

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * NOVEMBER 18, 2014

AGENDA

1. **ENTERPRISE ZONE ORDINANCE** – Establishing an Enterprise Zone within the City of Breese. Said Enterprise Zone within Clinton County encompassing contiguous portions of the Village of Albers, Village of Aviston, City of Breese, City of Carlyle, Village of Damiansville, Village of Germantown, Village of New Baden, City of Trenton, and Unincorporated Clinton County.
2. **LAND LEASE AGREEMENT** – Verizon Wireless to build a cell tower on City owned property at the street department.
3. **LAND PURCHASE** – A 25' x 800' strip of property at the north end of TLV Estates and just south of New Rt. 50. Seller: Ted Voss. Cost: \$30,000. The future use of the property would be for drainage purposes.
4. **ZONING HEARING** – November 20th at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall. Jennifer Jansen request a Special Use Permit for a Home Occupation at her residence located at 421 N. 9th St. The home occupation would be a massage therapy business.
5. **CITY ELECTION** – April 7, 2015. Filing period: December 15-22, 2014.

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Minutes of the proceeding of the 38th Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held in City Hall on the above date.

Mayor Charles E. Hilmes called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Aldermen in attendance: Robert Berndsen, Bill Fischer, Debbie Koetting, Carl Ratermann, Paul Steinman, Norb Tebbe, Kevin Timmermann, Gary Usselmann.

City Officials: Utility Plant Operations Manager Dale Detmer, Public Works Manager Don Voss, City Business Administrator Tim Schleper, Police Chief Bob Fix, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson.

Press: Vicky Albers, Breese Journal.
Philip Sledge, Centralia Sentinel.

Visitors: Breese Lions Club: Larry Pollmann, Dan Wobbe, Bruce Benhoff, Dan Schumacher, John Baro, Kurt Ripperda, Marty Gorman, Paul Steinman, Carl Ratermann. Others: Matthew Wright, Houston Kruse, Caleb Thomas, Ron Blumenstein, Rose Ann Blumenstein.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Motion by Steinman seconded by Ratermann to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 4th and place on file. Motion Carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Usselmann seconded by Berndsen to authorize payment of the bills submitted. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Tebbe, Timmermann, Usselmann, Berndsen, Fischer, Koetting, Ratermann, Steinman. Motion Carried.

Mayor Hilmes recognized long-time City employee Ron Blumenstein. Ron recently retired after working for the City for 38 years full-time and 2 years part-time in the utility department. Alderman Berndsen commented that Ron probably did just about every job and said the City was losing a lot of knowledge.

Lions Club President Larry Pollmann thanked the Council for helping them on the renovations to the East Shelter. He stated they spent about \$4,800 for new steel, \$7,400 for painting and sandblasting. Since their budget was \$15,000, he said they still plan on purchasing some handicapped accessible picnic tables. The shelter was built by the Lions Club in 1974.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Motion by Tebbe seconded by Steinman to pass Ordinance #1312 as presented. It establishes an Enterprise Zone within the City of Breese. The said enterprise zone within Clinton County encompassing contiguous portions of the Village of Albers, Village of Aviston, City of Breese, City of Carlyle, Village of Damiansville, Village of Germantown, Village of New Baden, City of Trenton, and Unincorporated Clinton County. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Timmermann, Usselmann, Berndsen, Fischer, Koetting, Ratermann, Steinman, Tebbe. Motion Carried.

Mayor Hilmes commented the Enterprise Zone is another economic development tool in a joint venture with the stated towns in Clinton County. The purpose is to spur development within the Zone.

PUBLIC WORKS – UTILITIES:

Alderman Berndsen stated the new engine/generator (#8) had its final test yesterday. Only some minor adjustments were needed.

Alderman Berndsen reported the Relief Sewer Project is well underway. The contractor, Haier Plumbing, will be working on North 1st Street heading east from the power plant toward Haag Street, and then north to the lift station.

PUBLIC WORKS – STREET/DRAINAGE:

Motion by Timmermann seconded by Koetting to approve the Land Lease Agreement between the City and Verizon Wireless. Verizon plans on building a cell tower on City owned property at the street department. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Usselmann, Berndsen, Fischer, Koetting, Ratermann, Steinman, Tebbe, Timmermann. Motion Carried.

Motion by Timmermann seconded by Berndsen to purchase an approximate 25' x 800' strip of property from Ted Voss at a cost of \$30,000. Further, provisions in the sales agreement shall include the City being able to access the property. The property is located at the north end of TLV Estates and just south of New Rt. 50. The future use of the property would be for drainage purposes. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Berndsen, Fischer, Koetting, Ratermann, Steinman, Tebbe, Timmermann, Usselmann. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Alderman Fischer noted that the Christmas Parade will be held on November 29th starting at 6 p.m. Fireworks will follow the parade at the north park.

RECREATION:

Alderman Ratermann stated the Bent Oak Golf Course is sponsoring an "Appreciation Day" on December 7th at the clubhouse and all are welcome.

ZONING/BUILDING INSPECTION:

Alderman Steinman reported a zoning hearing is scheduled for November 20th at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall. Jennifer Jansen request a Special Use Permit for a Home Occupation at her residence located at 421 N. 9th St. The home occupation would be a massage therapy business.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Hilmes noted that the City and School elections will be held on April 7, 2015. The filing period is December 15-22, 2014. Petitions for the City election can be picked up at the city clerk office during normal business hours.

Mayor said IDOT will be working on the Rt. 50 overpass at North Walnut St. The work consists of replacing joints and asphalt overlay. The bid letting for the project is set for January 16, 2015.

Mayor Hilmes reported the Boy/Cub Scouts picked up about 4,000 items at their Scouting for Food drive last Saturday.

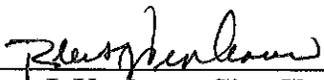
Council congratulated the Mater Dei Lady Knights for taking 3rd Place in the Class 3A Volleyball Tournament. The State finals were held last weekend on the campus of Illinois State University in Normal.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Steinman seconded by Usselmann to adjourn after no further business was brought before the Council. Motion Carried by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by:


Robert J. Verhaus, City Clerk