

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * FEBRUARY 4, 2014

AGENDA

1. RESOLUTION – Authorization to participate in the State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program (update eligibility).
2. DCEO GRANT AGREEMENT – Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity and City of Breese. Grant Agreement #12-203576 in the amount of \$400,000. Project includes a relief sewer by North 1st St, North Chestnut St. and North Elm St.
3. ZONING BOARD APPOINTMENT – Barb Gerstner to replace the late Sue Laux.

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Minutes of the proceeding of the 19th 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: Rodell Weh.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Motion by Berndsen seconded by Usselmann to approve the minutes of the meetings held on January 20 & 21, 2014 and place on file. Motion Carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

Rodell Weh, representing the Holiday Lighting Committee, gave a report on the lighting display at the north park during the Christmas season. The committee is starting to plan for next year such as building some displays along the sidewalks in the north park. This would encourage people to walk through the park.

Rodell said the budget totaled about \$11,000 with Chamber and City each contributing \$5,000. Other donations included St. Augustine's Holy Family Society (\$600); JayCee park concession stand (\$350); Donation boxes at park (\$96). Expenditures came to about \$10,000. The Council thanked Rodell, the committee and the many volunteers for the fine job.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS – UTILITIES:

Motion by Berndsen seconded by Koetting to authorize the execution of the Grant Agreement (#12-203576) between the City and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO). The \$400,000 grant will be used to construct a relief sewer by North 1st St., North Chestnut St. and North Elm St. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Timmermann, Usselmann, Berndsen, Fischer, Koetting, Ratermann, Steinman, Tebbe. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS – STREETS/DRAINAGE:

Motion by Timmermann seconded by Steinman to pass Resolution #2014-4 as presented. It authorizes the City to participate in the State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program (update eligibility). On Roll Call Voting "aye": Usselmann, Berndsen, Fischer, Koetting, Ratermann, Steinman, Tebbe, Timmermann. Motion Carried.

Don Voss noted that due to the harsh winter, the City is out of salt and most of the suppliers are as well. He will continue to look for a supplier.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Alderman Fischer stated the City sent a request through the ENS system for residents to move their cars off the street during the recent snowfall. The street department noted that it did make a difference.

Alderman Fischer said he, Alderwoman Koetting and Police Chief Bob Fix attended the program on disaster preparedness held on January 29th at Central High School. Speakers included Tony Falconio of the Clinton County EMA and Stanley Krushas, regional coordinator of the Illinois EMA.

Mayor Hilmes asked Police Chief Bob Fix to study and make a recommendation on what to do about conceal/carry in regards to public buildings.

RECREATION:

Alderman Ratermann stated the City is accepting applications for the seasonal position of swim pool manager. Applications and a job description available at city hall and will be accepted until 5 p.m. on February 20.

ZONING/BUILDING INSPECTION:

Alderman Steinman reported the draft copy of the revisions to the zoning code is completed. It will be e-mailed to the Council and Zoning Board for review. Any comments or proposed changes must be submitted to the zoning administrator by February 19. A public hearing will then be scheduled late March or early April. The final draft will be placed on the City's website.

Mayor Hilmes appointed Barb Gerstner to the zoning board to replace the late Sue Laux.

Motion by Steinman seconded by Usselman to approve the Gerstner appointment. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Berndsen, Fischer, Koetting, Ratermann, Steinman, Tebbe, Timmermann, Usselman. Motion Carried.

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 7:50 p.m.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by:



Robert J. Venhaus, City Clerk