the base, to widen and repave the road. Will Road is also closed at Spring. Also, at Oak Ridge Subdivision we are meeting with the engineer and developer, since we still have a letter of credit to finish some of the street work that hasn't been completed. The public works department has started mowing.

Comm. Hutton made a motion to approve change order #9 for the WWTP in the amount of $17,120.00. Seconded by Comm. Graff. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) with 0 nays.

Comm. Hutton made a motion to approve change order #10 for the WWTP in the amount of $30,953.00. Seconded by Comm. Tessler. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) with 0 nays. ***Discussion:*** *Mayor and Comm. Hutton explained that when the plan was designed it was built in to the cost a 10 % contingency fund. Also, some of the changes have been done to prepare for the future ex: the electric at the water plant, when ComEd came out and installed the new transformer for the sewer while they were out they replaced the water one.*

Comm. Hutton then (a) read two biweekly reports (b) reported hydrants are being flushed in the next two weeks (c) Rob, Matt and myself, went to look at Wilmington's SCAD system.

Mayor Rulien added a thank you to the Coaches at Reed Custer and the students who came out and planted bushes around the City Welcome Signs.

Commissioner of Public Health and Safety (a) read the resignation letter from Keith Reynolds, (b) reported the police department now has 5 full time officers, 3 active Sergeants and 1 Sergeant on maternity leave (c) Neal Miller from Exelon reported they will be releasing steam on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 7:00 AM (d) read the March 2012 statics report, 86 citations and 97 warnings (e) reported on the March 31, 2012 WESCOM meeting.

Comm. Tessler made a motion to approve the resignation of Officer Keith Reynolds. Seconded by Comm. Hutton. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) with 0 nays

Planning and Zoning

Nothing to report

Old Business None

New Business

Comm. Graf reported he is working with the Fire Chief regarding Will Road and the fire hydrants will follow the contour of the road and they are looking at what type of barrier to put in to protect them.

Executive Session None

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, Rulein) and 0 nays.

Approved this 26 day of April 2012

Will Rulien Mayor

Lisa Allison City Clerk