

## FINANCE MEETING

DATE: 5-18-2020

### TOPICS PREPARED FROM DEPARTMENT MEETING:

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

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#### UTILITIES:

- Late payment procedures on utility bills
- Federal and State proposals
- Power cost adj for month

#### PUBLIC WORKS:

- Library roof and A/C needs
- ADA project and Holy Cross updates - timeline
- 12<sup>th</sup> St. update
- Spring cleanup – May 30, Street Shed – 9-3pm

#### POLICE:

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#### RECREATION:

- Pool opening
- Golf leagues re-start with 2-somes; clubhouse remains closed except for payment of fees and restroom

**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:**

- Fire Dist TIF request
- Update on other projects
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**CITY COLLECTOR:**

- Budget 2020
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**AMBULANCE:**

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**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- SWICOM letter to Gov. Pritzker
- Graduates week May 18 - 24
- COVID-19 updates
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## FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING \* May 18, 2020

Minutes of the 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 Usselman, Bill Fischer, Debbie Koetting

Absent: none

City Officials: City Business Administrator Shelly Schadegg, 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, Jackie Hummert, Clubhouse Manager Deanna Rensing

Press: none

Visitors: none

Public Comment:

1. Late payment procedures on utility bills – current billing cycles is in accordance with Ordinance 38-3-21 (h).
2. Federal and State proposals regarding late utility payments – State side: Senator Hastings sent letter to commerce commission regarding emergency response in regards to shut-offs. Proposal is a 60-day, post moratorium, waiting period for shut-off. 12 month deferred payment options are also being proposed, with an extension to 18-24 months possible, for a certified hardship. Federal: House voted on Heroes Act. It did pass the house but will not pass the Senate. There is language included regarding shut-offs for non-payments after 120 days. Current language is conflicting, will wait for clarification.
3. Power cost adj for month – usage for City was down ~14%. Demand has been down 44%. Current adjustment will be at 1 cent, would like to manually adjust to ¾ of a cent. Council agreed.
4. Library roof and A/C needs – 2.5 weeks ago we learned that the HVAC unit needs replacement at the library. They have been adding freon for a number of years. New unit and curb adapter would be about \$18K. Current curb adapter is not the correct size. Timing would be opportune while replacing the roof. In addition, roof bid came in very favorable. Request is to use TIF money for the HVAC replacement as both projects are both within the budget for the roof project. Will add to the agenda for tomorrow night.
5. ADA project and Holy Cross updates – will return to this project once the South Side project is completed. Much time was lost due to winter weather and the COVID Shutdown.
6. 12th St. update – ground has been stabilized. Scheduled to proof roll tomorrow.
7. Spring cleanup scheduled for May 30 at the Street Shed – 9-3pm.
8. South Main Street Project revised estimate is \$742,000. Still \$190,000 short after IDOT refunds. Council will continue to discuss and look at planning.

9. Pool opening – lifeguards should not be a problem to secure with a delayed opening. Suggestion is to not open concession stand, to eliminate cost to staff. Will remain flexible to State guidance when it is issued.
10. Golf leagues re-start with 2-somes; clubhouse remains closed except for payment of fees and restroom. Men’s league is ready to start tomorrow. Ladies’ league can start June 3. No food available for any league. Senior league still working out final details.
11. Fire Dist TIF request of \$60 for infrastructure updates to include a generator, a crew area, and crew housing.
12. Update on other projects – all on hold for the moment.
13. Budget 2020 – sent out last week. Had a few changes to eliminate costs and project a positive \$66,711.25.
14. City Hall Security Project – bids were received Friday. R&W bid \$107,000. Litteken bid \$124,000. The only way to save money is to decrease the level of protection which is not recommended. \$100,000 has been budgeted for the project. Council would like to get started on the project as soon as possible.
15. EMS appreciation week – if you see them out and about, please say thank you!
16. June 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 & 7:45 Zoning Hearings at City Hall.
17. SWICOM letter to Gov. Pritzker requesting changes. Have not heard any updates as of yet. Gov. is proposing a misdemeanor fine and potential jail time for businesses that open up against the current stay at home orders.
18. Mayor Hilmes has inquired about electronics recycling. More information to follow.
19. Graduates week May 18 – 24
20. COVID-19 updates

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Non-verbatum minutes taken by:

  
Erin Hamilton, City Clerk