CITY OF BRAIDWOOD

Minutes

City Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 24, 2011

City Council Chambers

Call to Order

Mayor Jerry Pressley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present at the meeting.

Roll Call

Elected officials present: Commissioners Bill Rulien, Jim Hutton, Daniel Graf, and Eric Tessler and Mayor Jerry Pressley

Appointed officials present: City Attorney Scott Pyles, City Engineer Brian Hertz, Chief of Police-City Administrator Rich Girot and City Clerk Pat McGuire

Public Comment

Jim Canup, 460 Sullivan, invited all to attend the Memorial Day observance, said Summerfest parade forms are available, and said the Poppy Day sale will be this Thursday and Friday.

Dee deGroh, 116 N. Lincoln, Braidwood Historical Society (BHS) president, thanked the council for all its help and announced the BHS will hold a preview the weekend of the citywide garage sale.

Angie Hutton, 285 Mitchell, asked questions about Ordinance 11-04: Who makes the determination? What about trailers? What about Shadows Lakes? Mayor Pressley responded that some points need to be ironed out.

Chris Early, 136 S. Lincoln, Braidwood Park District (BPD) president, asked the council to table any action cutting impact fees and to consider alternatives, such as moving the deadline for payment of impact fees to "the end of the process," e.g., before issuing an occupancy permit or before a real estate closing. Chief Girot remarked that impact fees only affect subdivision ordinances; impact fees don't affect homes built outside subdivisions. Cmmr. Rulien stated, "I'm in favor of dropping impact fees" in order to attract homebuilding, obtain real estate taxes, and broaden Braidwood's tax base.

Larry Blackburn, 298 S. Walker, Reed-Custer Community Unit School District No. 255U Board of Education president, expressed his concern over possible council action cutting impact fees. He asked for the opportunity to discuss the issue with the council. He noted impact fees help Dist. 255U during the "two-year gap" between new students enrolling and the district receiving real estate taxes on their parents' homes.

Josh Bolotta, 812 W. Main, said there was no advance notice of the council's vote on Ord. 10-10 regarding animals except for the meeting notice and agenda. He suggested requiring two readings of an ordinance before a vote can be taken on the ordinance, as is Wilmington's policy. Chief Girot responded that the ordinance has existed for years. The council's recent action simply clarified it.

Chris Earley, 136 S. Lincoln, Braidwood, Braidwood Lions Club, asked the council to continue the city's support of Summerfest by assisting with grass cutting and similar work. He said cooperation between the city, the park district, and the Lions Club is important to the success of Summerfest.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Pressley asked for a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 10, 2011 Regular Meeting. Motion made by Cmmr. Tessler, seconded by Cmmr. Hutton. Adopted: 5 ayes (Rulien, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Pressley), 0 nays.

Reports by City Officials

Mayor Pressley asked for a motion to appoint Michelle Serena chairperson of the Zoning Board. Motion made by Cmmr. Hutton, seconded by Cmmr. Tessler. Adopted: 5 ayes (Rulien, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Pressley), 0 nays.

Mayor Pressley asked for a motion to appoint Aubrey Glisson as Emergency Services and Disaster Agency (ESDA) coordinator. Motion made by Cmmr. Hutton, seconded by Cmmr. Rulien. Adopted: 5 ayes (Rulien, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Pressley), 0 nays.

City Engineer Brian Hertz said paperwork needs to be finished on the Will Road transfer. His request that the matter be tabled until the next regular meeting was granted.

City Attorney Scott Pyles said the proposed administrative adjudication ordinance adopts the state's statutory framework. He said it could be tweaked for Braidwood's use.

Mayor Pressley asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 11-13 regarding the adoption of the administrative adjudication system. Motion made by Cmmr. Rulien, seconded by Cmmr. Graf. Adopted: 5 ayes (Rulien, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Pressley), 0 nays.

City Attorney Pyles said the proposed ordinance regarding creation of the office of city treasurer and additional duties to the city clerk shifted duties from the eliminated position of finance director, reinstates the Finance Commissioner as the city budget officer, and change's the clerk's duty of

publishing ordinances in a newspaper to making those ordinances available in pamphlet form.

Mayor Pressley asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 11-14 regarding creation of the office of city treasurer and additional duties to the city clerk. Motion made by Cmmr. Rulien, seconded by Cmmr. Tessler. Adopted: 5 ayes (Rulien, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Pressley), 0 nays.

City Attorney Pyles said that the council's previous actions on annexations lacked the required accompanying ordinances. Therefore, he will give annexation agreement ordinances to the council for review. In addition, a scrivener's error needs to be corrected in the legal description on one plat. The three steps necessary for an annexation—annexation, annexation agreement, and zoning change—and the public hearing requirements were noted. His request that action on them be tabled until the next regular meeting was granted.

