

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD
Minutes
City Council Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 9, 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, and Commissioner of Accounts and Finances Elena Hibler.

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

Public Comment

Mayor Rulien opened and closed public comment with no comments.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for the September 25, 2012 regular meeting were approved as written.

Reports by City Officials

Mayor Rulien (a) thanked everyone for their hard work on the car show, they plan on doing it again next year, (b) welcomed John and Darla from the Wilmington City Council, who were just here to observe our meeting, (c) requested everyone keep the Coal City Public Works Supervisor and workers in their prayers as they were hit by a truck doing their jobs on Saturday night. The Supervisor is hurt very badly (d) introduced Stefanie Churchwell, a staff member in City Hall, who presented the updated web site.

Mayor Rulien requested a motion to approve An Ordinance 12-28 Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Unison with regard to the Purchase of an Easement for Cell Sites. Comm. Hutton made the motion to approve Ordinance 12-28. Seconded by Comm. Hibler. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nays.

Administrator Rich Girot advised that the Phillips annexation would be at the next meeting with a public hearing before the council meeting and Thursday, Oct. 11th at 9:15 am, Exelon and city officials would hold a press conference at the plant for the new sewer line.

City Clerk Lisa Glisson advised the council we are in the second stage of the debt recovery program with the State Comptroller's office.

City Engineer Joe Regis reported that the MFT completion is at 90%. Mayor stated it has been a bit of an inconvenience but the roads are much improved.

City Attorney Scott Pyles advised the Sergeants Agreement is almost complete, it just needs a little tweaking; it has been past practice to memorialize the benefits the patrol officers have to the sergeants.

Reports by City Commissioners

Comm. Hibler moved to pay \$612,316.32 in bills. Comm. Graf seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nays.

Comm. Hibler moved to pay \$64,854.53 in payroll. Comm. Hutton seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nays.

Commissioner of Streets and Public Improvements (Comm. Graf) (a) thanked Stefanie for the presentation of the web site (b) welcomed the visiting council members from Wilmington and (c) requested everyone slowdown in the work zones, his support and sympathy go out to Coal City as he himself was ran over on a job once.

Comm. Hutton motioned to Approve Change Order #2 & Final for Will Road Sanitary Sewer Interceptor Project. Comm. Tessler seconded. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nays.

Commissioner of Public Properties (Comm. Hutton) (a) read two biweekly reports (b) advised we started accepting sewage from Exelon last week, it only took 3 ½ years to get it done and (c) the poles that were taken down out at the plant have been donated to the park district with the approval and agreement of the Mayor, hopefully the new lighting will help take a bite out of crime.

Commissioner of Public Health and Safety (Comm. Tessler) reported (a) Exelon will be completing puff tests on 10/12/12 and (b) police department purchased air Sal rifles and handguns, they shoot plastic BBs, they will be used for training in executing search warrants. They cost approximately \$1,800.00 but they cost almost nothing to use and if maintained last forever.

Comm. Graf thanked Chief Girot and Comm. Tessler for the assistance in traffic control on the Kennedy Road construction.

Mayor Rulien commented with the search warrants it sounds like a lot going on, they are doing a great job, as we are just trying to keep drugs out of our town.

Planning and Zoning Report

No report.

Old Business

Comm. Graf asked when the early voting starts? The clerk advised it would begin on October 22, 2012.

The Mayor advised the sign would hopefully be up in the next few weeks.

Chief Girot asked about extending the parking lot behind City Hall and fencing it in since the police squad cars are being vandalized in the lot across the street.

New Business

Adjournment

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to adjourn. Comm. Tessler made that motion, seconded by Comm. Hutton. The motion was approved with 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien) 0 nays.

Approved this 23 day of October 2012

Will Phil Mayor

Lea Gleason City Clerk