

FINANCE MEETING

DATE: 9-18-17

TOPICS PREPARED FROM DEPARTMENT MEETING: 9-15-17

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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UTILITIES:

- Sewer line extension
- Street lighting on Holy cross Lane – waiting for roundabout completion

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Salt Storage building
- ROW & easement purchase for roundabout

POLICE:

- Mater Dei parade – 9-27-17
- Halloween parade – 10-29-17
- Veterans Day parade – 11-11-17

RECREATION:

- Hannah's playground addition
- X-mas lights and storage
- Grass infield project – Paul has been talking with Mark Berndsen about sub-soil, irrigation and type of grass.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

- Poettker contract

CITY COLLECTOR:

- Cash based audit vs accrual method – changes may be coming for Breese
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AMBULANCE:

- Tourney results
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ZONING:

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MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Liquor ordinance change – gambling café's
- TIF and Dist. #12 - report
- New Hospital Administrator – Chris Klay
- Veto session Oct. 24-16 & Nov. 7-9
- Oct 12 - ????

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING * September 18, 2017

Minutes of the finance committee meeting of the Breese City Council held in City Hall on the above date.

The meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m.

Aldermen in attendance: Robert Berndsen, Chris Hamilton, Kevin Timmermann, Carl Ratermann, Paul Steinman, Debbie Koetting, Gary Usselmann

Absent: Bill Fischer

City Officials: Mayor Charles Hilmes, City Treasurer Robert Venhaus, Utility Plant Operations Manager Dale Detmer, City Business Administrator and EMS Director Tim Schleper, Public Works Manager & Building Inspector Don Voss, City Collector Sandy Hemann, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson, Golf Course Superintendent Paul Smith.

Press: none

Visitors: none

Public Comment: none

The Council reviewed the bills to be paid:

The Council went over the attached agenda prepared by Mayor Hilmes. The following action was taken relative to the agenda or other matters discussed:

1. Waiting for final plans for round-a-bout at Holy Cross Lane before doing any street lighting going East and West. The City needs to determine what kind of poles that we want for the lights. Initial discussion is to use the concrete poles.
2. Working on easements for the sewer line extension - waiting on other responses. Waiting on approval from EPA, should be receiving that soon. Will be ready to go once easements and approvals arrive.
3. Concrete is poured and needs to cure for 28 days before we can seal it for the salt storage building.
4. Concrete ready to pour for Hannah's Playground expansion. Repairs began today on damaged portion of the playground. Received \$22,000 from insurance for the repairs. New section will be fenced on South and East sides with the West side remaining open for easy access to the bathrooms.
5. The City will be building a loft in one of the city buildings for future Christmas light storage. Lights have been previously stored at Quad County Ready Mix. The City thanks them for the years of storage that they have provided.
6. Mater Dei parade will be held on 9-27-17.
7. Halloween parade will be held on 10-29-17.
8. Veterans Day parade will be held on 11-11-17.
9. Poettker Construction has decided to build their new building in Breese and not relocate to Missouri. Joanne reviewing the contractual agreement.

10. Proposal for Liquor ordinance change regarding companies coming to town that are strictly gambling café's. The proposed ordinance would prohibit gaming facilities from opening up. This has become very common up North where these cafes are opening up on every corner.
11. Mayor Hilmes would like to add \$7,500 to the grass infield project in an effort to get the project done as well as possible. This will upgrade the sub-soil, irrigation or the type of grass. The infield will be laser-graded in 2 different parts. Grading will start on September 25, 2017. The project is scheduled to take 5 days to complete.
12. Overpayment of TIF money to 3 companies. We are sending them a letter requesting that money be returned.
13. Cash based audit vs accrual method – changes may be coming for Breese. Corey is ahead of the game and will be turning in report correctly. City Collector is to maintain status quo until she hears otherwise.
14. Golf Tournament for Ambulance made \$9,000.
15. Meeting with District 12 - concerned over school funding through TIF. When the state is not paying 100%, they begin to lose money based on the formula. Asked Mike Weber to run the numbers from 1999 to present in an effort to show them that they were making more money because of the TIF, when the state was paying 100%. Suggested to the school that the City will help with capital projects, although there is a hold on capital projects for now so that the school can continue to pay teacher salaries. The City will help as much as possible.
16. Chris Klay is the new hospital administrator. Mayor Hilmes and Don have a meeting with him tomorrow regarding the right-of-way.
17. HMG is having an open house on October 6 from 5-8 pm.
18. Veto session will be 10/24-26 and 11/7-9.
19. Saturday October 7, St. Elizabeth's is having a ribbon-cutting ceremony.
20. October 12 - Mayor Hilmes has scheduled knee surgery for this date.
21. Mayor will not be here tomorrow evening, will be at the IML meeting in Chicago.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by: _____



Erin Wagoner, City Clerk