

FINANCE MEETING

DATE: Jan 19, 2015

TOPICS PREPARED FROM DEPARTMENT MEETING: Jan 15, 2015

UTILITIES:

- CPI on utility rates
- Ordinance on Power Cost Adjustment
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PUBLIC WORKS:

- Relief Sewer update – Haier close to completion
- TLV – Sidewalks and access
- Proposed 2015 work projects – weather and funding can change projects and schedule

POLICE:

- Ryan Isaak – started schooling
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RECREATION:

- Pool filters – application submitted to Health Dept.
- Hannah's restroom – block being laid, roof to come after

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

- TIF contracts: Breese Lawn & Garden; Mid-West Tractor Service; Legacy's & Niemeyer's Ins. Agency contracts coming
- Haag loan update
- Holy Cross East drainage project – close to DCEO approval
- Comprehensive Plan update
- Enterprise Zone update

CITY CLERK:

- Ordinance Book revision – Questions from the City Attorney; next step is setting meeting with Frank Heiligenstein to finalize changes/additions

AMBULANCE:

- Billing program report

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ZONING:

- Feb. 5, 2015 – Zoning Board meeting on Mayberry request

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MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Salary negotiations in 2015 for both salaried and hourly employees – do we go with percentage increase or flat increase???
- Note being sent to employees about Long term Care option from IMRF
- Rt. 50 coalition dues – Our share is \$700 for 2015, short report of meeting
- Rainy day fund – raise from \$100,000 To \$125,000 in monthly report
- Ward Boundaries – Ward 2 has 633 registered voters. Ward 1 – 836 voters; Ward 3 – 892 voters; Ward 4 803 voters. Average should be 791 voters. Contacted County clerk about changing ward boundaries for Nov. 2016 elections
- Telecommunications Tax – now is 1% which equal just over \$26,000/yr. Could increase to 6% which would give general fund around \$130,000/yr more revenue. Maybe look at something in the middle??

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING * JANUARY 19, 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, Debbie Koetting, Carl Ratermann, Paul Steinman, Norb Tebbe, 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: Chris Hamilton

The Council reviewed the bills to be paid. Copies of the city clerk and city treasurer reports for December were distributed at the January 6th 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. **Lincoln Village Subdivision Addition.** Developer Frank Richter showed the Council his plans for a 10-lot addition. 6-Lots north of Patriot Drive and 6-Lots south of Patriot Drive. Council approved for Frank to proceed with the Preliminary Plat.
2. **Electric Rates/Power Cost Adjust.** Ordinance to make the modifications to be presented for action at January 20th Council meeting. All in favor.
3. **Lineman Jason Deering.** Leaving the City to work for Clinton County Electric Coop and February 16th will be his last day. The main reason given for resigning is the City's residency requirement.
4. **Swim Pool Filter.** The Permit application has been sent to the State.
5. **Sidewalks in Subdivisions.** Council in agreement that the sidewalks should be installed once the house has been built.
6. **New Officer Ryan Isaak.** Recently started the police academy at SWIC.
7. **Proposed Hannah's Playground.** City in need of a site plan.
8. **Haag Food Service.** Paperwork is being finalized to complete their request for a \$200,000 Revolving Loan from the City.

9. **Revolving Loan Funds.** State recently approved \$315,000 of the City's Revolving Loan Funds for the drainage project on Holy Cross Lane East. St. Joseph Hospital expansion project justified the jobs requirement.
10. **Update Code of Ordinances.** The review basically finished and a meeting with Illinois Codification will be setup to finalize the updates.
11. **Ambulance Billing Program.** Cost of the proposed new program not favorable. May stay with Mediclaims if they can produce better reports.
12. **Pay Raises.** Council mixed on whether to go with percentage increase or flat increases.
13. **Rainy Day Fund.** Council agreed to raise the amount to \$125,000.
14. **Ward Boundaries.** Ward 2 is deficient and working with County clerk to rectify the matter.
15. **Telecommunication Tax.** Tax is now 1% but can go to 6%. City currently receives about \$26,000/yr. The matter table for further study.
16. **Surplus property.** Street department will be accepting bids for some items. Ad will be placed in paper.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by:



Robert J. Venhaus, City Clerk