

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING \* MAY 5, 2015

AGENDA

1. PROCLAMATION – Proclaiming May 15 & 16, 2015 as POPPY DAYS in the city of Breese.
2. PROCLAMATION – National Nurses Week.
3. VERIZON WIRELESS ZONING VARIANCE – Findings of Fact and Conclusions of the City Council relative to the Petition of Zoning Variance filed by Verizon Wireless.
4. VERIZON ZONING ORDINANCE – Granting the request for a Variance filed by Verizon Wireless. It allows the construction of a 185' self-supporting tower with an additional 10' for a lightning rod in a C-1 district. Property located at 980 S. Broadway.
5. ZONING HEARING – May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall. Foods and Things request a lot size variance. The minimum lot size for a commercial lot in a C-3 District is one acre. Applicant wants to subdivide the current 1.42 acre lot creating a 0.56 acre west lot; and a 0.86 acre east lot. The division line would go between two existing buildings which are currently 4' apart. Neither building would meet the minimum setback of 25' in a C-3 District. Property located at 582 Memorial Drive.

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Minutes of the proceeding of the 49<sup>th</sup> 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, Gary Usselmann.

**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, Zoning Administrator John Becker.

**Press:** Vicky Albers, Breese Journal.

**Visitors:** Helen Essenpreis, Mary Heeren, Nick Hogue, Kelsey Loddeke and Chris Hamilton, Alderman-elect.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

Motion by Steinman seconded by Koetting to approve the minutes of the meetings held on April 20 & 21, 2015 and place on file. Motion Carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

Motion by Berndsen seconded by Usselmann to approve the Mayor's Proclamation proclaiming May 6<sup>th</sup> thru May 12<sup>th</sup> as National Nurses Week as requested by Helen Essenpreis. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Usselmann, Berndsen, Fischer, Koetting, Ratermann, Steinman, Tebbe, Timmermann. Motion Carried.

Motion by Koetting seconded by Fischer to approve the Mayor's Proclamation proclaiming May 15 & 16 as Poppy Days and ask that all citizens pay tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of freedom by wearing the Memorial Poppy on these days. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Berndsen, Fischer, Koetting, Ratermann, Steinman, Tebbe, Timmermann, Usselmann. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Alderman Fischer stated the police department in conjunction with the Optimist Club will hold the annual Bicycle Safety Day on May 16<sup>th</sup> with registration starting at 9 a.m. at City Hall.

RECREATION:

Alderman Ratermann stated work is progressing well regarding the swim pool filter replacement project.

ZONING/BUILDING INSPECTION:

Motion by Steinman seconded by Berndsen to approve the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of the City Council relative to the Petition of Zoning Variance filed by Verizon Wireless. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Fischer, Koetting, Ratermann, Steinman, Tebbe, Timmermann, Usselman, Berndsen. Motion Carried.

Motion by Steinman seconded by Berndsen to pass Ordinance #1321 as presented. It grants the request for a Variance filed by Verizon Wireless. It allows the construction of a 185' self-supporting tower with an additional 10' for a lightning rod in a C-1 district. The property located at 980 S. Broadway. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Koetting, Ratermann, Steinman, Tebbe, Timmermann, Usselman, Berndsen, Fischer. Motion Carried.

Alderman Steinman reported there is a zoning hearing scheduled for May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall. Foods and Things have requested a lot size Variance. The minimum lot size for a commercial lot in a C-3 District is one acre. Applicant wants to subdivide the current 1.42 acre lot creating a 0.56 acre west lot; and a 0.86 acre east lot. The division line would go between two existing buildings which are currently four feet (4') apart. Neither building would meet the minimum setback of 25' in a C-3 District. Property located at 582 Memorial Drive.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:


- Mayor Hilmes, Bob Berndsen, Tim Schleper and Bob Venhaus attended the IML Lobby Day on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Stressed to the local legislators the need to continue funding the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) at 100%. LGDF is a stated fund into which a portion of state income tax revenue is deposited annually. Cities and counties currently receive 8% of total state income tax revenues through this fund.
- Congratulated Dairy King Owners Michelle and Brad Maue for being selected Entrepreneurs of the Year for 2015 by Kaskaskia College.
- Thanked Alderman Norb Tebbe for his 20+ years (December 1994-May 2015) of service to the City and presented him with a plaque. Norb decided not to seek another term of office.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by:

  
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Robert J. Venhaus, City Clerk