

Special Finance Meeting

4-27-20

Topics for discussion:

Haag lot

Family Medical leave

Swimming Pool opening

Holy cross project and signal lights: extra costs

Bent Oak opening

SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING * April 27, 2020

Minutes of the special finance committee meeting of the Breese City Council held via Zoom Conference Call on the above date.

The meeting commenced at 7:05 p.m.

Aldermen in attendance: Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Kevin Timmermann, Jason Davinroy, Robert Berndsen, Gary Usselmann, Bill Fischer, Debbie Koetting

Absent: none

City Officials: City Business Administrator Shelly Schadeegg, City Treasurer Bob Venhaus, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson, Utility Plant Operations Manager Dale Detmer, Public Works Manager/Building Inspector Don Voss, City Collector Sandy Hemann, Police Officer Kurt Detmer, Golf Course Manager Deanna Rensing, Chief of Police Bob Fix

Press: none

Visitors: Nick Haag

Public Comment: none

1. Haag lot – Joanne Stevenson explained that she countered the potential buyer with the \$5,000 offer that the council agreed on. This is the person who owns the warehouse – he has already done a lot of improvements to the warehouse and may be asking for incentives to do more. He is now planning to do improvements on his parking lot and he didn't realize that he didn't own this small portion. The property has been sold for taxes - \$1,000. Buyer countered back with \$3,000 for the City to release the mortgage on the property. He stated that the receiver would be amiable to deed the property to him once the City releases the mortgage. The alternative is to foreclose the property, which could take more than 6 months and would cost around \$5,000. Council all agrees to take the \$3,000 offer. Will approve at a regular council meeting.
2. Family Medical leave – seeking agreement from the council on (2) items:
 - a. Can leave be used intermittently? Council agrees.
 - b. Can the employee use sick or vacation time to make up the 1/3 pay difference? Council agrees.
3. Swimming Pool opening – New Baden and Centralia will be closing the pool for the year. State guidance should be released soon. If there is a tight limit to the amount of people allowed at the pool, the City won't be able to afford to run it. Council agrees to wait for further guidance before making final determination.
4. Holy cross project and signal lights: extra costs for driver assistance – lets the homeowners know if it is safe to enter the flow of traffic. The cost is \$2K per household per month. 7 households = \$14,000/month. Don reached out to the homeowners and they stated that they did not need them. Council agreed to work the project without them.
5. Bent Oak opening – proposal to follow IL guidelines and minimize expenses. Open at 10 am, last tee time at 6 pm. Only 1 staff member to report during the month of May, must wear mask. All tee times must be booked and must be paid via telephone while scheduling tee time. No carts will be

used, unless for individuals with disabilities. Restrooms will be open and sanitized throughout the day by staff. Clubhouse will be open for bathroom use only. West and South doors to the clubhouse will remain locked. Pavilion, putting green and driving range will be closed. Senior rate - \$10 for 9 holes, \$12 for all others for 9 holes. General fund had to loan golf course \$70,000 for the remainder of the fiscal year. Course is currently flooded and it is supposed to rain tomorrow. Tee times will start as early as Friday, if course is playable. No league play until at least June. Social distancing must be adhered to at all times. Expected loss will be \$40,000 for the month of May with no beverage sales or tournament play. Tee times will be scheduled 15 minutes apart for twosomes. Council agrees.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by:


Erin Hamilton, City Clerk