

## **FINANCE AGENDA**

**DATE: MAY 15, 2023**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

1. Robinson Outdoor Sign

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

- Jim Frohn ROW

#### **UTILITIES:**

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

#### **AMBULANCE:**

- Billable Runs
- New Ambulance

#### **RECREATION:**

- Hand dryers are in and installed at Hannah's Playground

#### **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:**

- Community Bank TIF Agreement

**CITY COLLECTOR:**

- Budgets
- Employee Contracts

**ZONING:**

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING \* MAY 15, 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, Bill Fischer, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann.

City Officials: Utility Plants Mgr. Dale Detmer, Business Administrator Corey Richter, EMS Operations Mgr. Allen Pollmann, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, Golf Course Mgr. Paul Smith, Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte, City Treasurer Robert Venhaus, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson.

Visitors: Delbert Riehn, Teri Green.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Delbert Riehn and Teri Green with Digital Billboards explained they want to place a digital billboard in Breese. The billboard is for advertising, but also to display public service notices in case of emergencies or bad weather. Mr. Riehn explained they are looking for property to place the sign. Mayor Timmermann explained that it will take a special use permit and gave them the contact information for John Becker, our zoning administrator.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

- Dale Detmer explained that Jim Frohn would like to quitclaim a piece of property at 425 S. Pine to the city. He stated the property is currently being used as a roadway to resident's driveways. Frohn pays taxes on this property. Mayor Timmermann tabled the issue for further review, to see if it would be in the best interest of the city.

#### **UTILITIES:**

- The utility department received a safety award from IMUA/IMEA this year.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

- No report.

### **AMBULANCE:**

- Billable runs – council reviewed and approved for April 2023.
- A committee meeting was held to discuss ambulance personnel contracts and a new ambulance. Will discuss with budgets.

### **RECREATION:**

- Hand dryers in the park bathrooms have been received and installed at Hannah's playground. The electric department will have to do some panel upgrades to the other restrooms before installation can be done.

### **BUSINESS ADMINISTATOR:**

- Corey explained the Community Bank TIF agreement is ready for approval and is on the agenda tomorrow night.
- Scooter's Coffee - Scooters would like to place the fence on the south side of the ditch. This would require a variance, and neighbors would have to be notified. The mayor believes this would not be a good idea, and would like a meeting with Scooter's, Joanne, Bob, Corey and Gary to discuss placement of the fence.

### **CITY COLLECTOR:**

- Budgets – sent out changes to department heads and council. Adjusted some numbers on the police budget. Added a line item to administration budget for \$200,000 which will be put into a restricted account to be used for any unforeseen capital expenses. Budget should be ready for approval at next meeting.
- Contracts – Christy Coleman with Lewis & Brisbois, labor law attorney, recommended not having contracts for hourly employees, not under a collective bargaining unit and also, the need for a policy and procedures manual. Since raises have already been negotiated for the next 4 years, it was decided to move forward with the policy and procedures manual, and discuss the contract issue in 4 years.

### **ZONING:**

No report.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Mayor stated that applicant turned down the job offer for the utility plant operations manager. Could possibly have to advertise for applications again.
- South Water Tower – received a letter from EPA stating they need more information. HMG is working on this.
- Ward 3 alderman replacement – Kevin has a couple options and will be talking to them. We have 60 days to replace the vacancy.
- Betty Meskil vs City of Breese – received a letter from Chuck Pierce, IML attorney, asking if the city would still like to proceed to trial on this case or offer a settlement. Council will meet with Mr. Pierce to discuss this matter.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by:

  
Sandy Hemann, City Clerk