

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD
Minutes
City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 25, 2012
City Council Chambers

Call to Order

Mayor Rulien called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present.

Roll Call

Elected Officials present: Mayor Bill Rulien, Commissioner of Public Property Jim Hutton, Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements Danny Graf, Commissioner of Public Health and Safety Eric Tessler.

Appointed officials present: City Attorney Scott Pyles, City Administrator/Police Chief Rich Girot and City Engineer Joe Regis and Clerk Mary Beth Pressley.

Public Comment

Mayor Rulien opened and closed public comment with no comments.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of September 11, 2012 regular meeting were approved as written.

Reports by City Officials

Mayor Rulien reported that he personally purchased some of Jack Barker's Metal Art and was encouraging businesses in town to sponsor the art for display at the Welcome Pavilion as a way to attract more tourism. He said he had previously discussed a purchase by the city with some of the commissioners, and they felt at that time the city couldn't afford to do so. Mayor Rulien said he had two businesses so far willing to purchase two of the eight pieces.

Administrator Rich Girot advised that he and City Planner Doug Carroll were working on future annexations and making a lot of calls for bringing businesses and land to town.

City Engineer Joe Regis had a brief update on MFT regarding paving and striping improvements and repairs going on through town as planned.

City Attorney Scott Pyles reported the Municipal Code that has been online for years has recently been updated and is current, he thought, as of the last couple of months. The last update was in 2008 and quite a few ordinances and revisions have taken place since then.

Reports by City Commissioners

In the absence of Finance Commissioner Hibler, Mayor Rulien initiated the payment of bills. Mayor Rulien stated that bills in the amount of \$556,757.96 needed to be paid; however, \$387,437.90 of that amount was for the sewer and water main extension out to the Exelon property and would be reimbursed by Exelon.

Mayor Rulien requested a motion to pay the bills. Comm. Hutton moved to pay bills in the amount of \$556,757.96, Comm. Graf seconded. The motion was approved with 4 ayes (Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nays.

Mayor Rulien requested a motion to pay the payroll in the amount of \$68,295.77. Comm. Hutton made the motion, Comm. Tessler seconded. The motion was approved with 4 ayes (Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nays.

Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements Graf urged all residents to be cautious while traveling during the street repairs. He also thanked Joe Regis for his diligence in making sure the road work was done properly and the city was getting a good value.

Mayor Rulien stated that all of the public works employees worked hard on a water main break on Division Street.

Comm. Hutton made a motion to approve Change Order #14. Mayor Rulien requested a second. Comm. Graf seconded. Mayor Rulien asked if there was any discussion. Comm. Tessler asked what the original bid was. Comm. Hutton responded \$12,444,000. The actual price now is up to \$12,968,885. Roughly \$500,000 in change orders Comm. Tessler inquired. Roughly Comm. Hutton agreed. Mayor Rulien stated that there was a contingency fund of approximately 10% to cover the things that they missed. He also added that this would make the plant a lot more automated and protected. It will actually be able to cut some over time in the sewer and water area. Comm. Hutton stated that they were trying to keep it under 6 or 7% of the total project and that he thought City Engineer Regis would agree that those are pretty good numbers. After discussion, roll was called and the motion was approved 4 ayes (Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) and 0 nays. Comm. Hutton made the motion to award the salt bid to Cargill with the low bid of \$85 per ton delivered. Comm. Tessler seconded. Motion was approved 4 ayes (Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) and 0 nays.

Comm. Hutton mentioned the only other item was a water main break on North Division Street. There were boil orders sent out for the area they had to shut down, it will be late tomorrow afternoon before the results come back and we will give notification if they passed or if we have to retest. Other than that the sewer plant guys have the Scada system running pretty much on automatic, all the concrete is poured except two pieces of sidewalk. Landscaping is spreading black dirt on Phase II right now; excavator for the roads will be in Thursday or Friday. Ferro is coming back next week to finish Comm. Graf's project and then will be at the water plant and finish what they have to do with Phase II and then cover the whole thing with surface. By next meeting, other than SCADA system for the water plant and lift station, everything else is about done. The guys are staying pretty busy this time of the year.

Comm. Tessler wanted to table the motion for the Sergeant's Agreement. He also reported that the Police Department had been very busy conducting search warrants. He had accompanied them on one Saturday where the parents were arrested for possession of a controlled substance and how devastating it could be for their children who were innocently sitting home watching cartoons. He encouraged the citizens to keep their eyes open for criminal behavior and contact the Chief if necessary. He reported that Chief Girot, Officer Genetsky and Tari Atherton were very busy on the 14th for FORCES Family Fun Night, fingerprinting kids, handing out window alarms, gun locks, and anti-drug brochures. Mayor Rulien commended Comm. Tessler and Chief Girot for the work they do to maintain a no tolerance for drug policy.

New Business

Comm. Graf advised Main Street will be closed for the Home Coming Parade on Friday, September 28, 2012 at 1:00p.m.

Mayor Rulien reminded everyone about the Car Show Saturday at Polk-a-dot from 5-9pm.

Adjournment

Mayor Rulien requested a motion to adjourn. Comm. Hutton motioned to adjourn. Comm. Tessler seconded. The motion was approved with 4 ayes (Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nays.

Approved this 9th day of October 2012

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Lisa Ahlsson City Clerk