

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * MARCH 21, 2017

Minutes of the proceeding of the 46th 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, Carl Ratermann, Paul Steinman, Kevin Timmermann, Gary Usselmann. Absent: Deb Koetting.

City Officials: City Business Administrator Tim Schleper, Public Works Director Don Voss, Plant Operations Director Dale Detmer, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson, Zoning Administrator John Becker

Press: Liz Dowell, Carlyle Union Banner/Centralia Sentinel.
Vicki Albers, Breese Journal

Visitors: Gerry Huelskamp, Sandy Huelskamp. Gerry congratulated the water plant operators on the IRWA Plant of the Year Award.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Motion by Usselmann seconded by Steinman to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 7, 2017 and place on file. Motion Carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING:

Motion by Steinman seconded by Ratermann to accept the findings of fact and conclusion on the application for special use and for variance filed by Lorene Huelskamp. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Hamilton, Ratermann, Steinman, Timmermann, Usselmann, Berndsen, Fischer. Motion Carried. Absent: Koetting

Motion by Steinman seconded by Fischer granting the request for a variance and special use permit filed by Lorene Huelskamp. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Ratermann, Steinman, Timmermann, Usselmann, Berndsen, Fischer, Hamilton. Motion Carried. Absent: Koetting

FINANCE:

Alderman Berndsen stated that budget for all departments should be turned into City Hall.

PUBLIC WORKS – UTILITIES:

Alderman Berndsen stated that the utility department is working on maintenance issues and also on the power plant project that started last year.

PUBLIC WORKS – STREET/DRAINAGE:

Alderman Timmermann stated that the street crew is still at the golf course performing regular maintenance on the sewer project.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Motion by Fischer seconded by Hamilton accepting the ordinance to raise the ambulance mileage rate from \$13.55 to \$15.50 per mile. All the other rates for the service will change by CPI. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Usselmann, Berndsen, Fischer, Hamilton, Ratermann, Steinman, Timmermann. Motion Carried. Absent: Koetting.

Chief of Police, Robert Fix, made comment that the police department has received several complaints regarding burning of leaves. Fix stated that it is against city ordinance to burn and typically those who burn are new residents to the city.

RECREATION:

Alderman Ratermann reported that the next park board meeting is scheduled for March 22nd at 7 p.m. in city hall. Ratermann said that the work out at the golf course will be going on for a few more weeks. Ratermann stated that currently the earthwork on hole #1 is done over the cart path and they are just waiting on seeding, while the work continues on holes #2 and #3.

Alderman Ratermann also stated that the baseball lights have been on with practices and lots of activities in the park are starting.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

Alderman Usselmann stated that they are still looking into replacing the chairs at the BAC Building and then the old chairs will be used by the EMS Department for class and trainings.

HEALTH & WELFARE:

Alderman Hamilton stated that Waste Management started yard waste pickup every Tuesday. Hamilton said the leaf dump is open on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday through April 23rd. Hamilton also stated that the City wide cleanup will be on April 15th from 9-3 at the Street and Alley Department.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS/MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Hilmes signed a proclamation for ABATE, proclaiming May as Motorcycle Awareness Month. Motion by Steinman seconded by Hamilton, Motion Carried by unanimous voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by: _____
Timothy M. Schleper, Business Administrator

