

## **BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING \* JANUARY 16, 2024**

Minutes of the 18th Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

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

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, Business Admin. Trevor Schubert, Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson.

Press: None.

Visitors: None.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Motion by Eversgerd, second by Berndsen to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 2, 2024, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **FINANCE:**

Motion by Eversgerd, second by Schleper to pass the Paid Leave for All Workers ordinance. On roll call voting "aye": Schleper, Usselmann, Berndsen, Davinroy, Eversgerd, Fischer, Ratermann. Motion carried.

#### **UTILITIES:**

Motion by Berndsen, second Schleper to approve the ordinance increasing the minimum charge for sewer rates to \$21.18 per month and the basic user rate to \$3.86 per 1,000 gallons. He stated the

increases are needed to fund the construction of the sewer plant upgrade. On roll call voting "aye": Usselmann, Berndsen, Davinroy, Eversgerd, Fischer, Ratermann, Schleper. Motion carried.

Motion by Berndsen, second by Schleper to approve the ordinance waiving the electric rate increase for 2024 (the rate schedule includes a cpi increase yearly). On roll call voting "aye": Berndsen, Davinroy, Eversgerd, Fischer, Ratermann, Schleper, Usselmann. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

No report.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Alderman Schleper stated the ambulance mileage and base rate are to increase every year by the consumer price index. Mayor Timmermann instructed Business Administrator Trevor Schubert to see to that rate increase.

Police Chief Berndsen stated that with the extremely cold weather we are having, everyone needs to check on their neighbors.

### **RECREATION:**

Alderman Davinroy stated that the city is accepting donations for the dog park. Donations can be made at city hall. He also stated that the first park board meeting of the year will be held on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in city hall.

At the last meeting a group of Christmas Lights at the Park committee members attended asking for an increase in their budget. It was discussed at the finance meeting and decided to increase the budget from \$2,000 each year to \$5,000 each year.

### **PUBLIC BUILDINGS:**

No report.

### **ZONING:**

No report.

**HEALTH:**

Motion by Ratermann, second by Fischer to approve Consociates Health Custom Plan Health Insurance for 2024. On roll call voting "aye": Davinroy, Eversgerd, Fischer, Ratermann, Schleper, Usselmann, Berndsen. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Timmermann reported that Alderperson Suann Fields turned in her resignation. The mayor thanked her for her time served. He also said the city is now looking for a new alderperson in Ward 3. Anyone interested should contact himself or city hall.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

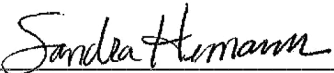
**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

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