

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING * OCTOBER 14, 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, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper. Absent: Steve Hellige, Gary Usselmann.

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Business Administrator Trevor Schubert, Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, EMS Operations Mgr. Allen Pollmann, Golf Course Mgr. Paul Smith, Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte, City Treasurer Robert Venhaus, Utility Billing Clerk Jackie Hummert, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson.

Visitors: Walker Mondt, Abbie Brauer.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Walker Mondt updated the council on the status of the dog park. He has a quote for the fencing for the dog park of \$15,000.00 installed or \$11,000 and we install. He stated they have raised \$10,000.00 and asked the council if they would pay the additional \$5,000.00 needed. He stated that the committee can continue fund raising but it will probably lead to an additional 6 months. A local fence company will install the fence at cost and if we wait the cost could increase. Alderman Schleper said, the city would like to see concrete around the perimeter to make grounds maintenance easier. The council agreed to have the contractor do installation and the city will pay the additional \$5,000.00. The city will do the concrete work and get utilities to the site when needed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITIES:

- The Carlyle Southwest Water Contract expired in 2022. Don asked if anyone had any concerns or changes. Everyone was good with the 2022 contract, so Don will move forward on contract renewal.
- HMG submitted a proposal for preliminary engineering on the water treatment plan improvements for \$92,000.00. The current EPA loan for the water plant upgrade from 2007 will be paid off 11/1/26. The council agreed to wait until next year to begin the engineering for the upgrade.
- Lineman Jordan VonderHaar headed down to Florida last week to assist in recovery from hurricane Milton. IMEA was contacted for mutual aid and the city joined forces with Carlyle and Highland to help with cleanup. Safe travels to the lineman.
- Mayor Timmermann asked permission from the council to waive late penalties for St. Joseph's Hospital utility bills. The council agreed to waive the penalties this time only, since we have waived penalties multiple times in the past.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- No report.

AMBULANCE:

- Garage HVAC – we received 2 bids; Kalmer was \$10,900 and Kohnen was \$12,700. The council agreed to hire Kalmer and to install it yet this year.
- Billable Runs – motion by Schleper, second by Berndsen to approve. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- New Stretcher – Allen Pollmann stated one of our stretchers has failed. The cost to repair it would be \$8,600.00 and the cost for a new one is \$29,166.00 with a 10-year service contract. The current stretcher is 18 years old. The council agreed to purchase a new one.

RECREATION:

- Rough Mower at Golf Course – Paul received 2 bids for a new rough mower: Toro from MTI Distributing at \$43,310.26 and John Deere from Erb Turf Equipment at \$59,689.46. The Toro mower has 24.9 horsepower with no turbo (which the current one has) and the John Deere mower has 37 horsepower. John Deere was the favored mower. Paul stated the current equipment loan has an outstanding balance of \$54,384.15 with a 3.85% interest rate and will be paid off in February 2027. Paul also brought up purchasing new golf carts. Mayor Timmermann stated to set up a committee meeting to prepare a plan of action. Paul also stated this would all be on next year's budget.
- The landscaping on South Broadway past the park to the golf course really looks bad with dead trees and bushes. The council agreed to allow Paul to remove it.
- Swimming Pool – Doug sent out a list of improvements that need to be made. We need to hear from RP Coatings to see their estimate of how much it will cost to repair and paint the pool. Once we receive that estimate, we will know what other maintenance can be afforded.
- Hannah's playground bathroom – waiting on heating to be installed so it will remain open year-round.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

- Jansen Ford TIF – Trevor overviewed the minutes of the joint review board meeting and the review board voiced their support for the redevelopment plan and TIF district. He stated the public hearing is scheduled for November 5th at 7:00 PM in City Hall. Trevor asked the council to start planning what they want to include in the redevelopment agreement.
- Swimming Pool – the pool saw \$16,742.70 profit this season. Trevor stated the changes we made are a step in the right direction to stop the large losses we have seen in the past.

CITY COLLECTOR:

- Ambulance SSA Contracts – on agenda for approval tomorrow night.
- Health insurance meeting 10/21/24 @ 7:00 PM in City Hall. Now is the time the council needs to decide if they want to make changes to the city health insurance. Mayor Timmermann encouraged all aldermen to attend this meeting to start planning for renewal in February. Broker Bill Schmaltz will attend the meeting.
- New regulations have been passed stating all job advertisements must include benefits and a salary range. Starting 1/1/25 all listings must include this information.

ZONING:

- The ordinance for the zoning amendment for Paul Rinella is on the agenda for approval tomorrow night.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Mayor Timmermann sent out information from Carlyle about advertising with the Clinton County Tourism for 3 fishing tournaments to be held at Carlyle Lake. The council agreed to not participate.

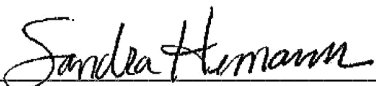
OLD BUSINESS:

- BAC siding – Don Voss to research options for materials other than vinyl.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.

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