

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING * AUGUST 19, 2024

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, Bill Fischer, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselman. Absent: Bryan Eversgerd, Steve Hellige.

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Business Admin. Trevor Schubert, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, Police Sgt. Kurt Detmer, Police Officer Sam Lohman, EMS Operations Mgr. Allen Pollmann, City Treasurer Robert Venhaus.

Visitors: James Pruitt

PUBLIC COMMENT:

James Pruitt attended as a follow up from the last meeting where he requested a program to assist people with their utility bills. The mayor explained that BCMW is the only option at this time. He explained we would have to raise utility rates to subsidize this and that would hurt the same people we would be trying to help. Pruitt doesn't like the way BCMW only pays past due bills, and then days later he has another bill due and still doesn't have the funds to pay. Jackie Hummert explained that BCMW will only help with the electric bill, and that the customer is still responsible for the water and sewer portion. Pruitt would like the city to give more time to pay the bills. The timeline for shut off is defined by ordinance and we must follow those rules. Hummert explained we do offer a payment plan for making payments. Mayor Timmermann explained that he understands the predicament and that we are doing what we can to help.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Rock and oiling of driveways and parking lots is set for September 27th and the price will be \$.19 sq. ft., same as last year.
- Main Street – the first section between S. 3rd & 4th is complete. We are currently working on S. 3rd to about 50' North of S. 2nd. We are replacing some storm sewer and then will work on resurfacing. Project estimated to be complete the first part of October.
- Fall clean-up is scheduled for October 19th from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

UTILITIES:

- Jason to get prices for a new cable puller for the electric department.
- Don spoke to the property owner of 10 Julia Drive to purchase right-of-way. The property is currently a private drive. Don stated we will probably incur some legal fees for this. Council agreed to proceed.

- The electric department was asked by Mater Dei to help place conduit from the gym to the football field. Don to contact the city attorney for a possible hold harmless agreement.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- Chief Berndsen to check with Charter for service at the parks for the cameras. We currently have Whisper and the speed is too slow to be able to view the video.
- The price for a Durango from K&J is approximately \$44,000. The council agreed to purchase.

AMBULANCE:

- Garage Fans – looking at possible options to help cool the garage because of the medications in the ambulances. Going to investigate porta coolers or air conditioning. More research to be done.
- Ambulance Golf Scramble – preliminary numbers look like possible \$11-\$12,000 profit.
- Motion by Schleper, second by Fischer to approve the billable runs for July. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

RECREATION:

- Swim Pool is closed for the season due to glass being found in the pool.
- New playground equipment has been ordered with an 8–12-week delivery date. Project cost is \$58,958.00.
- Council approved a string light tree display for the round-about at an approximate cost of \$1,200.00.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

- Jansen Ford TIF Inducement resolution to be approved at Tuesday's council meeting.
- PGAV timeline for new TIF and business district as follows: 9/17 adopt resolution establishing public hearing date & place, 10/8 Joint Review Board meeting, 11/5 public hearing, 11/19 pass ordinances adopting the Business District Plan and TIF Plan.
- 3-Diamond Development – looking to add units. Looked at 3 possible properties for development.
- Raeber/Fonke Subdivision – looking to develop a subdivision on 30 acres west of Cedarhurst. Commercial lots along Holy Cross Lane and residential in the back side of property.
- Audit – audit has been wrapped up and Trevor is waiting on the draft copy. Auditors to present at the 9/16/24 finance meeting.
- Business District Grant applications are a bit slow. Trevor encouraged business owners to apply as we have only received 1 application.

CITY COLLECTOR:

- Viewed a new drone video to be placed on the city website.
- New employee interviews – received 32 applications, would like to interview 4 people. The date was set for interviews on August 28th starting at 6:30 PM.
- Election packets are available to start circulating on 8/20/24.

ZONING:

- No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Mayor believes it is important for all employees to know who the mayor and aldermen are. This comes after an incident at the golf course.
- The mayor of Carlyle, Judy Smith, contacted Kevin to see if the City of Breese would be willing to help sponsor a professional bass tournament. Mayor and council to discuss with the chamber to see if they are willing to participate. Breese Chamber night is on 8/29 and the mayor encouraged all the council members to attend.

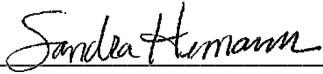
OLD BUSINESS:

- Recycle survey will be sent out to all residents asking if they are willing to pay \$18.10 per month for recycling. The only way Waste Management will resume curbside recycling is if every resident participates. Results from the survey will determine if we reinstate curbside recycling and it is important that every resident return the survey. The Council agreed that the dumpster at city hall should be removed after we get the results of the survey.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by: 
Sandy Hemann, City Clerk