

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING * JULY 15, 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, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselman. Absent: Carl Ratermann.

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Business Admin. Trevor Schubert, Police Sgt. Kurt Detmer, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering, Golf Supt. Paul Smith, Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte, City Treasurer Robert Venhaus, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson, Officer Ryan Isaak, Zoning Admin. John Becker.

Visitors: Allen Huelsmann, James Pruitt

PUBLIC COMMENT:

James Pruitt explained that he believes the city needs a local program to assist with paying utility bills for people who are on disability or social security. He stated that BCMW and disability just isn't enough for people to get by on. Pruitt said he would be happy to assist in any way he can. Mayor Timmermann said the council will investigate it and invited Pruitt to come to the next finance meeting in August.

Allen Huelsmann had questions about the new dog park. Alderman Schleper told him there is a group of citizens who would like to see a dog park in town. Huelsmann is concerned about using taxpayer money for a dog park and dogs running loose in the city. He was informed the group of citizens are having fundraisers and are seeking grants to fund the dog park. Also, if he has a problem with a dog running loose, he needs to contact the police.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Siding on the BAC building – Don Voss was instructed to get a price for Smartside and vinyl.
- MiPay – clocking in/out – council agreement to get rid of time punch and record employees daily time in the time entry portion of MiPay.

UTILITIES:

- Capital Improvements Projects – scheduled a committee meeting for 7/23/24 @ 7:00 PM to discuss.

- Stresscrete pole order of \$52,952.20 – these were ordered for Holy Cross Lane by Litteken Construction and for stock for future use.
- Clearwave pole attachment contract – agreement was modeled off the Charter contract and sets the requirements and fees for using the city’s utility poles to connect their utility lines.
- Rate study quote UFS LLC \$21,500 – this study will determine if we need to make changes to the structure of the way we bill for electric. Jason also checked with BHMG and this is also the company they use.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- Peddlers license – Ordinance needed clarification. The council set the rate to \$200/day per person and \$500/year per person. Joanne to prepare ordinance accordingly.
- The council instructed police to get a quote for a new Durango from K&J.
- 2014 Explorer – Alderman Schleper stated he would like to see if any other department needs the vehicle before selling it to another town. The council agreed.

AMBULANCE:

- Motion by Schleper, second by Usselmann to approve the billable runs for June. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Garage Fans – received 2 quotes. Alderman Schleper was instructed to talk to CR Electric to get more options.

RECREATION:

- Swim Pool Raises – approved to \$1.00 raise this year, and next year they will only get the increase to \$15.00, which is what minimum wage will be.
- Park – New Playground – motion by Davinroy, second by Eversgerd to approve the quote of \$62,564.75 to purchase the new playground equipment for north park by the Main pavilion. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. This price is without installation. Will ask for volunteers to install, same as we did at Miners Park.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

- Business District Grants – application period to be from now until September 13th. Grants will be reimbursed up to 50% of eligible expenses, up to \$5000.00.
- Jansen Ford TIF Inducement Resolution – would like to get passed to get things moving so we are ready if and when the property is purchased. Will be on the August 6th agenda for approval.

CITY COLLECTOR:

- MiPay – paystubs will no longer be printed. Aldermen will need to sign in to view their paychecks. Also, that is where you can sign up to view your W-2. Sandy to send out a new welcome email so everyone can get signed up.
- April election – can start circulating petitions on 8/20/24 for the April 2025 election. Petitions will be available on the county website or at City Hall.

ZONING:

- Ground Mount Solar Panels – no action taken, further research to be done to include residential and commercial solar fields.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

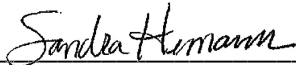
- Recycling – will keep recycling dumpster for now. City Clerk to send out a survey asking residents if they are willing to pay \$18.10 per month for curbside recycling. Waste Management will only pick up curbside recycling if every resident is included.
- Holy Cross Property – grass needs to be cut every other week. Don Voss to see how many hours will be required. Will need to do some maintenance to the property this fall.
- City Collector Replacement – council agreement to promote Jackie Hummert to City Collector, Monica Mensing to Utility Billing clerk, and hire a new employee for the front office.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- Library termites – termites were discovered by the front foyer. The council agreed to engage Terminix for treatment at a cost of \$2,400 for the initial treatment and \$334 yearly for maintenance.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

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