

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday May 9, 2019 @ 6:00pm

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Public Comment (Comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes per Sect. 2-34(b) of the City's Code of Ord.)

Mayor-Appointment of City Engineer

-Appointment of City Attorney

Old Business

New Business

Adjournment

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Call to Order

Mayor Jones called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Jones asked Chief Lyons to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Elected Officials present: Commissioner Saltzman, Commissioner Money, Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Hart and Mayor Jones were present.

Appointed officials present: City Clerk Sue Grygiel, Administrator Altiery and Police Chief Lyons were present.

Public Comment

Opened at 6:01pm.

Closed at 6:01pm.

Mayor Jones moved to his Agenda item, the Appointment of the City Engineer. The Mayor advised that Dave Weber is the representative here tonight from Robinson Engineering. Administrator Altiery asked Dave Weber to come forward to the microphone and introduce himself and give some background on Robinson Engineering. They exclusively do Municipal Engineering and now back in the Public Sector as well. They have (7) offices throughout Chicagoland. They're hoping to bring the experience they have in Wastewater, drinking water and other facets to Braidwood. They currently represent over 60 communities and a few of them have been clients for over 40 yrs. Comm. Money asked if they will be on a retainer or how would we be billed? Dave said they haven't entered into a Contract with the city as of yet, still open to discussion. He said Robinson does not charge for any public meetings like your council meeting unless they come to a Project meeting those would be billed. Dave said he spends most of his time between their Frankfort and Kankakee offices. Comm. Saltzman asked to please get information out to each council member and would like to know which nearby communities Robinson represents. Dave said when they finalize their Contract their rates will be in there and generally every January 1st the rates are updated due to the cost of living rates. Mayor Jones said they've done work in Braidwood and he's known them for a long time and they're very familiar with Braidwood and the surrounding areas.

Comm. Smith made a motion to approve Robinson Engineering as the City Engineer, seconded by Comm. Hart. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Hart, Saltzman, Money & Mayor Jones).

Mayor Jones addressed his next Agenda item, the appointment of a City Attorney. The Mayor asked Atty. Bryan Wellner to come up and introduce himself and give some background on the Law Firm of Mahoney, Silverman & Cross. Also present tonight is Atty. George Mahoney from the Firm. Bryan said in this area they represent 7-8 municipalities in addition to many more townships, forest preserves and other government agencies. They have 17 attorney's, each one specializes in a different area, 10 of which handle municipal governments on a daily basis dealing with union contracts, labor issues, TIF districts Real Estate issues and is all done inhouse. They bill at an hourly rate and consistent with municipalities that they represent around the Braidwood area. This will be discussed as no contract has been signed at this point so nothing is set in stone at this point. Comm. Saltzman asked to sit in on the negotiations if he can and asked if they could send out names of municipalities that they currently represent. Administrator said he called to all the surrounding communities to make sure we were in the price range.

Comm. Smith made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointment of Mahoney, Silverman & Cross as corporation counsel and City Attorney, seconded by Comm. Money. Motion approved 5 ayes, 0 nays (Smith, Money, Saltzman, Hart & Mayor Jones).

Adjournment

Comm. Hart made motion to adjourn the Special meeting at 6:15pm, seconded by Comm. Smith. Motion approved with 5 ayes, 0 nays (Hart, Smith, Saltzman, Money & Mayor Jones).

Approved this 14th day of May 2019
Ralph Jones Mayor
Sue Greggill City Clerk

AYES: 5
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

