

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD
Minutes
City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 10, 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 Scot Pyles, City Administrator/Police Chief Rich Girot and City Clerk Lisa Glisson.

Public Comment

Jim Canup, 460 Sullivan Lane, reminded everyone of the upcoming Parade on Sunday 7/22/10 at 1:00 pm. He is working on the line up and would like everyone to get the forms in to him as soon as possible.

Angie Hutton, 285 Mitchell Street, Chamber of Commerce, reminded everyone that the St. Jude's Runners will be here on Friday, June 20, 2012, around 6:00 pm. Polk-a-Dot will be donating the food again. We would like to see people turn out to welcome them to town and would City Hall make signs again like last year?

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the June 26, 2012 public hearing and regular meeting were approved as read.

Reports by City Officials

The Mayor turned the meeting over to Comm. Tessler who presented awards to Sgt. Michelle Souice who also accepted Allen's' for him. They both received an award from AAIM (Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists) for all the work they do in stopping drunk drivers. The Sergeants were among the highest rated for arrests on drunk drivers in the State of Illinois.

Executive Session 7:08 PM

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

Returned 7:42 pm.

Reports by City Officials Cont.

Mayor Rulien introduced Tim Van Derhyden who is running for the County Board District 6. He is the Jackson Township Supervisor from Elwood.

Mayor Rulien read the email he received from the Railroad regarding the crossing closures for the high speed rail crossing installation.

Mayor Rulien reminded everyone of the History of Coal Mining presentation the BAHS is sponsoring on Thursday, July 19, 2012 at 7:00pm.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve the Second Amendment of TIF District III Redevelopment Project Area, Plan & Projects Ordinance (12-24). Comm. Tessler made a motion to approve the ordinance. Seconded by Comm. Hutton. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) and 0 nays.

Mayor advised there will be a public hearing on the Illiana Corridor on Tuesday, July 31, 2012 at 5:00 pm.

Administrator/Chief Police Rich Girot reported Casey should be starting in September and he had a meeting with a developer tomorrow.

City Clerk advised 4 of the office staff is scheduled to attend a training class for Deputy Registrars class at Will County on August 15, 2012, so every member of the office staff will be able to register citizens to vote and perform early voting.

City Attorney Scott Pyles requested two items be put on the agenda for the next council meeting 1) amendment to the part-time police officers ordinance 2) amendment to the hotel tax adding a late fee.

Reports by City Commissioners

Comm. Hibler moved to pay \$228,152.95 in bills. Comm. Hutton seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) and 0 nays.

Comm. Hibler moved to pay \$70,713.74 in payroll. Comm. Graf 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, and is very proud of how good the guys have kept our town. Comm. Graf thanked the Mayor Rulien for having Dollar General replace the door that was broken.

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 the month (c) Division Street will be closed for the water main installation.

Commissioner of Public Health and Safety (Comm. Tessler) read a letter from Deputy Chief Kaminski regarding the drug arrest by Sgt. Allen Souice which resulted in numerous drugs being removed from the street and DEA doing search warrants in Chicago with more arrests and drug seizures.

Comm. Tessler thanked the City Attorney and the Police Chief for working so hard on the union contract.

Comm. Tessler made a motion to approve the union contract. Seconded by Comm. Graf. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) and 0 nays.

The Mayor thanked Deputy Chief Kaminski and Sgt. M. Souice for the work they did while Chief Girot was on vacation.

Planning and Zoning

Michelle Serena reported the Zoning meeting will be held for August.

Building Inspector's Report

Tim Bown read the June 2012 Building Report.

Old Business

New Business

Comm. Graf advised he had a meeting with the Police and Fire Chiefs and the Public Works Supervisor to address any concerns regarding the railroad closing. He feels very confident that they have a working plan for any and all emergencies.

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 24 day of July 2012

Will Cole Mayor

Lisa Atlessor City Clerk