

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING, Tuesday March 29, 2016 @ 7:00pm

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Public Comment

Executive Session Discuss personnel, pending and/or imminent litigation, collective bargaining/labor relations or land acquisition.

-Actions to be taken following Executive Session:

Resolution 16-6, Authorizing Mayor to Execute Agreement with Sikich LLP, Mary O'Connor
Independent Auditor

Old Business

New Business

Adjournment

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City Council Special Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 29, 2016

Call to Order

Mayor Vehrs called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Vehrs asked everyone to please stand for the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

Elected Officials present: Commissioner Hibler, Commissioner Hutton, Commissioner Smith
Commissioner Tessler, and Mayor Vehrs were present.

Appointed officials present: City Attorney Bryan Kopman, City Administrator Andy Galatte, Chief Nick Ficarello and City Clerk Sue Grygiel were present.

Public Comment

Chris Earley 136 S. Lincoln, Wanted to propose something to council tonight and he believes a very positive thing for the city to do. There are still some buildings on Route 66 that he has spoken with Will County Land Use over the last few days, land marking these buildings. He's not looking only on Route 66 but other older buildings in town; Masonic Temple, Muzzy's Barbershop. Right now his main concern is buildings on Route 66 that need to be landmarked for historical reasons, preservation for the future. At this time Braidwood doesn't have anything landmarked on Route 66 from what Land Use is telling him and also Sandy Lasko. He feels this is something that Braidwood really needs to look at. Chris also spoke with John Lucenta, his building on corner of Main & Route 129. Also looking into the Laundromat that used to be Weiss Café, Braidwood Motel and the Main Street Pizzeria-Koerner Keg. Chris said he's working with Preservation for Nominating to Land Use. Preservation Grants are already passed the deadline of April 1st. Chris doesn't believe the city has a Preservation Ordinance at this time.

Bill Rulien 187 E. Main, Talking about transparency and lack of it. This meeting was hard to find that this meeting tonight was going on. He said he knew it came up suddenly but at same time going to city website you have to dig pretty deep and when you get there you don't find anything on there that says Agenda until you get to bottom of page and there's a whole bunch there and they're certainly not in any chronological order. Also mentioned the outside sign, we could have put it on the sign about Special Meeting but nobody bothered to do that, just a point.

Public Comment closed at 7:07pm.

The attorney asked the mayor to speak at this time. He explained the reason for the Special Meeting tonight was to discuss the hiring of an Independent Auditor or Investigator to look at certain things on behalf of the city. Sikich LLP is well known in the municipal sector as the largest provider of audit technology and forensic investigative services in the state of Illinois. They are equipped to provide a range of services including specific allegations investigation related to credit card purchases to broader issues as internal controls over financial functions of the city. These services could include a mapping of how the system currently works, how actual practice compares with policies, procedures and objectives of the city. Addressing current weaknesses in the system in delivery of a report answering specific questions or a broader report with suggestions for improvement. Mary O'Connor from Sikich LLP was present at meeting, and the city attorney had sent the council Mary's resume as well as that of Jim Sullivan from her firm. Generally speaking, Sikich can do a secure investigation to look at what has been done or they can do more of a process review; what policies and procedures have been in place and how to improve upon them to make them better process for understanding within the city. Attorney Kopman was under the impression after

discussion with the council members that this council is more interested in purely an investigation in which a discussion on parameters and scope of the investigation including time frame the council would like looked into.

Executive Session

At this time Attorney Kopman requested a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, pending and/or imminent litigation and for the purposes of meeting with an External Auditor or Investigator to discuss internal control, identification of potential fraud, known or suspected frauds, and fraud interviews and to invite Mary O'Connor of Sikich LLP to come into Executive Session.

A motion was made by Comm. Tessler, seconded by Comm. Smith to go into Executive Session as requested by City Attorney Kopman. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hibler, Hutton & Mayor Vehrs).

A motion was made by Comm. Tessler, seconded by Comm. Smith to Reconvene our Special Meeting at 7:51pm. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Smith, Hutton, Hibler & Mayor Vehrs).

City Attorney Kopman advised the council that Resolution 16-6, Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Sikich LLP Independent Auditor. The attorney then asked Mary O'Connor should it say Independent Auditor or Investigation? Mary advised the attorney it should say Independent Investigation under the Agreement.

Comm. Smith made a motion to adopt Resolution 16-6 Authorizing Mayor to Execute Agreement with Sikich LLP, Independent Investigation, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Mayor asked for discussion. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hutton, Hibler, Tessler & Mayor Vehrs).

Old Business

Comm. Tessler asked the clerk to add to the next meeting Agenda, Discussion on changes, amendment to the Credit Card Policy. In talking with Jim on the new policy and just day to day operations with Rob and Aubrey, making it tough on them to make purchases, may need a couple of changes. The clerk then asked Comm. Tessler if he wanted under his portion of the agenda? He replied yes.

New Business

Nothing to Report

Adjournment

Comm. Tessler made motion to adjourn the regular meeting, seconded by Comm. Hutton. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Tessler, Hutton, Hibler, Smith & Mayor Vehrs). Meeting adjourned.

Approved this 12th day of April 2016

James A. Calmes Mayor

Sue Gryzail City Clerk

