

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * DECEMBER 2, 2025

Minutes of the 15th 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, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann.

Absent: Luke Essenpreis.

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

Press: Matt Wilson, Breese Journal.

Visitors: Laura Gabriel, Russel Zurliene, Ezekial Martinez, Blake Horstmann, Zack Huegen, Miranda Morris, Benjamin Malcomb, Landon Watts.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Motion by Jung, seconded by Davinroy to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 18, 2025, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Laura Gabriel attended to inform the public about the side effects from plastics and how they may relate to dementia. She offered to have further conversation if anyone was interested.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Motion by Robben, second by Jung to approve an ordinance authorizing the execution of the RMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement for 2026. On roll call voting "aye": Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann. Absent: Luke Essenpreis. Motion carried.

UTILITIES:

Motion by Schleper, second by Davinroy to approve a \$25.00 Christmas light credit to residential customers. Residents must call City Hall to receive the credit for the month of December. On roll call voting "aye": Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben. Absent: Luke Essenpreis. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderman Ratermann reported that the Street Department is still performing regular maintenance.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Alderman Hellige thanked the Street Department for their snow removal over the weekend. He also gave appreciation to the Ambulance Service for picking up extra hours through the holidays.

Police Chief Mark Berndsen reported that the Code Red system is currently down and that the department is working to get it up and running again.

RECREATION:

Alderman Davinroy thanked the Christmas Lighting and parade committees for their work making the holiday season great again this year.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Alderman Usselmann reported that Litteken Construction is doing final touches on the Breese Library renovation.

ZONING:

No report.

HEALTH:

Motion by Ratermann, seconded by Usselmann to approve the City Employee Handbook updated as of November 1, 2025. On roll call voting "aye": Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper. Absent: Luke Essenpreis. Motion carried.

Alderman Ratermann reported that the Leaf Dump will remain open until December 21st.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Timmermann congratulated the Central Football team on their success this season.

Mayor Timmermann reminded everyone to shop the local businesses this holiday.

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 7:46 p.m.

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