

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD
Minutes
City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 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 Megan Preston and City Clerk Lisa Glisson.

Public Comment

Jim Canup, 460 Sullivan Lane, Thanked everyone for the Poppy Day Sale and reported the total amount donated was \$1,300.00. All donations go to Veterans charities, \$600.00 to Manteno Veteran's Home, \$600.00 to Fisher House and \$100.00 to Honor Flights Chicago.

Joe Bick, 390 S. Division, on 5/30/12 Mr. Bick filed a complaint regarding his neighbor at 402 S. Division and has not heard anything about it. Response: Mayor advised we have been by to look and it appears from the front some vehicles need to be removed, Comm. Tessler and Ord. Ofc. Backulich are working on it. Comm. Tessler said he would like to get all parties together to work this out. Mr. Bick request they come and look in his backyard to see what the back looks like. Mayor Rulien and Comm. Tessler agreed to come and take a look and they would keep Mr. Bick informed as to the progress.

Josh Bolatto, 812 W. Main Street, representing the Lions Club, presented the City and the Police Department with sponsorship plaques for all the help with Summerfest, updated the Council on this years' festival and requested the assistance from the police department with officers at the fest.

Angie Hutton, 285 Mitchell Street, Chamber of Commerce, reported that Noreen Brandle is this year's Grand Marshall for the Parade but the only way she would do it is if the newspaper would do an article and she could let everyone know all the other people that have helped her. Angie advised that after the last Chamber meeting to which the Mayor attended, she received questions regarding Rt. 66 Park: 1) how much is the grant and what happens if we don't get the money and is there contingency money set aside and are there any requirements we still need to meet, driveways, entrances anything like that. Mayor reported the amount of the project is \$220,000.00, the grant is a 50/50 grant and we will be able to use our own personnel as funds applied to the matching amounts. Angie asked if they can add to the plans, Mayor advised that the basic plan is what it is for the grant but yes we can add to the park in the future.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the June 12, 2012 regular meeting were approved as read.

Reports by City Officials

The Mayor reported that as he drives around town he notes the properties that are well maintained and sends out cards thanking residents for the effort they put forth to keep the town nice looking. Mayor Rulien presented a Thank You card to Jim King and Greg Boyer from RC School Board for the great job they have done in the presentation and up keep of our schools. The Mayor stated that the community should be proud.

Rulien asked for a motion to approve the Appropriation Budget Ordinance (12-21) An Ordinance Adopting the Fiscal Year 2013 (May 1, 2012 – April 30, 2013) Appropriation Ordinance. Comm. Tessler 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.

Rulien asked for a motion to approve the Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2012. Comm. Graf made a motion. Seconded by Comm. Hutton. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) and 0 nays.

*Rulien asked for a motion to spend up to \$14,000.00 for an outdoor sign for City Hall. Comm. Tessler made a motion to approve. Seconded by Comm. Graf. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) and 0 nays. **Discussion:** Comm. Hutton asked if we could change the sign from inside and Comm. Tessler asked who is putting it up. Mayor Rulien advised yes we can change it from inside and public works would be putting it up as the electric is already there. The question of a change in zoning requirements was discussed since the current sign is illegal but the Mayor explained that we need to have a way to communicate with the residents and other area groups use these same signs.*

*Rulien asked for a motion to approve an Ordinance Regulating Video Gaming in the City of Braidwood (12-22) Comm. Hutton 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:** Mayor explained that the State of Illinois passed a law allowing video gaming in business in Illinois. This ordinance would restrict gaming to the over 21 area of bars only in Braidwood. Comm. Hutton asked if anyone had applied for the permit yet and the Mayor said yes but since our ordinance banned it we have to adopt this ordinance.*

*Rulien asked for a motion to approve an Ordinance Declaring Surplus Revenue in Braidwood TIF District I (12-23) 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:** Mayor explained the County set us a payment for \$9,880.63 from the old TIF I district and since it was after it closed we have to return the money to the County for them to reallocate to the other taxing bodies. The City will receive a portion of the money back and that is what the surplus revenue is.*

Rulien asked for a motion to authorize the OSLAND Project Application Grant Funds Resolution (12-13). Comm. Graf made a motion to approve the application. Seconded by Comm. Hutton. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) and 0 nays.

Mayor Rulien congratulated Marney and the Free Press for the awards they received, especially on the High Speed Rail siding story they ran.

Reports by City Commissioners

Comm. Hibler moved to pay \$537,334.85 in bills. Comm. Graf seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) and 0 nays.

Comm. Hibler moved to pay \$64,948.86 in payroll. Comm. Hutton seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) and 0 nays.

Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements (Comm. Graf) reported the public works department has been busy mowing, since the State has not been mowing their areas our guys have taken over to keep everything looking good. Comm. Graf thanked Comm. Hutton and Mayor Rulien for helping him out while he was absent.

Commissioner of Public Properties (Comm. Hutton) (a) read two biweekly reports (b) the WWTP is on schedule to be switched on at the end of June and they will be starting on the rehab of the old plant and (c) meeting next week with Exelon for the sewer line project that will start in the next couple of weeks.

Commissioner of Public Health and Safety (Comm. Tessler) (a) read the monthly statics report (b) reported for two weeks in June we had 497 CAD calls for service.

Comm. Tessler motioned to appoint Ofc. Vern Reed as a part time police officer. Seconded by Comm. Hutton. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) and 0 nays.

Planning and Zoning

Michelle Serena reported the Zoning meeting has been cancelled due to no agenda items.

Old Business

New Business

Mayor advised City Hall is a cooling center, they are reporting we are going to get 100 degree weather by Thursday.

Executive Session 7:40 PM

Comm. Tessler motioned to move to executive session to discuss collective bargaining. Seconded by Comm. Hutton. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) and 0 nays.

Returned 8:13 pm.

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, Rulien) and 0 nays.

Approved this 10 day of July 2012

Will Rulien Mayor

Lea O'Hara City Clerk