

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD

Minutes

City Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 11, 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, Deputy City Clerk Danielle Godar, and City Planner Jim Testin (Hamilton Engineering)

Public Comment

Dee deGroh, 116 N Lincoln St., reminds everyone that the grand opening for the Braidwood Area Historical Society at the train depot is this Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011, starting at 12:30 p.m. The museum will be open until 4:00 p.m. She thanks the City and its employees for making the depot look good

Delmer Haakey, 344 E. Oak St., asked the council at the last meeting to show him the ordinance which vacated part of Pond Street. He asked if the council has found the ordinance yet. Mayor Rulien said he has not yet found the ordinance.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Rulien asked if there were any objections to the minutes of the September 27, 2011 Regular Meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were accepted as written.

Reports by City Officials

Mayor Rulien asked Jim Testin to speak about TIF (tax increment financing) III. Jim said this is a preliminary discussion to let the council and residents know a third TIF district is being considered to resolve a number of issues in the TIF area. Mayor Rulien stated there wouldn't be many single family homes involved in the area as it is primarily vacant land.

Mayor Rulien announced the ordinance amending the Building and Building Regulations chapter of the Code of Ordinances regarding building permit fees would be tabled until the next meeting.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve Resolution 11-16 authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement between the City of Braidwood and Jacob & Klein, Ltd. and The Economic Development Group, Ltd. regarding the city's TIF districts. Motion made by Cmmr. Graf, seconded by Cmmr. Hibler, and approved: 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien), 0 nays

Mayor Rulien stated that (a) Casey's has surveyed its land and is getting ready to submit plans; (b) BP has its pumps in the ground and tanks are going in with hopes to have the gas station up and running soon. BP is putting a Quizno's into the building; (c) the Braidwood Fire Protection District station's grand opening is October 15, 2011 from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m., and residents should go down and see it; (d) he encourages residents to visit the Lions' Haunted House at Jones Ezz Bar and Grill to help support the Lions.

Chief Girot (a) reminded everyone about the October 18, 2011, 7:00 p.m. meeting about the high-speed rail siding proposed from Rt. 129 to Main Street. George Weber will be the IDOT spokesperson; (b) stated Brian Hertz from mg2a donated \$2,500.00 towards purchase of car cameras. The chief is looking forward to more donations to the Police Department.

City Attorney Pyles explained the following two ordinances:

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 11-39 providing for the submission to the electors of the City of Braidwood, Will County the question whether the city should have the authority under Public Act 096-0176 to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program. Motion made by Cmmr. Tessler, seconded by Cmmr. Hutton, and approved: 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien), 0 nays.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 11-40 regarding an amendment to the administrative adjudication system. Motion made by Cmmr. Graf, seconded by Cmmr. Tessler, and approved: 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien), 0 nays.

Reports by City Commissioners

Cmmr. Hibler said \$620,723.40 is due in bills and \$72,624.23 is due in payroll.

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

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

Cmmr. Graf said the Novy Road resurfacing would be done this year. D Construction's bid is for \$71,114.00. Construction will be in stages, with the 1st stage from Coal City Road to Box Culvert Bridge and the 2nd stage from Box Culvert Bridge south to Cermak Road.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve the bid and award of contract for Novy Road resurfacing. Motion made by Cmmr. Graf, seconded by Cmmr. Hutton, and approved: 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien), 0 nays.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve change order #2 for the 2010 TIF street resurfacing project. Motion made by Cmmr. Graf, seconded by Cmmr. Hutton, and approved: 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien), 0 nays.

Cmmr. Hutton mentioned that N. School St. leading to the waste water treatment plant (WWTP) was to be paved but intensive patching was done instead due to the construction work at the WWTP. All heavy construction will be completed by spring. Paving will begin then.

Mayor Rulien said Cmmr. Graf got the Townes of Braidwood project done, and it looks good.

Cmmr. Hutton announced change order #1 for the train depot parking lot in the amount of \$4,422.29 should be the last change order for the depot.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve change order #1 for TIF (tax increment financing) train depot parking lot improvements. Motion made by Cmmr. Hutton, seconded by Cmmr. Graf, and approved: 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien), 0 nays.

Cmmr. Hutton (a) said the plant crew had micro crew out after two lightning strikes and got the problem fixed; (b) announced that hydrant flushing had been going on for the last twelve weeks is complete after twelve weeks; (c) read two bi-weekly reports; (d) said Issert is almost to the south end of its project on Will Road; (e) reported that Williams

Brothers is pressure testing water lines at the waste water treatment plant, roofers are putting membranes on its roof today, and winterizing and installing doors and windows will follow. C and S Excavating will be doing the landscaping.

Cmmr. Tessler said Kevin Schumaker had worked at the Wilmington Police Department and would need little training.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to appoint Kevin Schumaker as a part-time Police Officer. Motion made by Cmmr. Tessler, seconded by Cmmr. Graf and approved: 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien), 0 nays.

Cmmr. Tessler said Wally Evans is the Reed-Custer High School Resource Officer.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 11-41 to appoint Wally Evans as a Conservator of the Peace. Motion made by Cmmr. Tessler, seconded by Cmmr. Graf, and approved: 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien), 0 nays.

Planning & Zoning

Chairperson Michelle Serena said the Planning & Zoning Board held a Special Meeting at 6:00 pm this evening and recommended a Special Use Permit to allow Step-by-Step Day Care to operate a day care center at 306-308 S. Division Street so long as the center complies with State of Illinois regulations for day care centers. The Planning & Zoning Board's vote was 5 ayes and 2 abstentions.

The board's next meeting will be November 7, 2011.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve the Planning & Zoning Board's recommendation regarding a Special Use Permit for Step-by-Step Day Care Center. Motion made by Cmmr. Hutton, seconded by Cmmr. Hibler, and approved: 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien), 0 nays.

Old Business

Cmmr. Hutton read a letter he received from the Midwest Model T Club International stating the members were thankful for everyone's hospitality.

New Business

None

Executive Session

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel and pending and/or imminent litigation. Motion made by Cmmr. Graf, seconded by Cmmr. Tessler and approved: 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien), 0 nays.

Executive session ran from 7:40 to 7:50 p.m.

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

The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Approved this 25th day of October 2011

Will Rulien Mayor

Patrick McGinnis City Clerk