

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING * MARCH 18, 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 (at 7:50), Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper. Absent: Gary Usselmann.

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Business Admin. Trevor Schubert, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, Golf Superintendent Paul Smith, Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte, City Treasurer Robert Venhaus, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson.

Visitors: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Golf Course – should finish up next week.
- City Wide Cleanup is set for April 20th at the street department. Same rules as previous years.
- Soccer Park parking lot needs to be rock & oiled. Tom stated it should have been done a couple years ago and would like to add \$20,000 to the park budget to get this done. The council agreed.

UTILITIES:

- IMEA Purchase Agreement – representatives from IMEA will be here on April 2nd at 6:30 PM to meet with us, and then attend the council meeting. Jason to forward agreements and sample ordinance to Joanne for review.
- Loan Application Ordinance – same procedure as the loan for the Water Tower. Is on agenda for approval tomorrow night. Status on sewer plant – waiting on archeological survey.
- Dilapidated house on Walnut Street – Don will contact the owner.
- Lead Service Line Survey Report – still need residents to turn them in. At this time, we have found 2 lead service lines and about 50 galvanized and these will need to be replaced.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- Mark got a bid of \$42,000 on a Durango for the next police car. Won't purchase this until next fiscal year.
- Flock cameras – need permits from IDOT to place them on Rt. 50 by Southern Bus and on Walnut by CC Food Mart. Need to be placed so they can pick up both lanes of traffic.
- Seeking a bid from Jim Astroth to place cameras by Gridiron, Turf and Dutchmen on Main Street.

AMBULANCE:

- Billable runs – motion by Schleper, second by Eversgerd to approve the billable runs for February 2024. Motion carried by voice vote.
- Highland Speedway asked our EMS to do standby events. The City of Highland is reducing their ambulance service to 1 rig. Allen stated we would run a third truck for that. He doesn't know if he can get staff on the weekends but should be able to on Wednesday nights. The council's main concern is to make sure we have our district covered first and foremost. Trevor to pull some numbers to see what our cost would be, so we can give them a price per hour.

RECREATION:

- Swim Pool – meet with Angie to discuss changes that need to be made for the upcoming season.
- Dog Park – Tim explained the new location and the plan for possibly getting an easy clean surface. Also, the possibility of getting a grant. Mayor stated we need to be ready to vote on the location at the April 16th meeting.

BUSINESS ADMINISTATOR:

- Joe's Pizza broke ground this week. Trevor stated we need to get the re-development plan in place.
- Business district grants – still have 8 current projects outstanding. Kalmer HVAC turned in their paperwork to receive last year's grant. Trevor to follow up with them.
- K&J TIF Agreement – K&J turned in an invoice for an EAV charging station installation. The council agreed that this was not part of the original electric hookup which is included in the TIF agreement. No reimbursement will be made.
- PGAV – Adam Stroud with PGAV looking into paperwork to produce a TIF if this property is purchased by a local company.
- Auditor Bids – received 3 bids (Fick, Eggemeier & Williamson, CJ Schlosser and Gibbons CPA). Gibbons was the highest bid and out of our price range. Trevor to check other towns who hire Schlosser and report on findings. A decision must be made by 4/2/24.

CITY COLLECTOR:

- Budgets – all budgets are turned in and the Collector will be entering them into a spreadsheet for distribution. Set meeting for April 4th at 7:00 PM to review them.
- Employee handbook – handbook has been completed, and now we need to create a disciplinary policy. Will meet again on 3/25 at 7:00 PM to do the policy.
- BAC rent – council agreed to increase rent to \$150.
- Cemetery Plots – council agreed to raise to \$400 per plot. Joanne to prepare ordinance and also check to see if we can offer a hardship price to those in need.
- City Hall phones – meeting with CDS Technologies to upgrade the phones in city hall. Will review when more information is available.

ZONING:

- There is a zoning hearing set for March 21, 2024, at 7:30 PM in City Hall for a variance for Nolan Poettker to reduce the set back to 15' for a new home at 530 N. 7th Street.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Waste Management – Mayor spoke with Ammon Taylor regarding dumpsters. Taylor agreed to provide dumpsters to the city free of charge for the first three years of the 5-year contract, and the city will have to pay for the 2 remaining years. The council agreed.
- Governors Run Golf Course – it is for sale. Met with Carlyle mayor and business manager and they are thinking about purchasing it. They wanted to get the city's input.

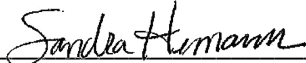
OLD BUSINESS:

No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

No report.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

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