

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Braidwood City Council Tuesday, March 24, 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 24, 2026 was called to order at 7:00 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, James Mikel, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons

Absent: None

Appointed Officials:

Present: City Clerk Sarah Weaver, City Attorney Bryan Wellner, Sgt. Chris Altieri (Acting Police Chief), and City Engineer Sean Kelly

Absent: City Consultant Manager Steve Gulden and Police Chief Eric Allen

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

IV. Public Comment

None.

V. Approval of Minutes

A. Approve Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting RESCHEDULED to Thursday, March 12, 2026
Comm. Streets & Public Improvements Dale Walsh made a motion, seconded by Comm. Accounts & Finance Liz Dixon, to Approve. Motion Passed with 5 ayes; 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Liz Dixon, Warren Wietting, James Mikel, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)

VI. Reports by City Officials

A. Mayor

- Beautification Committee: The City is revamping the Beautification Commission. Staff met with representatives to discuss restructuring. A draft ordinance and bylaws will be presented in April. Downtown flower planting is scheduled for April 25.
- Division Street Mechanic Shop: Building permit has expired; a stop work order has been issued due to non-compliance with approved plans and improper concrete grading. A meeting is scheduled with the owner.
- Well #1: Additional piping is required; project completion is anticipated within 7–10 days.
- Truck Route Signage: The Police Chief and staff are coordinating placement of approximately 9–10 “No Truck” signs.
- CDL Training: Training for new employees is in progress.
- Boundary Agreements: Meetings have been held with neighboring municipalities to discuss

boundary agreements.

- Economic Development: A developer marketing packet is being created to promote growth opportunities in Braidwood.

B. City Management Consultant

Absent.

C. Clerk

No report.

D. Engineer

1. Request a motion to approve Resolution 26-3 Authorizing and Approving a certain purchase of Rock Salt from the State of Illinois for the City of Braidwood for the 2026-2027 Winter Season
Comm. Public Buildings & Property Warren Wietting made a motion, seconded by Comm. Streets & Public Improvements Dale Walsh, to Approve. Motion with 5 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Liz Dixon, Warren Wietting, James Mikel, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)

- Discussion of material bidding program; current pricing approximately \$70.31 per ton.

2. Request a motion to approve Ordinance 26-17 Approving and Authorizing the City of Braidwood to enter into and for the mayor to execute a proposal for professional engineering services with Robinson Engineering regarding the 2026 Sanitary Sewer Flow Monitoring
Comm. Public Buildings & Property Warren Wietting made a motion, seconded by Comm. Public Health & Safety James Mikel, to Approve. Motion Passed with 5 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Liz Dixon, Warren Wietting, James Mikel, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)

- Proposal to install flow monitors to identify infiltration and inflow (I&I) issues.
- Six monitoring locations identified.
- Work to begin this spring; billing to begin after May 1 (next fiscal year).

E. City Attorney

1. Request a motion to approve Ordinance 26-18 Authorizing the City of Braidwood to enter into and for the mayor of Braidwood to execute a proposal for Professional Services and a Professional Services Agreement with RVi Planning + Landscape Architecture
Comm. Public Health & Safety James Mikel made a motion, seconded by Comm. Accounts & Finance Liz Dixon, to Approve. Motion Passed with 3 ayes: 2 nays; 0 Abstain (Liz Dixon, James Mikel, Todd Lyons)

- Presented an ordinance approving a Professional Services Agreement with RVi Planning and Landscape Architecture for the Braidwood Town Center project.
- Total project cost: \$1,524,100 (including \$600,000 grant).
- RVi portion: \$130,000.
- Completion required by Spring 2028.

VII. Reports by City Commissioners

A. Accounts and Finances

1. Approve Payment of Bills in the amount of \$162,662.54
Comm. Accounts & Finance Liz Dixon made a motion, seconded by Comm. Public Health & Safety James Mikel, to Approve. Motion Passed with 5 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Liz Dixon, Warren Wietting, James Mikel, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)
2. Approve Payroll in the amount of \$95,081.12
Comm. Accounts & Finance Liz Dixon made a motion, seconded by Comm. Public Health & Safety James Mikel, to Approve. Motion with 5 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Liz Dixon, Warren Wietting, James Mikel, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)
3. Approve Ordinance 26-20 amending the Water and Sewer Service Rates for 2026
Comm. Accounts & Finance Liz Dixon made a motion, seconded by Comm. Public Health & Safety James Mikel, to Approve. Motion Passed with 5 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Liz Dixon, Warren Wietting, James Mikel, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)

- Proposed amendment reduces the May 1, 2026, rate increase from 4% to 2%.
- Future increases revert to standard 4% beginning May 1, 2027.

4. Motion to approve Resolution 26-4 FY2027 MFT Street Resurfacing (May 1, 2026 - April 30, 2027)
Comm. Accounts & Finance Liz Dixon made a motion, seconded by Comm. Streets & Public Improvements Dale Walsh, to Approve. Motion Passed with 5 ayes: 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Liz Dixon, Warren Wietting, James Mikel, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)

- \$684,000 appropriation for roadway maintenance, salt, and related expenses.
- Plan to complete up to four streets, depending on final costs.

B. Streets and Public Improvements
No report.

C. Public Buildings & Property

- Roof replacements underway at water plant and related buildings.
- Project nearing completion.

D. Public Health & Safety

Police Department activity report (March 10–23, 2026):

- 283 calls for service
- 27 case reports
- 9 arrests (21 charges)
- 92 traffic stops
- 47 citations / 53 warnings
- 3 semi-truck violations
- 8 code enforcement cases resolved

E. Planning & Zoning
No report.

VIII. Old Business

- Discussion regarding park funding and use of grant funds. Clarification provided that most parks fall under the Park District, with limited City-owned recreational property.

IX. New Business

- Discussion regarding adding curb, gutter, and sidewalks to future road projects.
- Engineer provided cost estimates (~\$55-\$60 per linear foot) and noted infrastructure and drainage considerations.
- Discussion of IDOT permitting requirements for signage along state routes.

X. Executive Session

None.

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) (11))

B. Motion to close executive session

XI. Next Meeting

The next Council Meeting is Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 7 pm.

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


XII. Adjournment

Comm. Public Health & Safety James Mikel made a motion, seconded by Comm. Streets & Public Improvements Dale Walsh, to Approve. Motion Passed with 5 ayes; 0 nays; 0 Abstain (Liz Dixon, Warren Wietting, James Mikel, Dale Walsh, Todd Lyons)



Mayor





City Clerk