

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * NOVEMBER 18, 2025

Minutes of the 14th 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.

Absent: Gary Usselmann.

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, Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte, Park Custodian Bruce Kruep, Business Admin. Trevor Schubert, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson, Admin. Assist. Rachele Horton.

Press: Matt Wilson, Breese Journal.

Visitors: Reymundo Morales-Murillo, Shane Schlarmann, Olivia Hilmes, Madilyn Howard, Danny Romine, Madeline Fuhler.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Essenpreis, seconded by Davinroy to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 4, 2025, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Motion by Robben, second by Schleper to approve an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1592 Cannabis Retailer's Occupation Tax. The amendment corrects specific language in the ordinance requested by the Illinois Department of Revenue. On roll call voting "aye": Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis. Absent: Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

UTILITIES:

Alderman Schleper requested to add the annual Christmas Light Credit to the December 2nd agenda for approval.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderman Ratermann reported that the Street Department is still working on routine maintenance.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Motion by Hellige, seconded by Schleper to approve an ordinance establishing no-parking zones on the west side of South Walnut Street and the west side of Memorial Drive. On roll call voting "aye": Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige. Absent: Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

RECREATION:

Alderman Hellige thanked the Christmas Lighting volunteers and city crews that decorated the North Park.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

No report.

ZONING:

Mayor Timmermann asked for a motion to re-appoint Tom Grawe to the Zoning Board for a 5-year term. Motion by Robben, seconded by Davinroy to approve the appointment. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

HEALTH:

Alderman Essenpreis reported that the City Leaf Dump will be open until December 21st. He also reminded everyone not to blow their leaves in the streets.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Timmermann wished the Central Football team luck in the Semi Finals this weekend in Rochester. He congratulated the Mater Dei Volleyball and Mater Dei Girls Cross Country teams on their seasons and performance in the post season.

Mayor Timmermann made special mention of Tom Timmermann who recently passed. He was a Major League Baseball player for the Detroit Tigers originally from Breese that always supported Community Link throughout the years. Tom Timmerman has requested all donations in memory be made to Community Link.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

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 7:39 p.m.

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