

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD

Minutes

City Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July 26, 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; Commissioner of Public Property Jim Hutton, Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements Danny Graf, and Commissioner of Public Health and Safety Eric Tessler.

Appointed officials present: City Attorney Scott Pyles, Chief of Police-City Administrator Rich Girot and City Clerk Pat McGuire. Rich Vane attended in place of City Engineer Brian Hertz.

Public Comment

Angie Hutton, 285 Mitchell, said the St. Jude Runners will be on Rt. 53 in Braidwood on Fri., Aug. 5 at approximately 6:00 p.m. and welcome donations.

Josh Bolatto, 812 W. Main, thanked the council and city staff for Summerfest aid.

Jim Canup, 460 Sullivan, thanked Chief Girot and the police department on behalf of the American Legion for Summerfest parade help and congratulated city hall staffers Donna Geiss and Elaine Hall for winning first prize in the decorated golf cart competition.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2011 Regular Meeting. Motion made by Cmmr. Hutton, seconded by Cmmr. Tessler. Adopted: 4 ayes (Rulien, Hutton, Graf, Tessler), 0 nays.

Reports by City Officials

Mayor Rulien introduced Tawyna Mack, CPA, of Mack & Associates. Ms. Mack gave the council copies of the City of Braidwood Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended April 30, 2011 prepared by her firm and highlighted parts of the report.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 11-30 adopting the FY 2011-2012 annual budget. Motion made by Cmmr. Tessler, seconded by Cmmr. Hutton. Adopted: 4 ayes (Rulien, Hutton, Graf, Tessler), 0 nays.

City Attorney Pyles explained that state statutes and city ordinances require a special election for mayor in April 2013 due to the vacancy created by the death of Mayor Jerry Pressley. Finance Cmmr. Bill Rulien will serve as mayor until then. The thirty-day time period for the council to appoint a new Finance Commissioner ends today, July 26, 2011. The person appointed Finance Commissioner this evening will serve in that post until the April 2013 election. Bill Rulien has not resigned as Finance Commissioner, so he will revert to that position after a new mayor is elected in April 2013.

Mayor Rulien said he had received numerous applications for Finance Commissioner. He found the most outstanding applicant to be Elena Hibler.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to appoint Elena Hibler as Commissioner of Accounts and Finances. Motion made by Cmmr. Graf, seconded by Cmmr. Hutton. Adopted: 4 ayes (Rulien, Hutton, Graf, Tessler), 0 nays.

City Attorney Pyles then administered the oath of office to Elena Hibler. Cmmr. Hibler noted in her remarks that she has been a Braidwood resident since 1943.

Mayor Rulien recognized and introduced Braidwood resident Austin Nacey, who will compete as a member of the U.S. team at the FIG Trampoline and Tumbling World Championships in Birmingham, England on Nov. 17-20, 2011.

Mayor Rulien addressed two issues raised by residents during Public Comment at recent council meetings: (1) He is interested in obtaining benches like those at Shadow Lakes for installation on city streets; (2) An announcement is forthcoming about permit fees for home repairs.

Chief of Police-City Administrator Girot said (a) he is speaking with four property owners regarding the possible annexation of a total of 280 acres, and he has five other annexation agreements pending; (b) the Holiday Inn study should be finished the week of Aug. 1; (c) large amounts of overtime are being incurred by the police department as the police made 1,006 service calls in June, including 83 misdemeanors and 14 felonies; (d) Mayor Rulien and he are meeting Aug. 2 with representatives of Taco Bell.

City Engineer Hertz explained Change Order #2 for the Mitchell Street Detention & Drainage Improvements Project (TIF).

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve Change Order #2 for the Mitchell Street Detention & Drainage Improvements Project (TIF). Motion made by Cmmr. Hutton, seconded by Cmmr. Tessler. Adopted: 5 ayes (Rulien, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Hibler), 0 nays.

