

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD

Minutes

City Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 27, 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, Commissioner of Public Health and Safety Eric Tessler, and Commissioner of Accounts and Finances Elena Hibler.

Appointed officials present: City Attorney Scott Pyles, Chief of Police Rich Girot, City Clerk Pat McGuire, and Rich Vane for City Engineer Brian Hertz.

Public Comment

Delmer Hakey, 344 E. Oak St., asked the council to show him the ordinance which vacated part of Pond Street. Mayor Rulien said the council would look into this.

Michelle Serena, 141 E. Third St., announced on behalf of the Braidwood Chamber of Commerce that tree decorating begins Nov. 19, available at City Hall or the library; that the tree lighting ceremony will take place Dec. 3 at 4:50 p.m. at City Hall; and that the Christmas parade will be Dec. 3 at approximately 5:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Rulien asked if there were any objections to the minutes of the September 13, 2011 Regular Meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were accepted as written.

Mayor Rulien recognized these elected officials in the audience: Will County Board District 6 member

Debbie Rozak, Wilmington 1st Ward Alderman John Persic, Jr. and Wilmington 2nd Ward Alderman Darla Neises.

Report by the City Commissioner of Public Safety

Cmmr. Tessler introduced the following:

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to appoint Angela Genetski as full-time police officer. Motion made by Cmmr. Tessler, seconded by Cmmr. Graf, and approved: 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien), 0 nays.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to appoint Keith Reynolds as full-time police officer. Motion made by Cmmr. Tessler, seconded by Cmmr. Hutton, and approved: 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien), 0 nays.

City Attorney Scott Pyles then administered the oath to Officers Genetski and Reynolds.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 11-38 regarding stop signs for Pond Street. Motion made by Cmmr. Tessler and seconded by Cmmr. Graf.

City Attorney Pyles explained the relevant ordinances and statutes. Discussion followed on the location of the stop signs.

The motion to adopt Ordinance 11-38 regarding stop signs for Pond Street was approved: 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien), 0 nays.

Reports by City Officials

Mayor Rulien issued a reminder about the free seminar on Medicare at City Hall on Tues., Oct. 4 at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve hiring a TIF (tax increment financing) attorney. Motion made by Cmmr. Hibler, seconded by Cmmr. Tessler, and approved: 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien), 0 nays.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve contracting with ADP for payroll services at a cost of approximately \$5,800 per year. Motion made by Cmmr. Tessler, seconded by Cmmr. Hutton, and approved: 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien), 0 nays.

Mayor Rulien announced that BP is installing a Quizno's, that Casey's is planning a larger station, that some homes are being demolished, and that he has put City Hall staff member Donna Geiss in charge of coordinating responses to residents' questions and complaints.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve Resolution 11-14 for participation in the State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program. Motion made by Cmmr. Tessler, seconded by Cmmr. Hutton, and approved: 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien), 0 nays.

Chief Girot said the council will hold a special meeting Tues., Oct. 18 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the proposed high-speed rail siding with IDOT (Illinois Department of Transportation) officials. Chief Girot encouraged residents to attend this meeting. Mayor Rulien said, "We want to see a comprehensive plan from IDOT."

Chief Girot said conversations have begun about a 4,000 square foot sports bar and restaurant possibly opening in Braidwood.

City Clerk McGuire thanked the City Council for sending him to the Illinois Municipal League conference in Chicago Sept. 15-17, said the intergovernmental agreement between the city and the Reed-Custer school district regarding crossing guards has all necessary signatures and is on file, and said "Ordinance regarding stop sign for Pond Street" was listed on the agenda twice by mistake.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve Resolution 11-15 regarding the North Front Street (Illinois Route 53) sanitary sewer extension. Motion made by Cmmr. Hibbler, seconded by Cmmr. Hutton, and approved: 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien), 0 nays.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Vince Portlock as hearing officer for the code hearing department. Motion made by Cmmr. Graf and seconded by Cmmr. Hutton.

City Attorney Pyles explained the role of hearing officer and said the pay will not be hourly but will be \$175 per session no matter how long the session.

The motion to approve the appointment of Vince Portlock as hearing officer for the code hearing department was approved: 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien), 0 nays.

City Attorney Pyles said he is still researching an ordinance regarding amendment to the administrative adjudication system with design of the ticket to minimize costs a goal.

Reports by City Commissioners

Cmmr. Hibler said \$257,034.84 in bills and \$67,932.51 in payroll are due.

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

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Cmmr. Graf urged motorists to be extra cautious due to the permanent closing of the southbound exit from Interstate 55 to Route 129 and the installation of traffic signals at the Route 113/Coal City Road exit. Cmmr. Hutton said the turnaround at I-55 and Rt. 129 will be closed, too.

Cmmr. Hutton (a) read two standard biweekly reports; (b) reported Issert continues to work on Will Road; (c) said landscaping at the Train Depot will be finished when the weather is dry; (d) reported he found the Illinois Municipal League conference useful; (e) said at least a dozen guests toured the new Waste Water Treatment Plant at the Sat., Sept. 24 open house. Mayor Rulien gave kudos to Cmmr. Hutton for the open house.

Planning & Zoning

Chairperson Michelle Serena said the Planning & Zoning Board at its Sept. 6 meeting approved two requests: Broucek's zoning amendment to AG zoning for future proposed annexation and the Forest Preserve District of Will County's zoning amendment to AG zoning for future proposed annexation.

Chairperson Serena also reported (a) the Linares hearing has been closed; (b) Mark Waldick was told he needs another public hearing before the Planning & Zoning Board to discuss a new Planned Unit Development (PUD) request; (c) thirty-three permits were issued in August, none for new home construction; (d) the board's Oct. 3 meeting is cancelled due to a lack of agenda items; (e) the board will hold a special meeting Tues., Oct. 11 at 6:00 p.m. regarding a special use permit request.

Old Business

City Attorney Pyles said that to limit costs administrative adjudication hearings will be held the same day as local court at City Hall.

New Business

Cmmr. Tessler told of receiving a request from a Reed-Custer student group for a tag day at Division and Main the morning of Oct. 1. Discussion followed. The decision to approve or disapprove the request was left to Cmmr. Tessler.

Chief Girot said the Reed-Custer High School homecoming parade will be Fri., Oct. 7 beginning at 1:45 p.m. and proceeding from the grade school to the high school.

There being no need for Executive Session, Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to adjourn made by Cmmr. Tessler, seconded by Cmmr. Hutton, and adopted: 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien), 0 nays.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Approved this 27th day of October 2011

Will Be Mayor

Patricia MacB City Clerk