

CITY OF BREESE MEETING AGENDA

DATE: JANUARY 7, 2025

- CALL TO ORDER
- ROLL CALL
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
- MOTION TO APPROVE PAYING BILLS, CITY COLLECTOR & TREASURER REPORT
- PUBLIC COMMENT
 - 1. Michael Smith – AT&T Service Issue
- COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - FINANCE/Bryan Eversgerd:
 - UTILITIES/Bob Berndsen:
 - 1. Mutual Aid Commendation from APPA
 - PUBLIC WORKS/Carl Ratermann:
 - PUBLIC SAFETY/Tim Schleper:
 - RECREATION/Jason Davinroy:
 - 1. Christmas Lighting Committee Discussion
 - PUBLIC BUILDINGS/Gary Usselmann:
 - ZONING/Bill Fischer:
 - 1. Ordinance Amending Zoning Classification on Jansen Ford Property Located at 8120 Old Hwy 50 from Industrial to C-2 Highway Commercial
 - HEALTH/Steve Hellige:
- MAYOR'S REPORT:
 - 1. Duane Timmermann's Retirement
- OLD BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS
- ADJOURNMENT

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * JANUARY 7, 2025

Minutes of the 41st Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

Mayor Kevin Timmermann called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Aldermen in attendance: Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselman.

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering, Business Administrator Trevor Schubert, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, Utility Billing Clerk Jackie Hummert, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson, Zoning Administrator John Becker.

Press: Matt Wilson – Breese Journal

Visitors: Duane Timmerman, Dana Timmermann, Jeff Jung, Dan Robben, Maribeth Detmer, Lisa Clatterbuck, Donna Johnson, Christina Norbeck, Lynn Vail.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Berndsen, second by Davinroy to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 17, 2024, and place on file. Motion Carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Eversgerd, second by Hellige to authorize payment of the bills, City Collector and City Treasurer Report. On roll call voting "aye": Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselman, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd. Motion carried.

Mayor Timmermann acknowledged the retirement of Public Works employee Duane Timmermann. He thanked Duane for his 30 years of dedicated service to the City of Breese. He stated Duane was a great employee and would be missed. He wished him well in his retirement.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Christina Norbeck and Lynn Vail, representing the Breese Junior Women's Club, asked permission to hold the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the park on April 12, 2025. The council was in approval contingent upon approval from the park board. They were instructed to fill out a park event form and take it to the park board for approval at their meeting on January 22nd.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

No report.

UTILITIES:

Alderman Berndsen thanked Duane Timmermann for his many dedicated years of service.

Berndsen stated the utility department received a mutual aid commendation from APPA. This is in recognition of the mutual aid we sent to help restore power in Florida after hurricane Milton.

PUBLIC WORKS:

The Street Department is currently working on snow cleanup.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Alderman Schleper thanked the street department for a great job in keeping the ambulance base clear of snow in the bad weather. He said overall, things were uneventful during the storm.

Police Chief Berndsen stated, to check on your neighbors with the bad weather and cold temperatures.

RECREATION:

Alderman Davinroy thanked the park decorating committee and all the volunteers who worked on putting up and taking down of decorations.

The committee sent a list of their needs and wishes for 2025. Donna Johnson stated the biggest problem was getting power. Mayor Timmermann instructed Jason Deering to check into the matter. Mayor Timmermann also stated that he will be setting up a recreation committee meeting to discuss the plans for 2025.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

No report.

ZONING:

Motion by Fischer, second by Usselmann to approve an ordinance amending zoning classification on Jansen Ford property located at 8120 Old Hwy 50 from Industrial to C-2 Highway Commercial. On roll call voting "aye": Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer. Motion carried.

HEALTH:

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Timmermann instructed everyone to be careful on slick roads and sidewalks and to stay safe!

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Schleper, second by Ratermann, to adjourn after no further business was brought before the Council. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

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

CITY OF BREESE MEETING AGENDA

DATE: JANUARY 21, 2025

- CALL TO ORDER
- ROLL CALL
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
- MOTION TO APPROVE PAYING BILLS, CITY COLLECTOR & TREASURER REPORT
- PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brian Kramer – Contracting of Water Plant residuals at Water Treatment Plant

- COMMITTEE REPORTS

- FINANCE/Bryan Eversgerd:
 1. Approve Staying with Consociate Health for 2025 Health Insurance
 2. Approve Amendment of the Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2025
 3. Ordinance Approving the Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan and Project for the Jansen Ford Redevelopment Project Area
 4. Ordinance Designating the Jansen Ford Redevelopment Project Area
 5. Ordinance Adopting Tax Increment Financing for the Jansen Ford Redevelopment Project Area
 6. Ordinance Establishing and Imposing Certain Business District Taxes in the City of Breese Jansen Ford Business District
 7. Ordinance Establishing and Designating the Jansen Ford Business District and Approving the Jansen Ford Business District Plan within the City of Breese, Illinois
- UTILITIES/Bob Berndsen:
 1. Approve Transformer Repair from Sunbelt Solomon in the Amount of \$683,506.00
- PUBLIC WORKS/Carl Ratermann:
- PUBLIC SAFETY/Tim Schleper:
- RECREATION/Jason Davinroy:
- PUBLIC BUILDINGS/Gary Usselmann:

