

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING \* APRIL 21, 2015

AGENDA

1. MARK RICHTER, CPA – Audit City Books for Fiscal 2015.
2. ZONING HEARING – April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall. Verizon Wireless requests a variance to build a 185’ self-supporting tower within a 75’ x 75’ lease area. An additional 10’ would be required for the lightning rod bringing the total height to 195’. The maximum building height in a C-1 district is 35’. The property is located at 980 South Broadway, behind the southwest corner of Southside Park.

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Minutes of the proceeding of the 48<sup>th</sup> 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. Absent: Gary Usselmann.

City Officials: Utility Plant Operations Manager Dale Detmer, Public Works Manager Don Voss, Police Chief Bob Fix, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson, Zoning Administrator John Becker.

Press: Philip Sledge, Centralia Sentinel.

Visitors: Chris Hamilton (Alderman-elect), Larissa Woltering, Brooke Schulte, Carley Albers, Breanna Beckmann, Michael Reynolds, Danny Foster.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Motion by Fischer seconded by Steinman to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 7<sup>th</sup> and place on file. Motion Carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Motion by Tebbe seconded by Koetting to engage Mark G. Richter, CPA to audit the City's books for Fiscal 2015. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Tebbe, Timmermann, Berndsen, Fischer, Koetting, Ratermann, Steinman. Absent: Usselmann. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Mayor Hilmes noted that the Clinton County Crimestoppers have increased their reward to \$10,000 (from \$5,000) for information leading to the whereabouts of Vince Wesselmann. Vince was last seen on April 22, 2011 and was 75 yrs old at that time. Anyone having information can contact the police department.

RECREATION:

Alderman Ratermann reported the East bathroom is essentially completed. Work has started on the Hannah's Playground Project.

The swim pool filter project is well underway. Don Kuhl has been hired to paint the swim pool and buildings.

ZONING/BUILDING INSPECTION:

Alderman Steinman reminded all of the zoning hearing on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in city hall. Verizon Wireless has requested a variance to build a 185' self-supporting tower. An additional 10' would be required for the lightning rod. The maximum building height in a C-1 district is 35'. The property is located at 980 South Broadway, behind the southwest corner of Southside Park.

HEALTH & WELFARE:

The last day the leaf dump site at the Jansen Farm will accept leaves is April 26.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Will testify in favor of St. Elizabeth Hospital building a new facility in O'Fallon, IL. The hospital is currently located in Belleville.
- Urged all to oppose SB 1206 which would restrict TIF projects and redevelopments.
- Will attend a press conference on April 22<sup>nd</sup> along with other Mayor's from the Southwest Conference of Mayor's. They will oppose any reduction to the LGDF. Governor Rauner has proposed a 50% reduction to Cities and Counties. The City of Breese would lose about \$217,000/year. This would be a severe blow to the General Fund and cause drastic measures to be taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by: Robert J. Venhaus  
Robert J. Venhaus, City Clerk