

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * MARCH 3, 2015

AGENDA

1. **NATE BEDARD** – Gridiron Grill to hold a Bags Tournament on March 7.
2. **RESOLUTION** – Urging the Governor and General Assembly to Protect Full Funding of Local Government Distributive Fund Revenues.
3. **PURCHASE NEW CHIPPER** – BC1000XL 74 Brush Chipper from Vermeer Midwest in the amount of \$35,530.00.

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Minutes of the proceeding of the 45th Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held in City Hall on the above date.

In the absence of Mayor Charles E. Hilmes, mayor pro tem Robert Berndsen 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, Gary Usselman.

City Officials: Utility Plant Operations Manager Dale Detmer, Police Chief Bob Fix, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson. Also, Officer Kurt Detmer.

Press: Vicky Albers, Breese Journal.

Visitors: Nate Bedard, Chris Hamilton.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Motion by Koetting seconded by Timmermann to approve the minutes of the meetings held on February 16 & 17, 2015 and place on file. Motion Carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

Motion by Fischer seconded by Ratermann to approve Gridiron Grill to set up a tent on their property to hold a "bags tournament" on March 7. Some conditions included that a fence or some other barrier be put up to prevent drinks from leaving the tent area. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Usselman, Berndsen, Fischer, Koetting, Ratermann, Steinman, Tebbe, Timmermann. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Motion by Tebbe seconded by Koetting to pass Resolution #2015-7 as presented. It urges the Governor and the General Assembly to protect full funding of the Local Government Distributive Fund and other revenue sources that allow local governments to provide for the health, safety and general welfare of their residents. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Berndsen, Fischer, Koetting, Ratermann, Steinman, Tebbe, Timmermann, Usselman. Motion Carried.

FINANCE (continued):

The Governor's proposed budget called for a 50% reduction in the local share of the income tax during his FY 2016 Budget Address. If enacted, the City of Breese would lose \$219,879, annually. This would be devastating to City operations.

PUBLIC WORKS – UTILITIES:

Motion by Berndsen seconded by Steinman to purchase a new BC1000XL Brush Chipper from Vermeer Midwest for \$35,530.00. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Fischer, Koetting, Ratermann, Steinman, Tebbe, Timmermann, Usselmann, Berndsen. Motion Carried.

Alderman Berndsen stated an ad has been placed in the paper for a Class A Water Operator. Applications are available in City Hall and will be received until March 16. The ad will run for two weeks.

PUBLIC WORKS – STREETS/DRAINAGE:

The Council lauded the street department for the excellent job cleaning the streets during the recent snow storm. They asked residents to obey the snow route, and if possible, to keep vehicles off the streets during a storm.

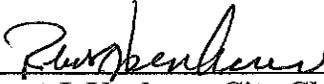
OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Council congratulated the Central Lady Cougars who took 2nd Place at the recent Class 2A State Basketball Tournament.

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, City Clerk