Reports by City Commissioners

Finance Cmmr. Rulien called attention to the biggest expenditures on the bills due list. Expenditures for the month totaled $434,081.62. Payroll was $55,988.49.

Mayor Pressley asked for a motion to approve the payment of bills. Motion made by Cmmr. Rulien, seconded by Cmmr. Hutton. Adopted: 5 ayes (Rulien, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Pressley), 0 nays.

Mayor Pressley asked for a motion to approve the payment of payroll. Motion made by Cmmr. Tessler, seconded by Cmmr. Hutton. Adopted: 5 ayes (Rulien, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Pressley), 0 nays.

City Attorney Pyles clarified that no resolution is needed for Cmmr. Rulien to sign one-month extensions of Exelon contracts. Cmmr. Rulien said that with the help of Cmmrs. Graf and Hutton, numerous properties have been cleaned up. Cmmr. Rulien also lauded the city hall staff's "teamwork and professionalism." Cmmr. Rulien asked City Attorney Pyles to work on the Broucek annexation. Finally, he received council approval for a work meeting May 31, 2011, 7:00 p.m. at which impact fees and the Broucek annexation will be discussed but no final action will be taken.

Cmmr. Graf acknowledged the two Wilmington City Council members in the audience, Darla Neises and John Persic, Jr.

Mayor Pressley asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 11-15 to repeal Ordinance 11-04, which amended Sec. 23-08 of the Zoning Code of the City of Braidwood. Motion made by Cmmr. Graff, seconded by Cmmr. Rulien. Adopted: 5 ayes (Rulien, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Pressley), 0 nays.

Cmmr. Graf announced that the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) will resurface Route 113. He also announced that the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) will reimburse the city for 75% of the overtime costs incurred by the Feb. 2, 2011 blizzard.

Cmmr. Hutton read the Weekly Work Report and Plant Crew Report reports. He reported that Thorne Electric's work on the downtown lights is progressing. He said storm sewer work by Len Cox and Superior also is moving along as are the Mitchell Street Pond improvements. Cmmr. Hutton noted that

a public hearing on the city's application to Will County for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds was held May 19, 2011,` and City Engineer Brian Hertz delivered the application the next day.

Mayor Pressley complimented Cmmr. Graf for having a foreclosed home on Main St. cleaned up.

Mayor Pressley asked for a motion to approve hiring Steve Hunter as a part-time police officer. Motion made by Cmmr. Tessler, seconded by Cmmr. Graf. Approved: 5 ayes (Rulien, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Pressley), 0 nays.

Cmmr. Tessler said the city will advertise for sealed bids for the surplus Chrysler Sebring. He also said the Police Department network server needs a $5,000 upgrade which should be good for five years.

Planning & Zoning

Chairman Jim Canup said the June 6, 2011 public hearing will concern Linares and AMM. He said he met with Waldick regarding the July meeting. City Attorney Pyles pointed out that changes might be needed regarding Planning & Zoning's public hearings. He will research this.

Old Business

Chief Girot said drug forfeiture money pays for squad cars.

Cmmr. Hutton said he spoke with Truman Price, engineer for the downtown railroad tracks.

City Attorney Pyles said he is working with Cmmrs. Graf and Hutton re: Towns of Braidwood roads.

New Business

Mayor Pressley asked for a motion to approve a written request from the Will-Grundy Counties Building and Construction Trades Council to use Braidwood intersections for its annualDAD's Day (Dads Against Diabetes) tag day of June 18, 2011. Motion made by Cmmr. Tessler, seconded by Cmmr. Rulien. Approved: 5 ayes (Rulien, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Pressley), 0 nays.

City Clerk McGuire conveyed Pam Hysel's request for a tag day benefiting the American Cancer Society. The request was tabled to the next meeting.

McGuire reported receiving a request from Will County 9-1-1 to designate a contact person for address issues because Will County is preparing a Master Address Table. Elaine Hall will be Braidwood's contact person.

City Attorney Pyles said he will prepare an ordinance naming a FOIA officer for the city. He also said the city's website needs to be updated regarding agendas and proposed ordinances.

Mayor Pressley asked for a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing

personnel, pending and/or imminent litigation, collective bargaining/labor relations, and land acquisition. Motion made by Cmmr. Tessler, seconded by Cmmr. Rulien. Approved: 5 ayes (Rulien, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Pressley), 0 nays.

Executive session began at 8:35 p.m. and ended at 9:35 p.m.

Mayor Pressley asked for a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion made by Cmmr. Tessler, seconded by Cmmr. Hutton. Approved: 5 ayes (Rulien, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Pressley), 0 nays.

Regular meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Approved this 14th day of June 2011

Will Rulien Mayor pro tem Mayor

Patricia McGuire City Clerk