

**CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
141 W. MAIN ST.  
BRAIDWOOD, IL 60408**

**Special Meeting, Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 6:00 pm**

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call by City Clerk**

Elizabeth Dixon	Warren Wietting	Dale Walsh
James Mikel, Jr	Todd Lyons	
  
- IV. **Public Comment:** State your full name and spell your last name. Section 2-34 of the Braidwood Code of Ordinances imposes a three (3) minute limit for each person during public comment.
  
- V. **Approval of Minutes:**
  - 1. Approve Minutes of the Wednesday, December 10, 2025, Special Meeting
  
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - 1. Mission Statement Review
  - 2. Vision Statement Review
  - 3. Braidwood's Core Values
  - 4. Braidwood's Goal
  
- VII. Next Council Meeting will be Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.
  
- VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

## **Special Meeting Minutes for Braidwood City Council**

**Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**

**Braidwood City Hall 141 W. Main St., Braidwood, IL 60408**

### **Call to Order**

The Special Meeting of the Braidwood City Council was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Mayor Lyons in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Lyons requested that all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Roll Call:**

Upon roll call by the Clerk, the following members of the corporate authorities answered "Here" or "Present":

### **Elected Officials:**

- Present at 6:08 p.m.: Commissioner Wietting, Commissioner Walsh, and Mayor Lyons
- Present at 6:19 p.m.: Commissioner Mikel
- Absent: Commissioner Dixon

### **Appointed Officials:**

- Present: City Consulting Manager Steve Gulden, Police Chief Eric Allen, City Clerk Sarah Weaver
- Absent: City Engineer Sean Kelly, City Attorney Wellner

**Quorum:** A quorum was established at 6:08 p.m. with the initial members present.

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Wietting made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walsh, to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting on Wednesday, December 10, 2025. Motion carries with 3 ayes; 0 nays; 2 absent; (Wietting, Walsh, and Lyons)

### **Mission and Vision Statement / Goal-Setting Session**

City Consulting Manager Steve Gulden facilitated a discussion with Council and staff regarding the development of a mission and vision statement for the City of Braidwood.

### **Goals and Values Identified:**

- **Community Focus:** Serving the community, supporting residents, and bringing people together.
- **Small-Town Values:** Maintaining small-town character while planning for future growth.
- **Organizational Attributes:** Dependability of services, professionalism, transparency, trust, dedication, unity, collaboration, communication, vision, and passion.
- **Economic and Long-Term Planning:** Encouraging responsible economic growth to enhance services, infrastructure, and overall quality of life.

Discussion emphasized balancing long-term planning with fiscal responsibility while maintaining the City's core values.

**Loss of Quorum / Informal Discussion**

At 7:10 p.m., Commissioner Wietting left the meeting, resulting in the loss of a quorum. Council members and staff continued to discuss values and goals informally; no formal action or votes were taken due to the lack of a quorum.

**Adjournment**

The meeting concluded at 8:21 p.m.

Approved this 27th day of January, 2026.

  
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Mayor

  
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City Clerk

