

FINANCE MEETING

DATE: 3-15-21

TOPICS PREPARED FROM DEPARTMENT MEETING: 3-11-21

PUBLIC COMMENT:

-

UTILITIES:

- Fill Mike Weigmann's position
- AT&T tower

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Dollar General sewer report
- Hiring a replacement to fill retiring water dept workers
- Easement for Ameren – they need easement for Reinforcement Project
-

POLICE:

- Bob Fix retirement on May 31st – start search for new Police Chief
-

RECREATION:

- Golf financial report
- Park Board meeting Mar. 24 at 7pm at City Hall

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

- Interiors on Main loan funds
- TIF projection including extension on Holy Cross widening
- Business District projections
- Developing Business Dist. Advisory Groups- purposes

CITY COLLECTOR:

- Capital outlays for 2021-2022 fiscal year
- Budgets for 2021-2022 fiscal year

AMBULANCE:

- EMS financial and run updates
-

ZONING:

- John Becker remaining as Zoning Adm until end of contract 2023
-

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- W/M container proposal
- Need for Caterer's license
- Increase the number of Class A licenses from 18 to 24 or allow unlimited number – either would need change to Li quor Ordinance
-
-

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING * March 15, 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 6:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Gary Usselmann

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, Police Officer Kurt Detmer.

Press: none.

Visitors: none.

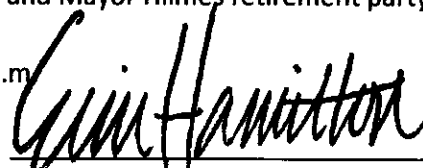
Public Comment:

1. Mike Wiegmann will be retiring on June 1st. Council agreed to advertise open position in the paper.
2. Task order #4 to get started on the wastewater treatment plant. Will be basic design work. In the amount of \$83,335.00.
3. AT&T tower – AT&T real estate team contacted Dale Detmer regarding upgrades to the water tower or they will move off of it. With the City considering a new water tower, AT&T may be upgrading to 5G in Breese. Will no longer need as many smaller cell sites around town. Early stages- Dale will update as available.
4. New City Truck arrived last week.
5. IL Legislature has introduced 7,000 policies this spring, a large portion regarding energy.
6. Dollar General's sewer line was finished Friday. Cleanup and testing today. One final test due in 28 days.
7. Hiring a replacement to fill retiring water dept workers – will be losing 2 key employees to retirement in the next 3-6 years. Don proposes hiring an additional employee this fiscal year to begin training, rather than wait until the retirements are announced. There is a lot of historical knowledge to pass along.
8. Easement for Ameren – they need 20 ft easement for Reinforcement Project
9. HSIP – Highway Safety Improvement Program
10. Bob Fix retirement on May 31st. Will be putting an ad in the Breese Journal for a new officer.
11. Police department would like to purchase either a new Explorer or Truck to replace a 2013 car with over 100,000 miles. Potential to sell old car, outright, for \$7,000 - \$10,000 to a smaller department.
12. ID Networks – Police Records Management Systems proposed in budget.

13. Replacing Bullet Proof Vests & Accessories proposed in budget. (Was in last years' budget – unused.)
14. Replacing portable radios & accessories – was in last years' budget but unpurchased due to the need for the ID Networks systems.
15. Chief Fix proposed establishing a SUAV (drone) program – Officer Detmer has been trained and certified – would be the only police department in the area with the program. Would be helpful for finding missing persons, crowd control, criminal apprehension, and many more.
16. Golf financial report reviewed with Council. \$2,000 ahead beginning of March.
17. Sunday, March 20 customer appreciation day at Bent Oak. Will be live music and food.
18. Park Board meeting Mar. 24 at 7pm at City Hall.
19. Interiors on Main has outstanding loan funds and they are looking to close
20. TIF projection, including extension on Holy Cross widening, reviewed with Council. Council agreed to include the extension of Holy Cross from Lincoln Village to the corporate boundaries. Reviewed TIF projections through the end of 2022, which is when the TIF ends.
21. Proposed Business District Advisory Board, made up of local business owners within the TIF district. 3 different boards, one for each business district.
22. Business District projections were reviewed.
23. Capital outlays for 2021-2022 fiscal year reviewed.
24. Budgets for 2021-2022 fiscal year will be ready by April Finance Meeting.
25. EMS financial and run updates – down 55 runs from last year – equates to \$55,000 down. Projected loss of \$10,000 for the year.
26. Ambulance meeting moved to March 22, 2021 at 6:30 at the Ambulance base.
27. John Becker remaining as Zoning Admin until end of contract 2023.
28. W/M container proposal – council agreed to allow W/M to provide free containers. Will be added to an agenda for official approval.
29. Need for Caterer's Liquor license – Joanne Stevenson will write an ordinance to create.
30. Increase the number of Class A liquor licenses from 18 to 24 or allow unlimited number – either would need change to Liquor Ordinance.
31. Will be sending a letter to support House Bill 2776 – professional licenses for military spouses.
32. April 20 – post holiday party and Mayor Hilmes retirement party at the Bent Oak clubhouse.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by:


Erin Hamilton, City Clerk