

FINANCE MEETING

DATE: 4-17-17

TOPICS PREPARED FROM DEPARTMENT MEETING: 4-13-17

UTILITIES:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> phase – relief sewer
- IMUA-IMEA May 18-19; Dale needs to know if you are going
- No more Recycle My Fridge program

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Report on work being done by crews
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POLICE:

- Bicycle Safety Date
- 4-29-17 Drug Take Back Day in Breese from 9 am to 3 pm
- Sign pick up in Breese - rules

RECREATION:

- Soccer Park shelter
- Golf leagues have started
- Junior Golf Camp Apr. 30 at 9 am. Ages – 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

- ITIA conference – Apr. 18-19-20
- Foppe's loan

CITY CLERK:

- IMRF resolution – when do we vote on it
- Library benefits (IMRF & FICA) being paid by the City
- Sandy will be co-signing checks starting May 2
- Self insurance report

AMBULANCE:

- Resolution – Agreement with American Medical Response, Inc.
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MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Special license for gambling parlors in Breese
- 300 Haag St. – Joanne is in contact with bank rep Lynn White
- Video gaming – I understand there will be people at the meeting to discuss the video machines at the golf course. We will take them immediately after bills.
- Sick leave policy
- Committee assignments
- Salaries – Sandy Hemann and Clare Gebke have asked to speak to the Council about their salaries as City Collector and Payroll Clerk

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING \* APRIL 17, 2017

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

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

City Officials: Mayor Charles E. Hilmes, Plant Operations Manager Dale Detmer, Public Works Manager Don Voss, City Business Administrator Tim Schleper, Golf Supt. Paul Smith.

Visitors: Dave Grapperhaus, Joe Pariseau, Allen Huelsmann.

The Council reviewed the bills to be paid. Copies of the city clerk and city treasurer were distributed at the April 4<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

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

1. Dave Grapperhaus and Joe Pariseau stated they were representing the concerns of Red Hoerchler of the American Legion. The concerns centered on the proposed gaming machines at the golf clubhouse, proposed expansion, drink prices and deficits. They felt that the City was unfairly competing with the clubs and taverns.
2. Mayor Hilmes explained that about 50% of clubhouse clientele come from out of town and come to the clubhouse to golf. The expansion is to accommodate the participants when attending tournaments. The gaming machines will help shrink the deficit. He noted that if the expansion is approved, it would be funded out of the TIF fund.
3. Allen Huelsmann. He said he was attending to listen but voiced concerns about the machines and the proliferation of signs that are posted in town and throughout the county.
4. Relief Sewer Project. Waiting for the EPA to approve the loan application. There is a required public comment period that will have to be satisfied.
5. LED light bulbs. The IMEA is sponsoring the free light bulbs. The details on how to distribute them are being worked out.
6. Roundabout ROW. St. Joseph Hospital has agreed to donate their portion but would like an appraisal on the worth of that donation.

- 7. Proposed shelter at Soccer Park. The Lions Club will donate a substantial amount toward the project. The matter under study.
- 8. Foppe Inc. TIF Loan. The closing has been completed on the \$40,000 loan for new pumps at their service station. Terms: 4 years at 3%.
- 9. IMRF participation for elected officials. There are new rules whereby elected officials must document the hours they work to meet the 1,000 hour threshold.
- 10. Library. Council agreed the Library shall pay the City portion of IMRF and Social Security for their employees. This shall become effective May 1, 2017.
- 11. Co-signing checks. Effective May 2, 2017, City Collector Sandy Hemann will be co-signing all city checks.
- 12. Agreement with American Medical Response. Council agreed that the City, through its EMS department, to participate in the Subcontractor Disaster and Special Event Network.
- 13. Gaming Parlors. Mayor Hilmes is studying whether to have a special liquor license for them.
- 14. Haag Foods property at 300 Haag Street. The City has a mortgage on the property and Sutherland Assets would like to acquire it. City attorney is working on the matter.
- 15. Capital Expenditures for Fiscal 2018. Council was given a list of the proposed capital expenditures for FY '18.
- 16. Downtown Revitalization. Tim Schleper has worked on a plan with Scott Rakers and others and will be presented at the next finance meeting.
- 17. Street Committee Meeting. April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the utility office.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

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