

**Minutes of the RESCHEDULED Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council Thursday,
March 12, 2026.**

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

I. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council on March 12, 2026, was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Lyons in the Council Chambers of the Braidwood City Hall.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Lyons requested all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call by City Clerk

Upon Roll Call by the Clerk, the following members of the corporate authorities answered “Here” or “Present”;

Elected Officials:

Present: Liz Dixon, Warren Wietting, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons

Absent: James Mikel

Appointed Officials:

Present: City Consultant Manager Steve Gulden, Chief Eric Allen, City Clerk Sarah Weaver, and City Attorney Bryan Wellner

Absent: City Engineer Sean Kelly

Quorum: There being sufficient members of the corporate authorities in attendance to constitute a quorum, the meeting was declared in order.

IV. Public Comment

Jay Dixon, 195 N. Lincoln Street, addressed the Council to commend the Braidwood Police Department. Mr. Dixon stated that Officer Zach Manos noticed his vehicle trunk was open late one evening and stopped to notify him, preventing a potential dead battery. Mr. Dixon thanked the officer for his attentiveness and service.

V. Approval of Minutes

A. Approve Minutes of the Tuesday, February 24, 2026, Regular Council Meeting.

Comm. Public Buildings & Property Warren Wietting made a motion, seconded by Comm. Accounts & Finance Liz Dixon, to Approve. Motion with 4 ayes; 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Liz Dixon, Warren Wietting, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)

VI. Reports by City Officials

A. Mayor

• Narcan Box

A Narcan distribution box has been placed in the hallway at City Hall through the Braidwood Area Healthy Community Coalition. Residents can obtain Narcan at no cost.

• Digital Entrance Signs

City staff met with a digital sign company regarding installing entrance signs within the city. The company would construct and maintain the signs while covering costs through advertising revenue. The City would receive free message time for public notices. Several potential locations are being explored, including near the Mastodon property, while working to avoid IDOT permitting issues.

B. City Management Consultant

- Constellation Nuclear Plant Tour

Mayor Lyons, Police Chief, City Clerk, and Steve toured the Constellation nuclear power plant. Officials noted the facility's high level of professionalism, safety measures, and advanced technology. Staff also noted that approximately 50% of Illinois' electricity is generated by nuclear power.

- Blood Drive

A community blood drive will be held on March 19 from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM at City Hall, organized by ESDA Director Josh.

- Decorative Street Signs

The City is exploring decorative poles for street and stop signs along Main Street to improve appearance and reduce multiple sign poles at intersections.

- Secure Truck Lines Development

City staff is nearing an agreement on Phase 1 improvements for the Secure Truck Lines trailer storage site on Route 53. Improvements include water service installation, berm relocation, fencing, landscaping, brick entrance features, and asphalt paving. The proposal will return to Council for final site plan approval and a front yard fence variance.

1. Request a motion to approve Ordinance 26-14 Amending the Code of Ordinances for the City of Braidwood as it pertains to Chapter 22 Buildings and Building Regulations, Chapter 38 Fire Prevention and Protection and Chapter 54 Manufactured Homes and Trailers
Comm. Streets & Public Improvements Dale Walsh made a motion, seconded by Comm. Public Buildings & Property Warren Wietting, to Approve. Motion Passed with 4 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Liz Dixon, Warren Wietting, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)
2. Request a motion to approve Ordinance 26-15 Granting variances and approving a site plan for 225 N. Hickory Street, Braidwood, IL 60408 (PIN No. 02-24-07-117-001-0000)
Comm. Public Buildings & Property Warren Wietting made a motion, seconded by Comm. Accounts & Finance Liz Dixon, to Approve. Motion Passed with 4 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Liz Dixon, Warren Wietting, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)

C. Clerk

Residents were reminded that yard waste collection resumes April 1. Beginning with the first collection week in April, yard waste carts must only contain yard waste. Garbage placed in those carts will not be collected.

The City is continuing work on the new municipal website, which is expected to launch later this month or early April.

D. Engineer

1. Request a motion to approve Resolution 26-2 for Construction on State Highways
Comm. Streets & Public Improvements Dale Walsh made a motion, seconded by Comm. Public Buildings & Property Warren Wietting, to Approve. Motion Passed with 4 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Liz Dixon, Warren Wietting, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)

E. City Attorney

1. Request a motion to approve Ordinance 26-16 Authorizing Execution of an agreement between the City of Braidwood and property owners and finds that the property located at 693 W. Main Street is a legal nonconforming 693 W. Main St. Braidwood, IL 60408 (PIN No. 02-24-07-406-001-0000)
Comm. Streets & Public Improvements Dale Walsh made a motion, seconded by Comm. Accounts & Finance Liz Dixon, to Approve. Motion Passed with 4 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Liz Dixon, Warren Wietting, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)

VII. Reports by City Commissioners

A. Accounts and Finances

The Commissioner also reported:

- The City audit is proceeding on schedule and must be completed by June 30.
- The water rate increase will be limited to 2% for the 2026–2027 budget year.
- The City's General Fund reported a \$524,000 surplus, with overall governmental funds showing a \$1.16 million surplus.

1. Approve Payment of Bills in the amount of \$265,911.65

Comm. Accounts & Finance Liz Dixon made a motion, seconded by Comm. Public Buildings & Property Warren Wietting, to Approve. Motion Passed with 4 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Liz Dixon, Warren Wietting, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)

2. Approve Payroll in the amount of \$96,628.70

Comm. Accounts & Finance Liz Dixon made a motion, seconded by Comm. Streets & Public Improvements Dale Walsh, to Approve. Motion Passed with 4 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Liz Dixon, Warren Wietting, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)

B. Streets and Public Improvements

Discussion included:

- Installation of decorative street sign poles on Main Street.
- Removal of an abandoned utility box near I-55 and Kennedy Road.
- Maintenance work on zoo animal displays.

C. Public Buildings & Property

Work continues on repairs to Well #1, and the pump is expected to be operational soon.

D. Public Health & Safety

Chief Allen reported:

- 118 traffic stops
- 27 citations issued
- 79 written warnings
- 18 ordinance violations
- 3 semi-truck violations
- 10 properties brought into vehicle compliance

The ESDA volunteers were recognized for staffing the Emergency Operations Center and performing storm monitoring during recent severe weather events.

E. Planning & Zoning

Recent Planning and Zoning items were previously discussed and approved by the Council earlier in the meeting

1. The next Planning and Zoning meeting is to be announced.

VIII. Old Business

None.

IX. New Business

Commissioner Walsh discussed semi-truck traffic traveling on Division Street south of Main Street. Chief Allen said police have issued citations and provided route maps to trucking companies to redirect drivers to approved truck routes.

X. Executive Session

A. 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) (1))

B. Motion to close executive session

XI. Next Meeting

A. The next Council Meeting is Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

B. The next Committee of the Whole Meeting is Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 6:30 pm.

XII. Adjournment

Comm. Public Buildings & Property Warren Wietting made a motion, seconded by Comm. Streets & Public Improvements Dale Walsh, to Adjourn. Motion Passed with 4 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Liz Dixon, Warren Wietting, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)

Mayor

City Clerk