

FINANCE MEETING

DATE: 3-16-15

TOPICS PREPARED FROM DEPARTMENT MEETING: prepared from emails received from supervisors

UTILITIES:

- Needed upgrades at wastewater plant
- Water Tap-On fees – Sen. McCarter's bill SB 1815 – Local Gov't Committee

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Pool filter project

POLICE:

- Set date for Police committee meeting – March ³⁰~~23~~ at 7 pm

RECREATION:

- Hannah's Playground project
- Opening of parks

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

- Project OS 12-1788 – splashpad/ baby pool project - suspending project costs until further notice. Will get same notice for sewer project

CITY CLERK

- Budgets for 2015-2016

AMBULANCE:

- Computers and billing options

ZONING:

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- TIF Conference Apr. 8 – 10 in Columbia
- Posting Truth in Taxation on our website in addition to newspaper. SB792
- Rt. 50 meeting Mar. 20 – Olney – Rep Reils and IDOT assistant secretary Rich Brauer
- Salary negotiations: will have to wait until we know what the state Legislature is going to do.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING * MARCH 16, 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 Usselmann.

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

Visitors: Chris Hamilton.

The Council reviewed the bills to be paid. Copies of the city clerk and city treasurer reports for February were distributed at the March 3rd Council meeting.

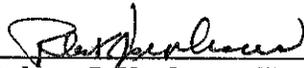
The Council went over the attached agenda prepared by Mayor Hilmes. The following is action taken relative to the agenda or other matters discussed.

1. **Wastewater Treatment Plant Status.** HMG Engineers evaluated the plant's current loading and future needs in 2006. They prepared a Facility Plan with a 20 year needs projection that recommended a plant upgrade to increase capacity from 0.6292 MGD TO 0.868. The cost was estimated at \$3 million (2007 dollars). The EPA requested a status report of the recent infiltration and inflow study of the collection system and a plan of action. Council approved to HMG update the Facility Plan.
2. **Water plant operator position.** City accepting applications for the position.
3. **Filter Project at the Swim Pool.** Permit has been received and materials ordered.
4. **Police Committee meeting.** March 30th at 7 p.m. in city hall. The purpose of the meeting is to determine the feasibility of hiring another police officer.
5. **OSLAD Grant.** The grant was for the new swim pool splash pad and new roofs and painting of the pool buildings. Council agreed to close out the project even though the roofs and painting still need to be done. The State has put a hold on funding for the grant projects and Council wanted to get the grant request to the State before they renege on it.
6. **TIF Agreements.** Foppe Ace Hardware and Mel/Janet Deien TIF Agreements on the agenda for Tuesday's council meeting.

7. Fiscal 2016 Budgets. Department heads to have their proposed budgets to city clerk by next finance meeting.
8. Ambulance personnel. Two paramedics have indicated they may be leaving for better paying jobs.
9. Mayor asked that all major purchases be suspended until the State decides what they are going to do with the Income Tax monies. The State has threatened to reduce the amount of State Income tax the City receives by 50%, which would cost the City about \$219,000 per year. Also, salary negotiations will also be put on hold until the State budget is clarified.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by:



Robert J. Venhaus, City Clerk