- ZONING/Bill Fischer:
- HEALTH/Steve Hellige:
- MAYOR'S REPORT:
 1. Appoint Jamie Fields and Erin Hamilton to the Library Board, replacing Jean Steinman and Mary Heeren
- OLD BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS
- ADJOURNMENT

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * JANUARY 21, 2025

Minutes of the 42nd Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

Mayor Kevin Timmermann called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Aldermen in attendance: Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Gary Usselmann. Absent: Tim Schleper.

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss; Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering; Business Administrator Trevor Schubert; Police Chief Mark Berndsen; Utility Billing Clerk Jackie Hummert; City Attorney Joanne Stevenson; Zoning Administrator John Becker; Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte.

Press: None.

Visitors: Jeff Jung, Dan Robben, Abigail Shanafelt, Lydia Duncan, Julia Winter, Dale Detmer, Bryan Kramer.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Fischer, second by Berndsen to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 7, 2025, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Eversgerd, second by Davinroy to authorize payment of the bills, City Collector and City Treasurer Report. On roll call voting "aye": Carl Ratermann, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige. Absent: Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bryan Kramer with Metro Ag attended regarding the contracting of water plant residuals at the water treatment plant. He introduced himself and his company stating they are a local company and have been in business for 43 years. He stated his company serves many of the area communities and they are proud of their company. He is concerned that his company was not contacted about the work done at the water plant recently. He believes that because of work done a dozen years ago, his company has been red flagged. He stated that there should be no such thing as a red flag on his company and they would like to be able to bid on future jobs. Mayor Timmermann stated this will be brought to a utility committee meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Motion by Eversgerd, second by Davinroy to approve continuing with Consociate Health for the 2025 employee health insurance. On roll call voting "aye": Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann. Absent: Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

Motion by Eversgerd, second by Hellige to approve the amendment to the appropriation ordinance for fiscal year 2025. Eversgerd stated a public hearing was held last night, with no opposition to the amendment. On roll call voting "aye": Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Gary Usselmann. Absent: Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

Motion by Eversgerd, second by Usselmann to table all items on the agenda regarding the TIF and business district project for Jansen Ford. On roll call voting "aye": Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen. Absent: Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

UTILITIES:

Motion by Berndsen, second by Usselmann to approve the transformer repair bid from Sunbelt Solomon in the amount of \$683,506.00. On roll call voting "aye": Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy. Absent: Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

Alderman Berndsen explained we have purchased a replacement transformer, which is waiting to be installed, but that we need to get the old one repaired for future use.

Alderman Berndsen stated we will be generating tomorrow because JF Electric will be changing out the 69kv switch on Highline Road.

PUBLIC WORKS:

The Street Department is currently working on general maintenance.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

No report.

RECREATION:

Alderman Davinroy stated there is a park board meeting on January 22 at 7:00 PM in City Hall.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

No report.

ZONING:

No report.

HEALTH:

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Timmermann stated he would like to table the library board appointments until the next meeting. Motion by Eversgerd, second by Berndsen to table the appointments. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

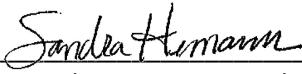
None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Ratermann, second by Berndsen to adjourn after no further business was brought before the Council. Motion Carried by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by:



Sandy Hemann, City Clerk

CITY OF BREESE MEETING AGENDA

DATE: FEBRUARY 4, 2025

- CALL TO ORDER
- ROLL CALL
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
- MOTION TO APPROVE PAYING BILLS, CITY COLLECTOR & TREASURER REPORT
- PUBLIC COMMENT

- COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - FINANCE/Bryan Eversgerd:
 - UTILITIES/Bob Berndsen:
 1. ORDINANCE - Amending Municipal Code to Provide for the Calculation of Charges in the Event of a Water Main Breakage
 - PUBLIC WORKS/Carl Ratermann:
 1. MFT Resolution Appropriating \$210,000.00 Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the Purpose of Maintaining Streets for FY-2026
 - PUBLIC SAFETY/Tim Schleper:
 - RECREATION/Jason Davinroy:
 - PUBLIC BUILDINGS/Gary Usselmann:
 - ZONING/Bill Fischer:

- HEALTH/Steve Hellige:
- MAYOR'S REPORT
- OLD BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS
- ADJOURNMENT

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * FEBRUARY 4, 2025

Minutes of the 43rd Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

Mayor Kevin Timmermann called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Aldermen in attendance: Robert Berndsen, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann. Absent: Jason Davinroy.

