

FINANCE MEETING

DATE: 8-17-15

TOPICS PREPARED FROM DEPARTMENT MEETING: 8-15-15

UTILITIES:

- Sewer upgrade report
- Bucket Truck recommendation

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Sewer grant report
- Project worked on this month
- Sept. 8, 9, & 11 – Rock and Oiling of NE quadrant of Breese
- 9-29-15 & 10-2-15 – Rock and oiling of alleys and driveways, 15 cents/sq. ft.
- Vacate right of way in Clintonian Plaza and Haag Foods house
- Tif 3 – drainage north of Holy Cross – Brad Hummert, we will start with him if he is there early

POLICE:

- Part time applicants - report
- Houses on Walnut St. and Main St.

RECREATION:

- Christmas Lighting Committee
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BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

- Economic developments – TIF 3
- Health Ins. changes

CITY CLERK:

- City Clerk changes
- Meissner property – closing on Aug. 31

AMBULANCE:

- Scramble report

- Equipment request

ZONING:

- Votes on zoning board recommendations for Ace Hardware & Toni Garcia
- Sept. 3, 2015 hearing – Beth Woltering request

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- CXS railroad news
- State budget – loss of video gaming revenue and MFT until budget is approved
- Salaried employees contract

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING \* AUGUST 17, 2015**

Minutes of the finance committee meeting of the Breese City Council held in City Hall on the above date. The meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m.

**Aldermen in attendance:** Robert Berndsen, Bill Fischer, Chris Hamilton, Debbie Koetting, Carl Ratermann, Paul Steinman, Kevin Timmermann, Gary Usselman.

**City Officials:** Mayor Charles E. Hilmes, Utility Plant Operations Manager Dale Detmer, Public Works Manager Don Voss, City Business Administrator Tim Schleper.

**Visitors:** Brad Hummert.

The Council reviewed the bills to be paid. Copies of the city clerk and city treasurer reports for July were distributed at the August 4<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

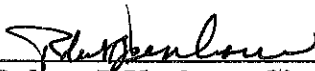
The Council went over the attached agenda prepared by Mayor Hilmes. The following is action taken relative to the agenda or other matters discussed.

1. **New Bucket Truck.** Approved the purchase of a 2016 Altec Industries Model TA60 bucket truck in the amount of \$184,997 to be used in the electric department.
2. **Detention areas for proposed new TIF.** Brad Hummert of HMG Engineers showed the Council some scenarios regarding detention areas for the proposed new TIF District north of town. One involves the purchase of some property. Council agreed to approach the property owner(s) regarding the matter.
3. **Relief sewer grant.** The final paperwork has been submitted. The matter of not including minority and female participation goals in the bid specs has created a problem. City working with DCEO and the Capital Development Board to get the issue resolved.
4. **Vacate Right-of-Way.** Council approved on proceeding to vacate the ROW on Haag Street.
5. **Vacate Right-of-Way.** Council tabled the request by Mark Timmermann to vacate ROW on the west side of Clintonian Plaza until some issues have been resolved.
6. **Vacate Right-of-Way.** Council denied the request of Doug & Jane Nelson to vacate ROW near North 1<sup>st</sup> and Mine Street.

7. Jerry Lampe Sewer Backup. The cause was tree roots in the City's main. City insurance company denied Lampe's claim. The insurance company did not find the City to be negligent. Lampe claimed damages of about \$15,000 for cleanup and replacement.
8. Part-time police officers. The recent ad in the paper did not bring qualified applicants.
9. Officer Rick Fitzgerald. Workman's Compensation approved him to work "light duty" and still receive workman's compensation. He is currently working light duty.
10. Health Insurance. Council agreed to accept the proposal from Blue Cross Blue Shield for an increase of 9% starting in October 2015. The anniversary date would have been January 1, 2016.
11. Meissner property. Council agreed to proceed with the purchase of the Meissner property. The realty company received an offer slightly higher than the City's agreed upon price.
12. EMS Golf Tournament. The tournament gross take was about \$20,000 and the net was about \$15,000.
13. PowerLOAD and Stair Chair. Council agreed to purchase the equipment for the ambulance department. The total cost was \$26,120.50 and use the proceeds of the tournament to help pay for it.
14. CSX Railroad. The CSX Railroad that goes through town has shut down for the foreseeable future.
15. Salary employees. Council discussed the counter-proposals submitted from some of the employees.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by:

  
Robert J. Venhaus, City Clerk