

FINANCE AGENDA

DATE: MARCH 14, 2022

PUBLIC COMMENT**COMMITTEE REPORTS:****PUBLIC WORKS**

- MFT Resolution
- Excel Bottling

UTILITIES:

- Pay Raises
- Concerned resident utility bill

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Camera's at City Hall

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

- Amend Budget in TIF4 Redevelopment Plan
- Business Licenses
- PGAV Consultation Agreement Amending TIF 4 Plan Budget

AMBULANCE

- Report on meetings with Highland & Clinton County
- Financials
- Waiver

RECREATION

- Golf Cart Batteries
- Lease or Purchase used carts next season
- Purchase of Fairway Mower and Possibly Rough Mower
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CITY COLLECTOR

- Budgets – Capital Expenses
- Need complete budgets by April 1st

ZONING

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MAYORS REPORT

- Residency
- Waste Management Contract
- Dollar General Parking Lot

OLD BUSINESS

- Shouses
- Chickens – Allow them or Enforce Current Ordinance

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING * MARCH 14, 2022

Minutes of the finance committee meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date. Mayor Timmermann called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Aldermen in attendance: Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd. Terry Fields, Bill Fischer, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann.

City Officials: Utility Plant Operations Mgr. Dale Detmer, Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Golf Course Supt. Paul Smith, Business Admin Shelly Schadegg, City Treasurer Bob Venhaus, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, Zoning Administrator John Becker, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson.

Visitors: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- MFT Resolution for Maintenance will be on the agenda for approval Tuesday night. It is a resolution appropriating \$219,550.00 of MFT funds for maintenance of streets and highways.
- Don Voss stated they have about 2 more weeks on Excel/Holy Cross lane, and then will move to the library project. When that is complete, they will return to Downtown project.

UTILITIES

- Pay raises – Due to budgeting for FY-2023 Dale Detmer asked the council if they intend to raise the electric lineman wages to be competitive with area municipalities, since it was discussed briefly after losing an employee to Ameren recently. Detmer was instructed to poll similar municipalities to see what they are paying, and budget accordingly. Wages will be discussed in depth in November, which is contract time.
- There is a resident in the city that has been contacting city hall and the mayor regarding her utility bill. It was explained that the city has done everything within our power to ensure the accuracy of the meter (meter was sent off for testing and proven 98.8% accuracy) and also that the billing is correct. The mayor assured the council that we have done everything possible on our end. He also stated we are only responsible for service from the meter to the pole, and that the landlord and tenant are responsible for everything from the meter to the unit.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Chief Berndsen reported Jason Stockman will be installing cameras at City Hall
- Still waiting on truck. Equipment has been ordered for new truck.

AMBULANCE:

- Mayor Timmermann reported on the meetings with Highland and Clinton County. Consolidation of districts was discussed as a possible solution. Discussions will be ongoing. Financials were discussed in detail. To date the ambulance is seeing a loss of \$105,000 this fiscal year. Revenue is way down. Business Administrator noted that 117 runs were turned down, mostly due to staffing shortages. The general fund is going to have to subsidize the ambulance, which will eventually cause deficiencies in the general fund. Discussion of raising the SSA's to the maximum amount was brought up. The mayor stated something has to be done! If we cannot lower expenses and find a revenue source, the only other option is city employees being laid off. Less police for protection, less street projects for our roads and less city hall services. None of which are good for the city.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

- PGAV Consultation Agreement Amending TIF 4 plan budget is on the agenda for approval. The change is due to the project being much larger than the original agreement.
- Business Licenses – Shelly to set a town hall meeting to inform businesses and answer any concerns they may have. Tentative date April 12 @ 7:00 PM in City Hall.

RECREATION:

- Paul Smith stated batteries are going bad on multiple golf carts. They are 4 years old and we either need to replace batteries at a cost of about \$1,000 per cart, or there is an option of purchasing used carts in August. He also stated the Fairway mower is a 1999 model, and needs to be replaced. Also, the rough mower is getting old and will need to be replaced. The current loan will be paid off in November. The council instructed to make do with the carts we have. Shift batteries and replace as needed to keep them running, until the other carts are available for purchase in August. Also, get quotes on the other 2 pieces of equipment needed.

CITY COLLECTOR:

- Capital expenses were handed out to the council. Full budgets are due to City Clerk April 1, and will be presented to the council at the April finance meeting.

ZONING

- Gateway FS zoning variance – John Becker explained that the neighbors were not in favor of allowing the tanks. They were concerned about drainage and property taxes. He explained that additional tanks will be added and they will contain the same product that is currently stored there, with a fence around the tanks. They will also be adding a new building for storage and warehousing. It was noted the zoning board voting 5-1 to approve the variance.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Residency – Council decided to allow the ambulance personnel and golf clubhouse manager 30 miles from city hall. All other employees will be allowed 10 miles from city hall. Joanne to prepare the ordinance.
- Waste Management Contract – Alderman Eversgerd will call a health committee meeting to go over Waste Management's proposal.
- Dollar General parking lot – Mayor had a couple of complaints on Dollar General's trash containers. Mayor contacted Dollar General to make sure trash is kept under control.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Shouses – we now have a definition of a shouse. Council decided not to allow them in any district. Joanne to prepare ordinance.
- Allowing Chickens – Alderman Eversgerd stated we either need to allow them or enforce the current code restricting them. It was discussed to allow them with a special use permit. Our zoning code already addresses chicken coops. After much discussion, it was decided to review Carlyle's ordinance, which allows them, and come up with our own restrictions. No roosters, special use and number of chickens being the main stipulations.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM

Non-verbatim minutes taken by:


Sandy Hemann, City Clerk