

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * OCTOBER 7, 2025

Minutes of the 11th Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

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

Aldermen in attendance: Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann.

Absent: None.

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, EMS Operations Mgr. Allen Pollmann, Park Custodian Bruce Kruep, Zoning Admin. John Becker, Business Admin. Trevor Schubert, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson.

Press: Matt Wilson, Breese Journal.
Corey Johnson, Union Banner.

Visitors: Tracy Session, Delayni Davinroy, Trina Pratt, Colten Winkeler, Ivy Heimann, Janet Duncan.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Davinroy, seconded by Schleper to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 16, 2025, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tracy Session requested permission to collect donations for ALS at the 4-way stop on October 17, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Motion by Ratermann, seconded by Jung to approve. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Motion by Robben, seconded by Schleper to approve an ordinance amending the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for fiscal year 2026. The amendment will allow for the Electric Fund to purchase property for the future substation and for the Sewer Fund to issue bonds for the Wastewater Treatment System upgrade. On roll call voting "aye": Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann.

UTILITIES:

No report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderman Ratermann reported the Street crew is doing regular maintenance. Street Supt. Tom Tebbe gave an update on the Walnut Street construction. The county is currently tearing out curbing and preparing to pour more concrete.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Alderman Hellige reported that Trick or Treating will be on October 31st 6-8 p.m.

Police Chief Mark Berndsen reminded everyone to keep their vehicles locked and valuables hidden. There have been vehicles reported stolen in the area outside of Breese.

RECREATION:

Alderman Davinroy thanked the city and everyone who attended on behalf of the Breese Optimist Club for another successful Fall Fest.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Alderman Usselmann reported that the library renovation project is on schedule and plans to have a meeting in 2 weeks with Litteken Construction for another update.

ZONING:

Motion by Jung, seconded by Davinroy to approve an ordinance correcting a typographical error in Section 40-1-2 of the City of Breese Zoning Code. The correction will include the language "within a mile and a half" to make the Zoning Code consistent with the Breese Comprehensive Plan. On roll call voting "aye": Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselamnn, Jason Davinroy. Motion carried.

HEALTH:

Alderman Essenpreis reported that the City Fall Cleanup Day will be October 18th at the Street Department from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Alderman Essenpreis also announced that the Leaf Dump will be open October 25th through December 21st on Wednesdays and Sundays 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Timmermann appointed Bill Fischer to the Park Board. Motion by Schleper, seconded by Usselmann to approve the appointment. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Timmermann recognized Logo's & More, PJ's Diner, and Town & Country Florist for their years in business and serving the community.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Timmermann reported that the city will receive a \$1.1 million grant for the Mine Street Project.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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