

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD
Minutes
City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 24, 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 Scott Pyles, City Administrator/Police Chief Rich Girot and City Clerk Lisa Glisson.

Public Comment

Jim Canup, 460 Sullivan Lane, thanked everyone for all their hard work on the parade. He thanked the police and fire departments, the Chamber of Commerce for judging the parade and everyone who participated. There were 42 entries and it looked very good.

Dan Feely, 2 Dinosaur Road, questioned why Kennedy Road speed limit was changed to 25 mph but Coal City Road is now at 55 mph. Comm. Tessler, Chief Girot and the Mayor explained that Coal City Road is a state route and we do not have control over the limit set out there. Comm. Hutton reported that the state did do a traffic study and the count was 2400 per day. Feely also wanted to make sure that the police pension tax was not being applied per pin number on everyone. Mayor explained that it is the assessed value of the property so if it is a vacant piece of land it is much less than large property with a home.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the July 10, 2012 and regular meeting were approved as read.

Reports by City Officials

The Mayor turned the meeting over to Tawnya Mack of Mack & Associates to present the 2012 Audit. Mayor Rulien thanked everyone for all their hard work in keeping on track and keeping spending down, with the increase in revenue and the decreased spending, the prior deficit was reduced by \$630,000.

*Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve an Ordinance amending the part-time officers (12-25) Division 5: Part-time Officers. Comm. Tessler made a motion to approve the ordinance. Seconded by Comm. Graf. **Discussion:** Attorney Scott Pyles explained that the Police board wanted us to use the state wording on the ordinance. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) and 0 nays.*

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve an Ordinance (12-26) Amending the Hotel and Motel Accommodations Chapter of the Code of Ordinances. Comm. Tessler made a motion to approve the ordinance. Seconded by Comm. Hutton. **Discussion:** Attorney Scott Pyles explained this will allow a late charge to be applied if the tax is not paid. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) and 0 nays.

Mayor advised First Energy was awarded the bid for the Electric Aggregation. They will be sending out a letter, at the bottom of that letter if you would like to opt out, you will complete that and return it.

Mayor announced there will be a public hearing on Monday, August 6, 2012 for the variance for the sign at City Hall.

Mayor reminded everyone of the BAHS Vintage Car Show on Saturday, August 11, 2012 from 11:00 to 4:00 pm and on September 24, 2012 we will have Family Day where everyone is encouraged to have dinner together.

Administrator

Administrator/Chief Girot reported he is working on three annexations and he met with the Mayor and the new City Planner, Doug Harold.

Reports by City Commissioners

Comm. Hibler moved to pay \$218,637.02 in bills. Comm. Tessler seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) and 0 nays.

Comm. Hibler moved to pay \$66,867.92 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 Police and Fire Chiefs and the Public Works Supervisor did a great job with the railroad crossings being closed to keep everyone safe while the town was cut in half.

Commissioner of Public Properties (Comm. Hutton) (a) read two biweekly reports (b) the WWTP switched over on Tuesday at 4:26 pm, SCADA system is not totally working but it is a lot easier (c) reported the sludge storage tank needs to have piping replaced and he received a quote for \$18,400.00 today (d) Division Street water main is in, may dig sewer tomorrow.

Comm. Hutton motioned to approve Change Order #1 & Final for North Front Street (IL Rte. 53) Sanitary Sewer Extension. Comm. Graf seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nay.

Comm. Hutton motioned to approve Change Order #12 Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project. Comm. Tessler seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nay.

Commissioner of Public Health and Safety (Comm. Tessler) (a) thanked everyone for Summerfest, he reported only one altercation with drugs (b) reported the union contract for the police officers is settled, we are waiting for a copy of the ratified contract from the Teamsters (c) working on an agreement with the sergeants.

Old Business

New Business

Administrator/Chief Girot reported the need for records storage was increasing. He wants to know if the council is working on putting in the climate control in the back garage to protect the records. Mayor and Comm. Hutton advised there is a problem with the gas company and how to get it hooked up out there. Girot also advised the council on the need to extend the parking lot and put fencing up to park the squad cars back there so we can stop the vandals. Comm. Hutton reported he has a gate from the plant that can be used.

Executive Session 7:58 PM

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

Returned from Executive Session at 8:27 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 14 day of August 2012

Eileen M. Hibler Mayor, PRO TEM

Lisa Alessari City Clerk