City Attorney Pyles explained the ordinance amending the business chapter of the Code of Ordinances relating to licensure of city businesses. Cmmr. Tessler asked if the proposed ordinance creates a new licensing tax. Attorney Pyles said it does not. Mayor Rulien said the aim of the proposed ordinance is for the city to ascertain that a business licensed by the state (and thus exempt from having to buy a city business) meets all zoning and other requirements. The proposed ordinance would require an exempt business to prove to the city it is exempt, thereby informing the city the business is in Braidwood. Cmmr. Hutton asked if the intent is to generate revenue. Mayor Rulien said that is not the intent.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 11-31 amending the business chapter of the Code of Ordinances relating to licensure of city businesses. Motion made by Cmmr. Graf, seconded by Cmmr. Hibler. Adopted: 5 ayes (Rulien, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Hibler), 0 nays.

Reports by City Commissioners

Mayor Rulien called attention to large expenditures on the bills due list.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve the payment of bills. Motion made by Cmmr. Hutton, seconded by Cmmr. Tessler. Adopted: 5 ayes (Rulien, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Hibler), 0 nays.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve the payment of payroll. Motion made by Cmmr. Graf, seconded by Cmmr. Hibler. Adopted: 5 ayes (Rulien, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Hibler), 0 nays.

Cmmr. Graf said (a) the park area paving is nearly complete; (b) many tickets and liens have been issued for mowing; (c) closure of the Main St. railroad tracks by the Union Pacific Railroad and Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) for construction might occur July 29 or Aug. 5.

Cmmr. Hutton (a) read the Weekly Work Report and Plant Crew Report reports; (b) said all waste water treatment plant structures should be up by the end of September and all underground equipment in; (c) announced the fences are installed and the lot paved at the Mitchell St. pond, with the question of who will lock and unlock the gate yet to be answered; (d) said work on Will Rd. under I-55 is progressing.

Cmmr. Tessler (a) thanked the Shadow Lakes Association for having him out to speak; (b) thanked the Braidwood Police Department and Will County Auxiliary Police for their Summerfest assistance and noted only one arrest was made; (c) conveyed a request from Knights of Columbus Council 1574 for a Tootsie Roll Drive on Sept. 16, 17, and 18, 2011; (d) announced that Betty Hillgamy submitted the high bid of \$2,000 for the surplus Chrysler Sebring; (e) said he finds street lights are needed in front of three addresses on the 900 block of W. Cermak and he will research the costs charged by Com Ed for installation and service; (f) said he would like to see Cermak and English made a four-way stop. Attorney Pyles will research this matter.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve the request from Knights of Columbus Council 1574 for a Tootsie Roll Drive on Sept. 16, 17, and 18, 2011. Motion made by Cmmr. Tessler, seconded by Cmmr. Hutton. Adopted: 5 ayes (Rulien, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Hibler), 0 nays.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve the sealed bid of \$2,000 submitted by Betty Hillgemyer for the surplus Chrysler Sebring. Motion made by Cmmr. Tessler, seconded by Cmmr. Hutton. Adopted: 5 ayes (Rulien, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Hibler), 0 nays.

Planning & Zoning

Chairperson Michelle Serena (a) said the Planning & Zoning Board next will meet Aug. 1; (b) reported that Mark Waldick asked the board to delay discussion of his proposed apartments until the board's September meeting; (c) said she has not heard if Johnny Linares will be at the Aug. 1 meeting; (d) announced the zoning tables have been redone and will be given to the attorney and then to the council.

Old Business

City Engineer Hertz and City Administrator Girot will meet with Casey's on Aug. 2 regarding movement of utility poles.

Attorney Pyles is revising the city's contract with the Reed-Custer Community Unit School District No. 255U regarding new wage rates for special detail police officers.

New Business

Cmmr. Graf said core samples were taken at the Townes of Braidwood for City Engineer Hertz.

Cmmr. Tessler said he was asked at Shadow Lakes about the Novy Road work. Cmmr. Graf said preliminary bids are due within a week.

Mayor Pro Tem Rulien asked for a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel, pending and/or imminent litigation, collective bargaining/labor relations, and land acquisition. Motion made by Cmmr. Tessler, seconded by Cmmr. Hutton. Approved: 5 ayes (Rulien, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Hibler), 0 nays.

Executive session began at 8:00 p.m. and ended at 8:40 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Rulien asked for a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion made by Cmmr. Hutton, seconded by Cmmr. Graf. Approved: 5 ayes (Rulien, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Hibler), 0 nays.

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Approved this 9th day of August 2011

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Patrick McGinnis City Clerk