

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD
Minutes
City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 24, 2014
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 Engineer Howard Hamilton and City Clerk Lisa Glisson.

Public Comment

Jim Canup – American Legion Commander – 460 Sullivan Lane – commented on the Memorial and when and if it has to be moved, as he has not been called yet.

Noreen Brandle – 552 N. Washington St - Food Pantry Chair – thanked the city for the new trailer, it is saving a lot of gas money for them to pick up the food from Walmart. Noreen also thanked the city for the walk in freezer, it has been a Godsend. She reported in October it will be 10 years that the food pantry has been here. The Mayor commented that it is a great thing that the city supports and Noreen and Frank do an amazing job and we appreciate what you do. Comm. Hutton asked Noreen how many people came in today? Noreen advised 51 families came through but some are getting upset with the amount of the wait time and standing in line in the heat. Noreen advised they could really use some younger help to load the vehicles.

Angie Hutton – 285 Mitchell Street - requested the Mayor clear up Hole in the Wall Road as it was said that you purchased it, then it was eminent domain and then it was said it was given to us, so which was it? Mayor explained that we spent money to survey the land and have the legal drawn up, the prior owner then said he was going to give it to us but after a year of waiting, we filed suit for eminent domain and at that time he gave it to us. Angie questioned does that make it a city street that we have to maintain. Mayor advised yes it is a city street.

Angie advised the council that Warren Weitting will be the Grand Marshall for this year's parade. It was a chamber decision, it was not advertised in the paper, the way the chamber comes to the decision is by looking at what the person has done for the community. Angie commented that Warren does not sit on any type of committees or hold office as he does not have time, but he has always donated to every cause and event that he can help with.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the June 10, 2014 public hearing and regular meeting were approved as read.

Reports by City Officials

The Mayor requested Lauri Pope from Mack & Associates present the Audit report for the FY 2014. Lauri Pope reviewed the audit report and advised they gave a clean finding and gave 3 recommendations.

The Mayor reported on the Warrior Dash that the police department participated in. They were #1 in the Nation in fundraising as they raised over 14 thousand dollars for St. Jude. It was a good day for team work and working together and their efforts are appreciated.

The Mayor then expressed the sadness and grief our City has faced in the last week with the loss of our prior Fire Chief Greg Grygiel and our resource officer, part time officer and prior Wilmington Police Chief Wally Evens. The Mayor requested a moment of silence in their honor.

City Administrator

Absent

City Clerk

City Clerk requested approval of the hiring of a part time clerk. Mayor advised with losing a full time clerk it has left an opening. Mayor requested a motion to approve the hiring of a part time clerk. Comm. Tessler made the motion. Comm. Hibler seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nays.

City Engineer

No report.

City Attorney

City Attorney advised we have not received the contracts yet from the unions so we would table the agenda items until the next agenda.

Reports by City Commissioners

Comm. Hibler moved to pay \$304,311.39 in bills. Comm. Graf seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nays.

Comm. Hibler moved to pay \$70,744.33 in payroll. Comm. Tessler seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nays.

Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements (Comm. Graf) passed the report to Comm. Hutton for updating.

Commissioner of Public Properties (Comm. Hutton) (a) when it isn't raining they are cutting grass, (b) they took the jet truck to Manteno where we purchased it and it needs a new tank. To repair the tank it cost 20 thousand and to replace the tank it is 27 thousand. It is something that we use all the time and will make back the money we spend on it. It makes the work or repairs easier, (c) read biweekly.

Commissioner of Public Health and Safety (Comm. Tessler) advised they were tabling the ordinance to put the request for the tax levy on the referendum until next week as Jim Acanfora is not present to answer any questions that may arise. Comm. Tessler read a memo from Deputy Chief Kaminski advising the public of the upcoming Road Side Safety Check on Saturday, June 28, 2014 from 10 pm – 2 am at the intersection of Division and Coal City Road and overtime incurred will be reimburse by IDOT.

Planning and Zoning

No report.

Old Business

Comm. Hutton asked if we had received anything from the railroad yet about the high speed rail as a neighbor to the south has? Mayor advised no we haven't seen anything.

Comm. Hutton asked about if we had heard anything on the Illiana? Mayor advised nothing on that either.

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) 0 nays.

Approved this 8 day of July 2014

Walter Ahl Mayor

Lisa Ahlsson City Clerk