

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD

Minutes

City Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July 12, 2011

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 at the meeting.

Roll Call

Elected officials present: Mayor Rulien; Commissioners Jim Hutton, Daniel Graf, and Eric Tessler

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

Dee deGroh, 116 N. Lincoln, announced the Braidwood Historical Society's open house at the train depot July 16-17 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and October grand opening in cooperation with the Braidwood Fire Department.

Mary Beth Pressley, 349 E. Main, thanked the council and city staff for their care following the death of her husband, Mayor Jerry Pressley. Mary Beth then encouraged the council to fulfill Jerry's vision of making Braidwood grow and flourish by saying "yes" to growth, annexation, and increasing the tax base.

Angie Hutton, 285 Mitchell, said the St. Jude Runners will be in Braidwood on Rt. 53 on Fri., Aug. 5 and welcome donations. She also asked if the "landscaping projects" on this evening's council agenda were discussed at any previous meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2011 Regular Meeting. Motion made by Cmmr. Hutton, seconded by Cmmr. Graf. Adopted: 4 ayes (Rulien, Hutton, Graf, Tessler), 0 nays.

Reports by City Officials

City Administrator Girot said he and Mayor Rulien are working on cooperation with Coal City and the annexation of 160 acres south of Reed Rd. plus another five potential annexations. A total of 340 acres could be annexed. Sewer and water extension is vital.

City Engineer Hertz said the meeting with Casey's regarding movement of utility poles has been rescheduled to Aug. 2, 2011.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve Change Order #1 for S. Division Street Manhole Rehabilitation Project (TIF). Motion made by Cmmr. Hutton, seconded by Cmmr. Tessler. Adopted: 4 ayes (Rulien, Hutton, Graf, Tessler), 0 nays.

The Request for Approval of Change Order #2 for Mitchell Street Detention & Drainage Improvements Project (TIF) was tabled at City Engineer Hertz's request until details are finalized with the contractor.

City Engineer Hertz said BP Amoco is working with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) on a site improvement project.

City Administrator Girot thanked the members of the Braidwood Police Department as well as Chief Ken Heberer and the members of the Braidwood Fire Department for providing an honor guard at Mayor Pressley's funeral services.

City Clerk McGuire had no report.

City Attorney Pyles explained the part-time police officer ordinance.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 11-29 regarding part-time police officers pursuant to the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. Motion made by Cmmr. Tessler, seconded by Cmmr. Graf. Adopted: 4 ayes (Rulien, Hutton, Graf, Tessler), 0 nays.

Reports by City Commissioners

Mayor-Finance Commissioner Rulien called attention to the biggest expenditures on the bills due list.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve the payment of bills. Motion made by Cmmr. Graf, seconded by Cmmr. Hutton. Adopted: 4 ayes (Rulien, Hutton, Graf, Tessler), 0 nays.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve the payment of payroll. Motion made by Cmmr. Tessler, seconded by Cmmr. Hutton. Adopted: 4 ayes (Rulien, Hutton, Graf, Tessler), 0 nays.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve Resolution 11-09 regarding the sale of city-owned property at 160 N. Railroad Street, PIN 02-24-08-401-067-0000. Motion made by Cmmr. Graf, seconded by Cmmr. Tessler. Adopted: 4 ayes (Rulien, Hutton, Graf, Tessler), 0 nays.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve Resolution 11-10 regarding the sale of city-owned property at 199 E. Main Street, PIN 02-24-08-406-079-0000. Motion made by Cmmr. Tessler, seconded by Cmmr. Hutton. Adopted: 4 ayes (Rulien, Hutton, Graf, Tessler), 0 nays.

Mayor Rulien announced his choice of Ty Klover as volunteer city treasurer. Mayor Rulien extolled Mr. Klover's qualifications. He will oversee the payment of bills and distribution of the paid bills list at council meetings as Mayor Rulien has done to promote transparency.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to appoint Ty Klover city treasurer. Motion made by Cmmr. Hutton, seconded by Cmmr. Tessler. Adopted: 4 ayes (Rulien, Hutton, Graf, Tessler), 0 nays.

Cmmr. Graf said the Division St. resurfacing is complete. He also said the Union Pacific will close the Main St. railroad crossing for one day, July 18. Plans have been made to reroute emergency vehicles

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve the low bid for landscaping at the corner of Main and Railroad Streets. Motion made by Cmmr. Hutton, seconded by Cmmr. Graf. Adopted: 4 ayes (Rulien, Hutton, Graf, Tessler), 0 nays.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve the low bid for landscaping at 199 E. Main St. Motion made by Cmmr. Hutton, seconded by Cmmr. Tessler. Adopted: 4 ayes (Rulien, Hutton, Graf, Tessler), 0 nays.

Cmmr. Hutton read the Weekly Work Report and Plant Crew Report reports. He wrote IDOT about a left-turn arrow at Routes 129 and 53 as the lanes are in but there is no arrow. He expects a reply in six months. He also said the fence at the Mitchell St. pond soon will installed and that the Main St. streetlights are back on automatic and are as bright as they are intended to be.

Cmmr. Tessler explained an audit of the Braidwood Police Pension Fund is needed. The audit will be paid for by the Braidwood Police Pension Board.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to hire Mack & Associates to audit the Braidwood Police Pension Fund. Motion made by Cmmr. Tessler, seconded by Cmmr. Graf. Approved: 4 ayes (Rulien, Hutton, Graf, Tessler), 0 nays.

Cmmr. Tessler received a letter from Shirley Wallace thanking the city for allowing her to hold an American Cancer Society tag day.

Cmmr. Tessler spoke with Josh Bolatto of the Lions Club regarding police deployment at Summerfest. One Braidwood police officer will be present at all times, another will visit as part of his or her shift, and two Will County sheriff's deputies will assist.

Cmmr. Tessler said July 26 is the deadline to bid on the Chrysler Sebring surplus vehicle.

Planning & Zoning

Chairperson Michelle Serena said the Planning & Zoning Board at its standing-room-only July 5 meeting delayed a decision on the proposed Waldick apartments so members can digest the large amount of information presented. The board at its next meeting will vote on the zoning map and revision of Chapter 23.

Old Business

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve the request of Berkot Super Foods for a variance for storage containers. Motion made by Cmmr. Graf, seconded by Cmmr. Tessler. Approved: 4 ayes (Rulien, Hutton, Graf, Tessler), 0 nays.

Mayor Rulien thanked the City Hall staff for their compassion following the death of Mayor Pressley.

New Business

Cmmr. Hutton said the low bid of \$3,500 to demolish the burnt property at 238 Cermak came from Bohac. The property will be liened to recover the \$3,500.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve the low bid to demolish property at 238 Cermak. Motion made by Cmmr. Hutton, seconded by Cmmr. Graf. Approved: 4 ayes (Rulien, Hutton, Graf, Tessler), 0 nays.

Mayor Pro Tem Rulien asked for a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion made by Cmmr. Tessler, seconded by Cmmr. Graf. Approved: 4 ayes (Rulien, Hutton, Graf, Tessler), 0 nays.

With no need for executive session, the regular meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Approved this 26th day of July 2011

Will Rulien Mayor

Pat McQuinn City Clerk