

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * JANUARY 6, 2015

AGENDA

1. **HEALTH INSURANCE** – Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois as employee’s health insurance provider, effective January 1, 2015.

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Minutes of the proceeding of the 41st 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.

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, EMS Director Michael Berndsen.

Press: Vicky Albers, Breese Journal.

Visitors: Chris Hamilton.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Motion by Steinman seconded by Ratermann to approve the minutes of the meetings held on December 15 & 16, 2014 and place on file. Motion Carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS – UTILITIES:

Alderman Berndsen reported the Relief Sewer Project is progressing well. Work is now being done on N. Chestnut and will end at the alley just before Old Rt. 50. The sewers at this project area are about 15' deep. Don Voss commented that the roads in the affected areas will be repaired well before summer.

PUBLIC WORKS – STREETS/DRAINAGE:

Alderman Timmermann asked residents to obey the snow routes when snowfall reaches two inches.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

EMS Director Michael Berndsen stated that the ambulance service had 1,056 runs in 2014.

RECREATION:

Alderman Ratermann stated the first park board meeting of 2015 will be held on January 28th at 7:00 p.m. in city hall.

HEALTH & WELFARE:

Motion by Usselmann seconded by Fischer to approve Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois as the employee's health insurance provider, effective January 1, 2015. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Timmermann, Usselmann, Berndsen, Fischer, Koetting, Ratermann, Steinman, Tebbe. Motion Carried. Alderman Usselmann thanked Don Voss for the fine job of handling the health insurance process.

It was noted that the leaf dump is closed. Also, Waste Management has suspended yard waste pickup until March.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Hilmes asked department heads to review the changes to the City Code Update Proposals as submitted by Frank Heiligenstein of Illinois Codification Services. The goal is to finalize the updates by February 1st.

Alderman Steinman asked residents to make sure their outdoor pets are warm and have plenty of water during this period of extreme cold weather.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by:


Robert J. Venhaus, City Clerk