

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * JUNE 7, 2016

AGENDA

1. JAN THOMAS – Certificate of Recognition for serving almost 40 years as Breese Public Library Director: October 1, 1976 – June 30, 2016.
2. WASTE MANAGEMENT – Recycling Agreement.
3. HOLLENKAMP VARIANCE REQUEST – Findings of Fact and Conclusions of the City Council relative to the Petition for Zoning Variance filed by Paul Hollenkamp.
4. ZONING ORDINANCE – An Ordinance Denying the application for a Zoning Variance by Paul Hollenkamp.

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Minutes of the proceeding of the 27th 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, Chris Hamilton, Debbie Koetting, Carl Ratermann, Paul Steinman, Kevin Timmermann, Gary Usselmann.

City Officials: Public Works Manager Don Voss, Police Chief Bob Fix, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson, Zoning Administrator John Becker, City Business Administrator Tim Schleper.

Press: Vicky Albers, Breese Journal.
Mark Hodapp, Centralia Sentinel.

Visitors: Library Board: Librarian Jan Thomas, Jean Steinman, Mary Heeren, Bonnie Holzinger, Yvonne Ratermann, Cyndi Riley, Judy Kampwerth. Paul Hollenkamp.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Motion by Steinman seconded by Usselmann to approve the minutes of the meetings held on May 16 & 17, 2016 and place on file. Motion Carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

Mayor Hilmes presented a "Certificate of Recognition" to Jan Thomas who will retire as Librarian on June 30. Jan served almost 40 years as Breese Public Library Director: October 1, 1976 – June 30, 2016. The previous Librarian was Alice Osborne.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING/BUILDING INSPECTION:

Motion by Steinman seconded by Timmermann to approve the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of the City Council relative to the Petition for Zoning Variance filed by Paul Hollenkamp. The Variance would allow him an Accessory Use in the front yard of his property located at 640 S. 6th St. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Fischer, Hamilton, Koetting, Ratermann, Steinman, Timmermann, Usselmann, Berndsen. Motion Carried.

ZONING (continued):

Zoning Administrator John Becker stated the neighbors were against Hollenkamp placing the proposed carport in front of his garage. They felt it was unsightly and did not conform to the neighborhood. The zoning board said if the carport was constructed similar to the one on North 12th St. they would probably approve it.

Paul Hollenkamp said he was disabled and wanted the carport for protection from the elements. The type of carport on N. 12th would be too costly for him.

Motion by Steinman seconded by Fischer to pass Ordinance #1345 as presented. It was an Ordinance denying the application for a Zoning Variance filed by Paul Hollenkamp. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Hamilton, Koetting, Ratermann, Steinman, Timmermann, Usselman, Berndsen, Fischer. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS – UTILITIES:

Alderman Berndsen reported that the Breese Municipal Utilities were awarded a Certificate of Recognition by the Illinois Municipal Utilities Association (IMUA) for outstanding safe operating practices in 2015. Breese was awarded First Place-Group B Division-2015 APPA Safety Awards of Excellence. The Utilities had 21,693 worker hours of exposure with "0" Incidence Rate. It was presented at the IMUA Annual Conference on May 19, 2016.

The water department will be switching to free chlorine starting this Friday. Then in about 3-4 weeks will be flushing.

PUBLIC WORKS – STREET/DRAINAGE:

Don Voss stated that repairs to N. Walnut Street (by New Rt. 50) should be completed by next Monday. This was a joint project between the City and County.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Alderman Fischer stated vehicles must stop for pedestrians at the designated crosswalks. He specifically cited the crosswalks on N. Walnut/Vossclare Lane and Old Rt. 50/Koch Lane. The police department will be monitoring the intersections for compliance.

Alderman Fischer noted that the Alternate Vehicle Permits are due and asked if you are not renewing to contact the police department.

The EMS Golf Scramble is scheduled for August 6th at Bent Oak Golf Course.

RECREATION:

Alderman Ratermann stated any organization or group that want to hold a fundraiser or a special event at the park must get permission from the park board. Permission should be sought at least a month or two prior to the event.

The Council thanked Brooke Bassler and Grace Kahrhoff, members of Breese Girl Scout Troop #8447, for planting flowers in a new wildlife garden at the Soccer Park. They were helped by gardener Jeanette Broeckling and family members.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

Alderman Usselmann stated the Library Board will be discussing a new Librarian at their meeting tonight.

HEALTH & WELFARE:

Motion by Hamilton seconded by Koetting to approve Option #1 relative to the new Recycling Agreement from Waste Management. The agreement is for one year and begins July 1, 2016. The first pickup would be July 8. This option will provide curbside single stream recycling with a 96 gallon cart provided. Service would be every other week. Annual cost to residents would be \$90.00 billed in advance or \$46 for six months billed in advance. The service is completely voluntary. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Koetting, Ratermann, Steinman, Timmermann, Usselmann, Berndsen, Fischer, Hamilton. Motion Carried. Community Link recently notified residents they are discontinuing their recycling program effective July 1, 2016.

Mayor Hilmes commented the City does not spray for mosquitoes. It does have a larvicide program. He urged residents to make sure they dispose of standing water that breeds mosquitoes.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Hilmes stated the State failed to pass a budget. Locally, the City may not receive Use Tax, MFT Tax and Gaming revenues due to the budget impasse.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Steinman seconded by Hamilton to adjourn after no further business was brought before the Council.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by: _____
Robert J. Venhaus, City Clerk