

CITY OF BRAIDWOOD AGENDA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
141 W. MAIN ST.
Tuesday, August 12, 2025 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. **DISCUSSION:**
 - 1. Grocery Tax 1%-Bryan
 - 2. 120 Water Quotes for Lead Survey required by IEPA-Rob
 - 3. Dumping fill on lots-Steve
 - 4. Internet Upgrade-Josh

- V. **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.

- VI. **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

- VII. **Next Committee of the Whole meeting is Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 6:30 pm.**

- VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Minutes of the Committee of the Whole of the Braidwood City Council, Tuesday, August 12, 2025.
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 Braidwood 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 Walsh, and Mayor Lyons
- Absent: Commissioner Wietting, Commissioner Mikel

Appointed Officials:

- Present: City Consulting Manager Gulden, City Clerk Weaver, City Engineer Sean Kelly, City Attorney Wellner
- Absent: None

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

1. PRESENTATIONS

1) Grocery Tax 1%

Attorney Bryan Wellner presented an ordinance implementing a Municipal Grocery Retailers’ Occupation Tax and a Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax. Public Act 103-0781 repeals the statewide 1% grocery tax effective January 1, 2026, but grants municipalities authority to adopt their own 1% tax by ordinance. If the city does not adopt and provide notice to the Illinois Department of Revenue by October 1, 2025, it will lose this revenue stream.

The Council discussed concerns regarding passing the tax onto consumers. This matter will be placed on the September 9, 2025, City Council meeting agenda for a vote.

2) 120 Water Quotes – Lead & Copper Survey

On behalf of Plant Operator Rob Grivetti, Liz Johns of 120 Water presented options to ensure compliance with the IEPA Lead & Copper Survey. Three quotes were provided.

Rob recommended moving forward with the \$24,903.96 option, which includes inventory, program, event management, workflows, and communications. This matter will be placed on the September 9, 2025, City Council meeting agenda for a vote.

3) Dumping Fill on Lots

City Consulting Manager Steve Gulden addressed reports of developers and contractors dumping earth and construction spoils on vacant properties with the permission of property owners. He noted such activity violates local, county, and state regulations.

City Engineer Sean Kelly explained the necessary rules and permits for disposing of dirt. The Council directed staff to move forward with steps to bring all parties into compliance.

4) Internet Upgrade

City Consulting Manager Steve Gulden presented on behalf of Josh Bolatto regarding the proposed switch from Comcast Business to Surf Internet to improve City Hall and Police Department technology infrastructure. Comcast's service was found to be inadequate and restrictive.

This matter will be placed on the September 9, 2025, City Council meeting agenda for a vote.

2. REPORTS

Proposed Amendments – Contractors in the Code of Ordinances

By unanimous consent, the Council agreed to consider proposed amendments regarding contractor registration, including:

- Updating the contractor list to clarify exemptions and inclusions
- Revising the definition of “contractor”
- Establishing monetary thresholds for trades that do not require inspection (e.g., power washing)

Public Comment:

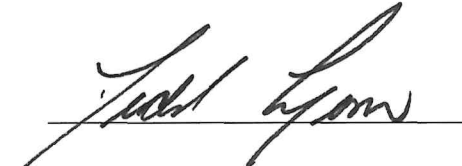
- *Bob Earling, 560 N. School St.* – Expressed concern that the ordinance may classify everyone as a contractor, even children selling cookies or mowing lawns. He emphasized that enforcement should be consistent and not selective.
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Adjournment

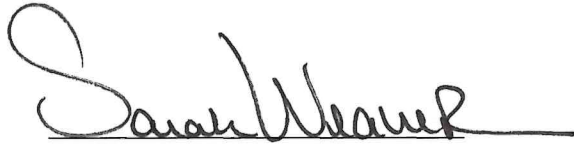
Commissioner Walsh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Dixon, to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting of August 12, 2025. Motion carried with 3 ayes (Walsh, Dixon, Lyons); 0 nays.

The next Committee of the Whole meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.**

Approved this 9th day of September, 2025.



Mayor



City Clerk

