

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD
Minutes
City Council Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 26, 2012
City Council Chambers

Call to Order

Mayor Bill 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 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

Jim Canup, 460 Sullivan Lane, reminded everyone of the Memorial Day Program which will be on Monday, May 28, 2012, requested the use of the City Council room for the function and advised numerous Legislators will be present. Mr. Canup also invited the Mayor to come out and speak.

Joyce Nadel, 147 Fossil Cove, Shadow Lakes, requested assistance from the City, Police and Fire Departments. Mr. Dzabiri who purchased the property next to Shadow Lakes, closed the road at Hole in the Wall. She is concerned if there is an emergency they only have one road out. The Mayor and Police and Fire Chief stated they have spoken to the Board at Shadow Lakes and Mr. Dzabiri, but it is a civil matter. We will help as needed but it was never a dedicated road, and the police and fire did not use the road, since it was too small to get the equipment down and the bridge is not wide enough.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the April 10, 2012 regular meeting were approved as read.

Reports by City Officials

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 Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. and then on May 3, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. for the City for the Electric Aggregation.

*Rulien asked for a motion to approve an Ordinance Amending the Hotel and Motel Accommodations Chapter to the Code of Ordinances, Ordinance 12-14. Comm. Hutton 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:** Attorney Scott Pyles explained the ordinance and the tax. He advised the tax can be used to help promote the City of Braidwood, with billboards or advertising for visitors to come to our town.*

Rulien asked for a motion to approve an ordinance on Wind Energy Conversion System ("WECS") Regulations. Comm. Graf made a motion to approve the ordinance. Seconded by Comm. Hibler. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) and 0 nays. **Discussion:** Attorney Scott Plyes explained the ordinance.

Mayor Rulien reminded everyone of the Red Carpet Corridor Festival May 5 & 6. The Mayor and Angie Hutton gave an overview of the events scheduled for the weekend, including the car show with two different car clubs.

Administrator

Rich Girot reported he met with Casey's on the new building, they need ComEd to move some poles before they can start construction. The Mayor added that when they were down in Springfield on Tuesday, they meet with some legislators who might be able to light a fire under ComEd and get the poles moved sooner. He also meet with the developer for the down town project and he would like to start construction in June.

City Attorney

Attorney Scott Plyes informed the Council of the Levy review to see if we are collecting for the police pension fund.

Reports by City Commissioners

Comm. Hibler moved to pay \$581,804.33 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 \$63,361.76 in payroll. Comm. Graff seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) with 0 nays.

Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements (Comm. Graff) advised (a) the public works department is mowing and maintaining (b) the overlay on Will Road will start tomorrow and should be done in 2 days (c) they are meeting with contractors and the engineers regarding road repairs they would like scheduled for the next year.

Commissioner of Public Properties (Comm. Hutton) advised (a) they will be tarring Will Road tomorrow to start out so everyone should stay off it during that time (b) read two biweekly reports (c) Williams general contractor's next pay request is only \$140,000.00 so they are getting smaller, within 3 – 4 weeks the new plant will be coming online, if anyone wants to look at it just give us a call, it is a great thing for the City. Mayor commented that Comm. Hutton has done a great job staying on top of the project and he appreciates that.

Commissioner of Public Health and Safety (Comm. Tessler) advised (a) the police department will be participating in IDOT's Click It or Ticket Campaign from May 11 – 28, 2012. The campaign makes you eligible for equipment the police need. (b) the Police and Fire Board accepted the Lateral Transfer Ordinance.

Planning and Zoning

May 7th meeting is cancelled.

Building Inspector's Report

Tony Santerelli read the March 2012 Building Report – 22 building permits issued, totaling \$752.19, 13 were no charge permits. Total value of Construction was \$113,542.00.

Old Business None

New Business

Chief Girot advised everyone to purchase their city stickers, they will start ticketing in May. Comm. Hutton advised they are still looking to eliminate city stickers.

Executive Session None

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, Rulein) and 0 nays.

Approved this 8th day of May 2012

[Signature] Mayor

Lisa Allisson City Clerk