

FINANCE MEETING**DATE: 1-18-21****TOPICS PREPARED FROM DEPARTMENT MEETING: 1-14-21****PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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UTILITIES:

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PUBLIC WORKS:

- Approve resolution for MFT bid letting
- Approve Materials bids for Public Works Dept.
- Exterior work for City Hall
- Downtown and Holy Cross project update

POLICE:

- Police reform bill
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RECREATION:

- Park Custodian apps
- Golf financials report

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

- Approve grants to local businesses
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CITY COLLECTOR:

- R&W Builders bill
- Grass cutting bids needed
- COVID sick leave

AMBULANCE:

- EMS collections
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ZONING:

- Raeber ordinance
- Foppe Ace Hardware hearing Feb. 4, 2021

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Attorney fee increase
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FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING * January 18, 2021

Minutes of the finance committee meeting of the Breese City Council held in City Hall and on Zoom on the above date.

The meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent:

City Officials: City Business Administrator Shelly Schadegg, City Treasurer Bob Venhaus, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson, Utility Plant Operations Manager Dale Detmer, City Collector Sandy Hemann, Golf Course Superintendent Paul Smith, Police Chief Bob Fix, Public Works Manager/Building Inspector Don Voss.

Press: none

Visitors: Terry Fields, Bryan Eversgerd

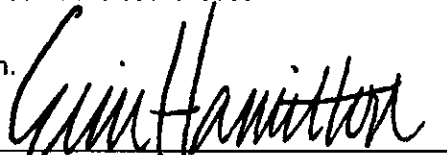
Public Comment:

1. CPI Adjustment – recommendation to raise water, electric and sewer rates by 1.1%. Only increase in past 5 years has been power cost adjustment. With no objections from the council, by ordinance the increase will go into effect.
2. Approve resolution for MFT bid will be on tomorrow night's agenda.
3. Approve Materials bids for Public Works Dept. - Quad County for concrete bid and Beelman for the rock bid.
4. Exterior work for City Hall – When the City put the last new roof on City Hall, opted not to do a snow rail due to cost. Gutters are now about to fall off and Don recommends the snow rail at this time. Have requested current bids for snow rail and guttering. Will discuss further at a later council meeting.
5. Downtown work started today and will do demolition work tomorrow. Will bring finishes in on Thursday. Started by Turf and will do ½ block at a time.
6. Holy Cross project update – plan is to start paving in April.
7. Police reform bill – Chief Fix has been reading to understand the law. The Governor has not yet signed it. It is believed that the portion about removing police officers from schools has been removed. Some parts of the bill will go into effect immediately, some not until 2025. Chief Fix will continue to update.
8. Certification from Department of Justice and IL Chiefs of Police Association on our updated policy manual. In addition, completed 12 additional (optional) items which will keep us in good standing with the IL DOJ. May have to make a few policy adjustments in the future. Chief Fix will be putting out Cyber Crimes information to the Council.

9. 14 Park Custodian applications have been received. Council will gather next week Monday at 6:30 pm to review resumes for interviews.
10. Golf financials report – as of December 31, net profit was \$48,344.
11. Approve grants to local businesses – committee met last week to review applications. Business District COVID Relief Grants \$27,247, General Fund COVID Relief Grants \$96,400
12. R&W Builders bill for \$32,442.93 to be approved tomorrow night for City Hall project. There have been some discrepancies with the project. Will hold until the next meeting for approval.
13. Grass cutting bids needed – have only received (1) so far. Will be accepting bids until January 29, 2021.
14. COVID sick leave expired January 1, 2021 but has been extended until March 31, 2021. Council agreed to roll over employees' unused time (of 80 hours) until March 31, 2021.
15. EMS collections – Marsha, who does our collections, has retired. On December 31, Shelley received a large amount of files. Shelley proposes moving the bad debt accounts to Wakefield & Associates. Pricing is comparable to previous rates with additional benefits. Council will be provided with contract to review, approval will be on the agenda in 2 weeks.
16. Raeber ordinance was approved by Zoning Board – will be on agenda for council vote tomorrow night.
17. Foppe Ace Hardware hearing February 4, 2021 to build a warehouse on the back of their property.
18. Attorney fee increase – rates have not increased since 2005. Council agreed that the rate increase is acceptable – will be on agenda tomorrow night for approval.
19. Annexations have been recorded at the courthouse.

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by:


Erin Hamilton, City Clerk