

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * JANUARY 20, 2026

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

Mayor Pro Tem Tim Schleper 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: Kevin Timmermann, Gary Usselmann.

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

Press: None.

Visitors: Brady White, Kaeson Mulvin, Quinn Rakers, Brett Deering, Landon Ricklefs, Riley Hilmes, Steven A. Hilmes, David Schlautmann.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Essenpreis, seconded by Ratermann to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 6, 2026, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Motion by Robben, seconded by Davinroy to approve a resolution appointing Trevor Schubert as the IMRF Authorized Agent for the City of Breese. On roll call voting "aye": Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung. Absent: Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

Motion by Robben, seconded by Essenpreis to approve an ordinance proposing the approval of amendments to the New Highway 50 and Old Highway 50 business district plans and setting the time and place for a public hearing to consider the amendments to those business district plans. On roll call voting "aye": Dan Robben, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann. Motion carried.

UTILITIES:

No report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

No report.

RECREATION:

Alderman Davinroy reported that signups for youth baseball and softball will be held February 14-15th from 10am—1pm at the Breese Legion. The Breese Youth Sports League is currently looking for team sponsors. Anyone interested in a sponsorship can email Vaughn Douglas at breeseyouthsports@gmail.com.

Alderman Davinroy reminded everyone that the Park Board meeting is Wednesday, January 28th at 7pm in City Hall. All organizations are encouraged to attend to have their 2026 events approved and scheduled with City Hall.

Alderman Davinroy announced that the Dog Park will open this spring once the grass is grown and water is turned on.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

No report.

ZONING:

Alderman Jung reported there will be a Zoning Hearing for L&HR Land Trust and Mike Raeber on January 29th at 7:30 pm in City Hall. The owner is requesting that the southeast corner of 12th Street and Sunrise Place be zoned as C-2 Highway Commercial for future use for a new fire house.

HEALTH:

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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