BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING *OCTOBER 6, 2026

Minutes of the 13th 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, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann.

Absent: Dan Robben.

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

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

Visitors: Tracy Session, Allen Huelsmann, Dan Wobbe, Jim Mason, Todd Denton, Ariella Corcodel, Esmeralda Ramierez Cruz.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Motion by Essenpreis, seconded by Jung to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 15, 2026, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Davinroy, 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, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann. Absent: Dan Robben. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion by Ratermann, seconded by Davinroy to allow Tracy Session to collect ALS donations at the intersection of Old Highway 50 and St. Rose Road on Friday, October 9th 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Allen Huelsmann attended to address the council about various concerns.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Usselmann to approve an ordinance authorizing and providing for the issuance of not to exceed $17,000,000 aggregate principal amount general obligation bonds (alternate revenue source), in one or more series, taxable or tax-exempt, bank qualified or non-bank qualified, of the City of Breese, Clinton County, Illinois, and for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the

principal of and interest on said bonds. On roll call voting "aye": Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper. Absent: Dan Robben. Motion carried.

UTILITIES:

Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering reported that the Electric Department generated last week in an effort to keep rates down.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Motion by Ratermann, seconded by Schleper to approve an ordinance authorizing the disposal of surplus property. Interested buyers should turn in sealed bids to City Hall by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 23rd. On roll call voting "aye": Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann. Absent: Dan Robben. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Motion by Hellige, seconded by Jung to approve an ordinance amending the City of Breese Code of Ordinances to increase peddler license fees. On roll call voting "aye": Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy. Absent: Dan Robben. Motion carried.

RECREATION:

Alderman Davinroy thanked everyone that attended and participated in the Community Link Buddy Walk and the Breese Optimist Fall Fest.

Alderman Davinroy also thanked the local organizations for their continued support for the Breese Nature Amphitheater project.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Alderman Usselmann reported that the Breese Library will host a Medicare informational session on Thursday, October 8th at 1:30 – 4:00 p.m. and the Breese Lions Club Halloween story time event on Saturday, October 17th at 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

ZONING:

Motion by Jung, seconded by Essenpreis to approve and ordinance establishing a definition for short term rentals and allowing them as a special use in R-1, R-2, C-1 and C-2 districts and amending the Hotel/Motel Tax Code to include short term rentals. On roll call voting "aye": Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis. Absent: Dan Robben. Motion carried.

Motion by Jung, seconded by Schleper to rescind the vote of the Zoning Board of an amendment to the City of Breese Zoning Code 40-8-16 regarding billboards and electronic messaging signage in a C-2 Commercial Highway district. On roll call voting "aye": Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Json Davinroy. Luke Essenpreis. Absent: Dan Robben. Motion carried.

HEALTH:

Alderman Essenpreis reminded everyone that Fall Cleanup Day will be on Saturday, October 10th 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Street Department.

Alderman Essenpreis announced that the Leaf Dump will be available starting on Saturday, October 24th through Saturday, December 12th. Breese residents may bring leaves only on Wednesdays and Sunday 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Timmermann congratulated Bryan Gonzalez on his retirement. He thanked Bryan for his dedicated 24 years of service with the City of Breese Public Works.

Mayor Timmermann reported that the filing period for the April 6, 2027 Consolidated Election is November 16th – 23rd. Candidate packets are available on the County Clerk's website and at City Hall.

Mayor Timmermann recognized the passing of Dr. Renato Rivera and his devotion to helping others in need.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

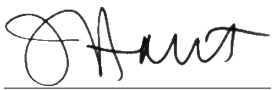
NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by: 

Jackie Hummert, City Clerk