

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD**Minutes****City Council Regular Meeting****Tuesday, November 22, 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-City Administrator Rich Girot, City Planner Jim Testin, and Deputy City Clerk Carol Richmond.

Public Comment

Jim Cole, 893 West 3rd, opposes the proposed Waldick duplexes and asked if a street can be installed to eliminate the cul-de-sac. Mayor Rulien responded.

Judy Bauch, 817 W. 3rd, opposes the proposed Waldick duplexes and said the fire chief said emergency vehicles would have difficulty entering and leaving the development.

Dan Chinski, 195 N. English, opposes the proposed Waldick duplexes and said it will lack a park and green space.

Judy Chinski, 195 N. English, opposes the proposed Waldick duplexes and fears taxpayers will suffer because of it.

Frank Cortina, 124 W. Washington St., Morris, the attorney for Mark Waldick, acknowledged the legitimacy of residents' concerns and said those concerns can be

addressed through the Planned Unit Development (P.U.D.) process.

Judy Bauch, 817 W. 3rd, said safety measures are put in place for single-family developments but not for multi-family duplexes.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Rulien asked if there were any objections to the minutes of the October 11, 2011 Public Hearing. Hearing none, the minutes were accepted as written.

Mayor Rulien asked if there were any objections to the minutes of the November 8, 2011 Regular Meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were accepted as written.

Reports by City Officials

Mayor Rulien (a) announced the 2012 schedule of holidays City Hall will be closed as per employees' union contracts; (b) proclaimed December to be Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month; (c) said the City of Braidwood now is on Facebook; (d) said a duplex and home are being torn down; (e) welcomed two new businesses to Braidwood, Step by Step Day Child Care Center and Quiznos; (f) spoke of his work with State Rep. Pam Roth's staff, Will County Board District 6 member Sharon May, and IDOT (Illinois Department of Transportation) officials to stop the proposed High Speed Rail siding in Braidwood and mentioned Congressional action threatening the funding of High Speed Rail.

Police Chief-City Administrator Girot said (a) a developer is interested in building a restaurant and banquet hall in downtown Braidwood; (b) he and Mayor Rulien met with a hotel developer; (c) long-time efforts to advance the City of Braidwood have begun to bear fruit this year.

City Attorney Pyles said the annexation ordinances and annexation agreements on the agenda are standard agreements.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 11-46 annexing the Altiery property. Motion made by Cmmr. Hibler, seconded by Cmmr. Hutton, and adopted: 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien), 0 nays.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 11-47 authorizing the mayor and the city clerk to execute an annexation agreement with the Altiery property. Motion made by Cmmr. Graf, seconded by Cmmr. Hutton, and adopted: 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien), 0 nays.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 11-48 annexing the Bohac property. Motion made by Cmmr. Tessler, seconded by Cmmr. Graf, and adopted: 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien), 0 nays.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 11-49 authorizing the mayor and the city clerk to execute an annexation agreement with the Bohac property. Motion made by Cmmr. Hibler, seconded by Cmmr. Tessler, and adopted: 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien), 0 nays.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 11-50 annexing the Broucek property. Motion made by Cmmr. Graf, seconded by Cmmr. Hibler, and adopted: 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien), 0 nays.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 11-51 authorizing the mayor and the city clerk to execute an annexation agreement with the Broucek property. Motion made by Cmmr. Tessler, seconded by Cmmr. Hutton, and adopted: 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien), 0 nays.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 11-52 annexing the Favero property. Motion made by Cmmr. Tessler, seconded by Cmmr. Hibler, and adopted: 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien), 0 nays.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 11-53 authorizing the mayor and the city clerk to execute an annexation agreement with the Favero property. Motion made by Cmmr. Hutton, seconded by Cmmr. Hibler, and adopted: 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien), 0 nays.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 11-54 annexing the Lleshi property. Motion made by Cmmr. Hibler, seconded by Cmmr. Hutton, and adopted: 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien), 0 nays.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 11-55 annexing the Watts property. Motion made by Cmmr. Graf, seconded by Cmmr. Tessler, and adopted: 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien), 0 nays.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 11-56 authorizing the mayor and city clerk to execute an annexation agreement with the Watts property. Motion made by Cmmr. Hutton, seconded by Cmmr. Tessler, and adopted: 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien), 0 nays.

Reports by City Commissioners

Cmmr. Hibler said \$222,697.65 is due in bills and \$67,286.41 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 approved: 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf,

Tessler, Rulien), 0 nays.

Cmmr. Graf said members of the Braidwood Lions Club will put up the Lions Club Christmas tree decorations Thursday morning.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve Change Orders (IDOT Authorization of Contract Changes) #1 & #2 for Main Street Lighting Project (TIF). Motion made by Cmmr. Hutton, seconded by Cmmr. Graf, and approved: 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien), 0 nays.

Cmmr. Hutton read two bimonthly reports. He also reported that the lights in front of City Hall are up and ready.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 11-57 regarding the reduction of the speed limit on Hickory Road. 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 approve Ordinance 11-58 regarding the reduction of the speed limit on North Center Street. Motion made by Cmmr. Tessler, seconded by Cmmr. Hibler, and approved: 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien), 0 nays.

Cmmr. Tessler said Tari Atherton of the Police Department has arranged for several appearances by "Cell Phone Sally" to teach cell phone safety to children. Cmmr. Tessler also said the Street Department will be erecting new MPH (speed limit) signs.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve the 2012 schedule of holidays City Hall will be closed as per employees' union contracts. Motion made by Cmmr. Hutton, seconded by Cmmr. Hibler, and approved: 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien), 0 nays.

Planning & Zoning

Chairperson Michelle Serena said the Planning & Zoning Board at its Dec. 5 meeting recommended Mark Waldick's request for a Planned Unit Development be granted.

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to approve the Planning & Zoning Board's recommendation that Mark Waldick's request for a Planned Unit Development be granted. There was no motion.

Old Business

None

New Business

Mayor Rulien thanked Police Chief-City Administrator Girot for his hard work on the annexations approved at this evening's meeting.

Executive Session

Mayor Rulien asked for a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel, pending and/or imminent litigation, and collective bargaining/labor relations. Motion made by Cmmr. Graf, seconded by Cmmr. Tessler, and adopted: 5 ayes (Hibler, Hutton, Graf, Tessler, Rulien), 0 nays.

Executive Session ran from 7:56 to 8:20 p.m.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Approved this 13th day of December 2011

Will Orr

Mayor

Patrick MacGinie

City Clerk