

FINANCE AGENDA

DATE: AUGUST 14, 2023

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Walker Mondt – Breese Dog Park Proposal
2. Kelly Zurliene – Breese Library

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Extended Warranty Mini Excavator & Loader
- Timmermann Group Drainage

UTILITIES:

- Lawnmower purchase - \$12,450 Sewer/\$5,000 Electric
- Security cameras & fire alarm system
- Mine Street – starting moving electric poles

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- Code Red – add storm notification system

AMBULANCE:

- Billable runs
- Ambulance – still waiting on cabinet
- Ambulance golf scramble – estimate \$11-12,000

RECREATION:

- Park – car did donut in grass by Main pavillion
- Golf – landscaping progress

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

- New Hire

CITY COLLECTOR:

ZONING:

- Florczyk Zoning ordinances

MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. 3-Diamond Development

OLD BUSINESS:

- Clearwave (Bryan)

NEW BUSINESS:

- IML RMA Insurance Renewal (Bryan)

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING * August 14, 2023

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

Mayor Kevin Timmermann called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering, Business Administrator Corey Richter, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, EMS Operations Mgr. Allen Pollmann, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, City Treasurer Robert Venhaus, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson, Park Custodian Bruce Kruep.

Librarian Kelly Zurliene, Library Board Members Bonnie Holzinger, Gwen Fischer, Judy Kampwerth, Jean Steinman, Jim Sprengel.

Visitors: Perry Gaskill, Chris Hamilton, Mike Fix, Lynn Fix, Bailey Wilson, Cheryl Kampwerth, Abby Niemeyer, Walker Mondt, Allye & Grant Boehne.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Walker Mondt, representative for the "Unofficial Breese Dog Park Committee", asked if anyone had any questions or concerns regarding the proposal that was submitted at the last meeting requesting a dog park in Breese. Mayor Timmermann explained that some neighbors have concerns about putting it at the Northwest corner of the park, near their homes. Mayor Timmermann stated we will need to have a public meeting to address any concerns. Walker Mondt stated the group will do fundraising to raise the necessary funds for construction. Cost is estimated at \$20,000-\$30,000. The two locations discussed for placement are the Northwest corner at North Park or the Soccer Park on Holy Cross Lane. A meeting was tentatively scheduled for September 12, 2023 @ 7:00 PM at the K of C Hall in Breese. The city will put a notice on our Facebook page informing the public of the meeting on 9/12/23.

Alderman Usselman stated the library board members were in attendance regarding a couple of budget and maintenance items. The main concern is who is responsible for maintenance on the building. They were recently turned down on a couple of items they requested at budget time. Mayor Timmermann stated all necessary maintenance to the building is the city's responsibility. The roof, parking lot, HVAC have all been items paid for by the city most recently. Librarian Kelly Zurliene was asked to put together a proposal listing all repairs that need to be done for the council's review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Street Supt. Tom Tebbe asked to purchase the extended warranties for the excavator and track loader. The current warranties are getting ready to expire. The cost is \$6,465 for a 3-year/ 2,000-hour warranty. The council agreed to purchase warranties. Costs to be paid out of the street budget.

- Timmermann Group drainage – Don Voss stated the building has flooded three times. He stated the street department increased the size of the drainage box through the sidewalk on Main Street, which was thought to be the problem. The building still flooded, with the water coming in on the Northwest corner of the building. IML Risk Management, the city's liability insurance carrier, has hired an engineer to try to resolve the issue. We are waiting for the report from IML.

UTILITIES:

- Don Voss stated the 1993 mower needs to be replaced. He got a price for a new mower from MTS in the amount of \$17,450. Don to decide which budget this will come from.
- Security cameras and fire alarm system prices at the electric plant, line shed and water plant as follows: line shed \$5,210, power plant \$6,624, water plant fire alarm \$3,642, water plant camera surveillance \$6,640. The council approved to move forward with the purchase from Tech Electronics, with city forces running wire. Don stated he will focus on the water plant first. Kevin also stated we need to investigate placing cameras at the water towers in the future.
- The electric department would like permission to offload line truck #1 and would like to sell it on Purple Wave auction site, to possibly get a higher price. The council agreed to have Joanne prepare an ordinance permitting this.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- Code Red Storm Notification System – would like to add the tornado warning at a price of \$500 per year. Council in agreement. Alderman Schleper wanted to make sure that if they get a tornado warning from Code Red, that officers must set off the tornado siren. Chief Berndsen assured him they would.

AMBULANCE:

- Billable runs – motion by Eversgerd, second by Berndsen to approve billable runs for July 2023. Motion carried by voice vote.
- New ambulance cabinet – Allen talked to Foster Coach, and we should have it soon.
- Golf Scramble – netted approximately \$12,000 which will be used for new radios.

RECREATION:

- Someone did a donut in the grass near the main shelter. Cameras in that area are not working. The need to update the camera system at the park and for the police cameras was brought up. Will need to set up a committee meeting after further investigation.
- Golf landscaping looks good at golf course.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

- Hiring Trevor Schubert as the new business administrator. Mayor Timmermann stated he requested 15 days of vacation, instead of the standard 11 ½ days in the 1st year. The council agreed. He will follow the manager’s vacation schedule starting his second year of employment. No start date is set at this time.

CITY COLLECTOR:

- No report.

ZONING:

- A variance request for Florczyk is on the agenda for approval tomorrow night.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

- We met with Ben Porush with 3-Diamond Development. 3-Diamond is wanting to purchase the property next to their current development, to add 40-60 units. Council in favor of the development.
- Alderman Schleper mentioned that our population is reaching close to 5,000 residents and we need to start thinking about the changes we will need to make regarding the police pension.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Clearwave – Alderman Eversgerd stated he found 8 driveways in his subdivision that were damaged during fiber installation. He believes we need to hold Clearwave accountable for these. Would like to try to get Clearwave to attend the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- IML/RMA insurance – we will be price checking with other carriers for this insurance. The council agreed and we will send a letter of intent to Taylor Koetting, our IML insurance representative, with our intentions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by:


Sandy Hemann, City Clerk