

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * NOVEMBER 21, 2023

Minutes of the 14th Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

Aldermen in attendance: Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Suann Fields, Bill Fischer, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper. Absent: Gary Usselmann.

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, Business Admin. Trevor Schubert, Golf Supt. Paul Smith, Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte, EMS Operations Mgr. Allen Pollmann, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Zoning Admin. John Becker.

Press: Bryan Hunt, Breese Journal

Visitors: Eric Little, Brad Hoffman, Alek Sopiars, Chris Dorries, Taylor Koetting.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Berndsen, second by Davinroy to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 7, 2023, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Eversgerd, second by Schleper to authorize payment of the bills, City Collector and City Treasurer Report. On roll call voting "aye": Eversgerd, Fields, Fischer, Ratermann, Schleper, Berndsen, Davinroy. Absent: Usselmann. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING:

Motion by Fischer, second by Schleper to approve the findings of fact and conclusion for a variance filed by Chris Dorries. On roll call voting "aye": Fields, Fischer, Ratermann, Schleper, Berndsen, Davinroy, Eversgerd. Absent: Usselmann. Motion carried.

Motion by Fischer, second by Davinroy to approve a variance filed by Chris Dorries to relax the 25' minimum setback on a corner lot to 17' for the purpose of constructing an attached garage. On roll call voting "aye": Fischer, Ratermann, Schleper, Berndsen, Davinroy, Eversgerd, Fields. Absent: Usselmann. Motion carried.

Motion by Fischer, second by Schleper to approve the Rakers Farm Subdivision Plat. The property is located on Rod & Gun Road. On roll call voting "aye": Ratermann, Schleper, Berndsen, Davinroy, Eversgerd, Fields, Fischer. Absent: Usselmann. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alek Sopiars with Clearwave stated the check to Gerstner Plumbing to repair the damage caused on N. 11th & Cherry St. was cut on Friday and should arrive by Wednesday or Friday this week. He stated that all crews have been pulled until after the check is received. He also stated the previous issue with damaged driveways is in the planning stage. He will contact the city when they are ready to start. The mayor thanked Alek for his time and resolution to this matter.

FINANCE:

Taylor Koetting, the city's IMLRMA insurance agent, introduced Brad Hoffman and Eric Little, representatives of IML Risk Management. Taylor handed out a status report showing the city's IMLRMA Min/Max claim data from 2013-2023 and reviewed ongoing and closed claims. He stated over the 10 years, the city has saved \$216,688.00 by taking the Min/Max.

Motion by Eversgerd, second by Davinroy to approve the IML/RMA Min/Max ordinance. On roll call voting "aye": Schleper, Berndsen, Davinroy, Eversgerd, Fields, Fischer, Ratermann. Absent: Usselmann. Motion carried.

UTILITIES:

Alderman Berndsen reminded citizens that the city is once again offering the \$25.00 Christmas light credit. Residents should call city hall to get signed up. We ask citizens to turn their lights on the day after Thanksgiving through January 3rd.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Motion by Ratermann, second by Berndsen to approve the 12th street roundabout contract with HMG, in the amount of \$201,326.00. On roll call voting "aye": Berndsen, Davinroy, Eversgerd, Fields, Fischer, Ratermann, Schleper. Absent: Usselmann. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratermann, second by Schleper to approve the IDOT Resolution for N. Mine St. Alderman Ratermann noted that a previous resolution was passed, but some paperwork was missing. On roll call voting "aye": Davinroy, Eversgerd, Fields, Fischer, Ratermann, Schleper, Berndsen. Absent: Usselmann. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

No report.

RECREATION:

Alderman Davinroy stated the Christmas parade is Saturday the 25th at 6:00 PM.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

No report.

HEALTH:

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Timmermann congratulated Mater Dei and Central High Schools in their post season play. He also congratulated the Mater Dei girls' volleyball team on winning the Class 2A state championship. A lot of pride and enjoyment for all the folks in the county.

The mayor also stated that this Saturday is "small business Saturday" in town. Please do your shopping locally to support these businesses.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

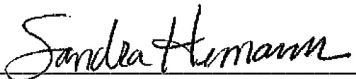
NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by: 
Sandy Hemann, City Clerk