

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

Minutes of the 10th Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

Mayor Kevin Timmermann called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Aldermen in attendance: Jason Davinroy, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann.

Absent: Luke Essenpreis, Jeff Jung, Dan Robben.

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, Park Custodian Bruce Kruep, Zoning Admin. John Becker.

Press: Matt Wilson, Breese Journal.

Visitors: Christ Howard, Melissa Howard, Mark Timmermann.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mayor Timmermann stated that Aldermen Essenpreis, Jung, and Robben left to attend the IML Conference in Chicago.

Motion by Davinroy, seconded by Hellige to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 2, 2025, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Usselmann to authorize payment of the bills, City Collector and City Treasurer Report. On roll call voting "aye": Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann. Absent: Luke Essenpreis, Jeff Jung, Dan Robben. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Timmermann signed a proclamation presented by Breese Lions Club member Mark Timmermann declaring Friday, October 10th Lions Club Candy Day. Mayor Timmermann stated that the Lions Club is an active part of the community that is dedicated to servicing and aiding the deaf and blind.

Melissa Howard told the council that Southern Bus & Mobility quoted her \$315 plus fuel for the evening of the Halloween Pub Crawl. Mayor Timmermann said he would contact Kerry Porter with the Chamber to see if the other businesses would help contribute to the cost. Melissa stated that she would be willing to cover the cost if not.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Alderman Schleper reported that there will be two public hearings on Monday, September 22nd at 7 p.m. in city hall. One is to amend the Appropriation Ordinance for FY2026. The other is for the proposed sewer revenue bond issuance.

UTILITIES:

Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering reported that the line crew has been trimming trees around town and making a list to have removed.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderman Ratermann announced that Fall Cleanup Day is scheduled for October 18th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Street Department. Street Supt. Tom Tebbe stated that he ordered an extra dumpster and reminded everyone no paint, tires, batteries, TVs, electronics, trash, or new construction materials are allowed.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Alderman Hellige alerted everyone that the county issued a no burn order.

Police Chief Mark Berndsen asked the public to remember to move out of the way of emergency vehicles as soon as feasibly possible. Recently, Berndsen has experienced drivers ignoring signals to pull over so he could get to urgent calls.

RECREATION:

Alderman Davinroy thanked everyone who volunteered and/or participated in the Community Link Buddy Walk at North Park on Saturday, September 13th.

Alderman Davinroy reported that the Celebrate Life event will be at North Park this Saturday, September 20th and the Breese Optimist is hosting their annual Fall Fest on Saturday, September 27th.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Alderman Usselman reported that the library renovation project has begun.

ZONING:

Alderman Davinroy stated there will be a zoning hearing on Thursday, September 25th at 7:30 p.m. in city hall to amend a typographical error in the City of Breese Zoning Code.

HEALTH:

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Ratermann, seconded by Schleper to adjourn after no further business was brought before the Council. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by: _____
Jackie Hummert, City Clerk