

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
141 W. MAIN ST.
Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 6:30 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. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 1. Approve Minutes of the Tuesday, January 13, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting

- V. **DISCUSSION:**
 - 1. RRA & ERP – Sean
 - 2. CIP Plan – Sean
 - 3. Red Carpet Corridor Entertainment Funding-Steve/Josh
 - 4. Amend Fire Alarm and Burglar Alarm System-Moose/Eric
 - 5. Amend Planning & Zoning dates-Steve
 - 6. Route 66 benches-Steve

- VI. **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.

- VII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**
 - 1. Motion to go into executive session to discuss (i) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)) and (ii) pending, probable, or imminent litigation against, affecting, or on behalf of the City (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11))
 - 2. Motion to close executive session

- VIII. Next Committee of the Whole meeting is Tuesday, March 10 2026, at 6:30 pm.
- IX. Next Regular City Council Meeting is Tuesday, February 24, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

- X. **ADJOURNMENT**

Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of the Braidwood City Council
Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.
Braidwood City Hall 141 W. Main St., Braidwood, IL 60408

Call to Order

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Braidwood City Council was called to order at 6:30 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: Commissioner Dixon, Commissioner Wietting, Commissioner Walsh, Commissioner Mikel and Mayor Lyons
- Absent:

Appointed Officials:

- Present: City Consulting Manager Steve Gulden, Police Chief Eric Allen, City Clerk Sarah Weaver, City Engineer Sean Kelly, and City Attorney Bryan Wellner
- Absent: None

Quorum: A quorum was established, and the meeting was declared in order.

Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Wietting made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon to approve the Committee of the Whole minutes from January 13, 2026. Motion carried with 4 ayes; 0 nays; 1 abstain (Wietting, Dixon, Walsh, and Lyons)

Discussion Items

A. Risk & Resiliency Assessment (RRA) and Emergency Response Plan (ERP)

Sean provided an overview of the federal requirements under the America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018, which requires all community water systems to complete a Risk and Resiliency Assessment (RRA) and develop an Emergency Response Plan (ERP).

The initial assessment has been completed, and the law requires updates every five years. The updated RRA and ERP must be submitted to the Illinois EPA by June 1, 2026.

B. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)

Sean presented a high-level overview of the proposed five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Staff met multiple times beginning in October to identify, prioritize, and estimate costs for necessary infrastructure improvements. The plan outlines approximately **\$6 million over five years** in capital infrastructure projects. The CIP is intended to be a living document and will serve as a guide for budgeting and long-term planning.

Major Categories Identified:

- Street Improvements
- Water Infrastructure
- Sanitary Sewer Improvements
- Stormwater Projects
- OSLAD Grant Matching Funds

Key Highlights:

1. Street Improvements

- Prioritized based on the 2024 pavement analysis.
- Coordinated with water main replacements to avoid re-digging streets.
- MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) funds projected at approximately \$325,000 per year.
- Additional capital funds may be needed to address backlog.

2. 113 Division Street / Easy Street Improvements

- Originally funded with Rebuild Illinois Bond Funds (~\$400,000).
- Updated IDOT requirements increased estimated cost to nearly \$1 million.
- Approximately \$500,000–\$600,000 funding gap exists.
- City will pursue discussions with developers and potentially revisit IDOT funding assistance.

3. Water Infrastructure

- Small diameter water main replacements (including areas near Eureka Street).
- Transite water main replacements.
- Hydrant replacements.
- Water meter replacement program acceleration.
- Installation of centralized meter reading system.

4. Sanitary Sewer Projects

- Upsizing undersized sanitary sewer at the wastewater plant entrance.
- Addressing sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs).
- Flow monitoring study for Inflow & Infiltration (I&I).
- Manhole rehabilitation and spot repairs.
- Blower replacements at wastewater treatment plant.
- Septic waste tracking system upgrades.

5. Stormwater Projects

- Targeted drainage improvements (Kern Street, Mitchell Street).
- Culvert replacements and phased improvements.
- Maintenance of open drainage systems.

Mayor Lyons emphasized the importance of having a long-term capital plan to guide future administrations and councils. Administration noted that projects may shift year-to-year depending on revenue and emergency needs.

C. Red Carpet Corridor Entertainment Funding

Josh provided an update on the upcoming Red Carpet Corridor Festival, scheduled for **May 2–3, 2026**, in celebration of the Route 66 Centennial.

Heritage Corridor Destinations awarded Braidwood **\$2,100** in grant funds for entertainment during the festival.

Entertainment Plans:

- **Saturday:** The Silhouettes (4-hour performance) – \$1,500
- **Sunday:** DJ George (Chi-City Entertainment) – \$600

The grant is reimbursement-based.

Additional Festival Updates:

- 11 vendors registered (additional interest received).
- \$20 vendor fee benefiting Shriners Children’s Hospital.

- Rusty Nuts Car Club is hosting a car show.
- Anticipated increased tourism due to the Route 66 Centennial.
- Planning to involve the newly forming Special Events Committee.

No formal action taken at this time.

D. Amendment – Fire and Burglar Alarm Ordinance

The Chief presented minor revisions to the City’s false alarm ordinance.

Proposed changes:

- Two false alarms allowed per enrollment period (warning only).
- \$75 fine for 3rd–7th false alarm.
- \$150 fine beginning with 8th false alarm.

The purpose is to align procedures and ordinance violation fines.

E. Amendment – Planning & Zoning Meeting Dates

Administration reported discussions are underway to move Planning Commission meetings from the **first Monday** to the **second Monday** of each month due to a scheduling conflict with the zoning planner.

This will be brought forward at a future meeting for formal approval.

F. Route 66 Bench Grant

The City received a grant for a decorative Route 66-themed bench resembling a Dodge pickup tailgate. An artist will complete a mural on the bench at no cost.

The bench is planned for installation at the Braidwood Zoo. A “selfie wall” is also being planned in time for the Route 66 Centennial events.

Public Comment

No public comments were offered.

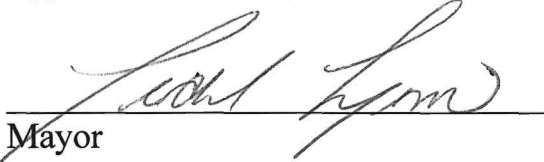
Adjournment

Commissioner Dixon made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wietting, to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting on February 10, 2026. Motion carried with 5 ayes; 0 nays. (Dixon, Wietting, Mikel, Walsh, and Lyons)

The next Committee of the Whole meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 6:30 pm.

The next Regular City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

Approved this 10th day of March, 2026.



Mayor



City Clerk