City Officials: Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering; Street Supt. Tom Tebbe; Business Administrator Trevor Schubert; Police Chief Mark Berndsen; Utility Billing Clerk Jackie Hummert; City Attorney Joanne Stevenson; EMS Operations Mgr.; Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte.

Press: Matt Wilson, Breese Journal.

Visitors: Luke Essenpreis, Doug Ratermann/HMG.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Ratermann, second by Usselmann to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 21, 2025, and placed on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Hellige, second by Schleper to authorize payment of the bills, City Collector and City Treasurer Report. On roll call voting "aye": Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Bob Berndsen, Bryan Eversgerd. Absent: Jason Davinroy. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

No report.

UTILITIES:

Motion by Berndsen, second by Schleper to approve an ordinance amending municipal code to provide for the calculation of charges in the event of a water main breakage. Alderman Berndsen explained that in the event of a water main breakage on the customer's side of the meter, the charges for sewer services shall be, for the period immediately following the leakage, an average of the previous three (3) months sewer bills for that customer. On roll call voting "aye": Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Bob Berndsen, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer. Absent: Jason Davinroy. Motion carried.

Alderman Berndsen stated we had a power outage on Sunday due to an Ameren transmission line failure. We generated for about 2 hours until the failure was repaired.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Motion by Ratermann, second by Schleper to approve an MFT Resolution appropriating \$210,000.00 Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the purpose of maintaining streets for FY-2026. On roll call voting "aye": Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Bob Berndsen, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige. Absent: Jason Davinroy. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

No report.

RECREATION:

No report.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Alderman Usselmann reported that there is a committee meeting with the library board on February 5th at 6:30 PM at the library.

ZONING:

No report.

HEALTH:

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Timmermann stated that work has started on a solar field ordinance. He said the city attorney will be preparing the ordinance for review.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Ratermann, second by Berndsen to adjourn after no further business was brought before the Council. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

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

CITY OF BREESE MEETING AGENDA

DATE: 2/18/2025

- CALL TO ORDER
- ROLL CALL
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
- MOTION TO APPROVE PAYING BILLS, CITY COLLECTOR & TREASURER REPORT
- PUBLIC COMMENT:
 1. Jill Daugherty-Photography Conference 5/15/25
- COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - FINANCE/Bryan Eversgerd:
 1. Ordinance approving amendment to the Comprehensive Plan Dated December 2016
 2. Ordinance Approving Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan and Project for the Jansen Ford Redevelopment Project Area
 3. Ordinance Designating the Jansen Ford Redevelopment Project Area
 4. Ordinance Adopting Tax Increment Financing for the Jansen Ford Redevelopment Project Area
 5. Ordinance Establishing and Designating the Jansen Ford Business District and Approving the Jansen Ford Business District Plan within the City of Breese
 6. Ordinance Establishing and Imposing Certain Business District Taxes in the City of Breese Jansen Ford Business District
 - UTILITIES/Bob Berndsen:
 - PUBLIC WORKS/Carl Ratermann:
 - PUBLIC SAFETY/Tim Schleper:
 - RECREATION/Jason Davinroy:
 - PUBLIC BUILDINGS/Gary Usselmann:

- ZONING/Bill Fischer:
- HEALTH/Steve Hellige:
- MAYOR'S REPORT:
 1. Appoint Jamie Fields to the Library Board and Re-Appointing Jean Steinman to the Library Board
- OLD BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS
- ADJOURNMENT

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * FEBRUARY 18, 2025

Minutes of the 44th Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

Mayor Kevin Timmermann called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Aldermen in attendance: Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper. Absent: Gary Usselmann.

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Electric Mgr. Jason Deering, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, City Business Admin. Trevor Schubert, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson.

Press: None.

Visitors: Dan Robben, Luke Essenpreis, Jill Daugherty, Marcela Contreras, Claire Koch.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Davinroy, seconded by Hellige to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 4, 2025, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Eversgerd, seconded by Fischer to authorize payment of the bills, City Collector and City Treasurer Report. On roll call voting "aye": Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige. Absent: Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jill Daugherty asked permission from the City to host an educational photography conference. She is expecting approximately 75-100 to attend on May 15, 2025, at North Park. The council agreed and thanked Jill for promoting the City of Breese.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Motion by Eversgerd, seconded by Davinroy to approve an ordinance amending the Comprehensive Plan dated December 2016. The amendment will change the zoning of the proposed Jansen Ford Redevelopment Area from Industrial to Highway Commercial. On roll call voting "aye": Tim Schleper, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann. Absent: Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

Motion by Eversgerd, seconded by Davinroy to approve an ordinance approving the Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan and Project for the Jansen Ford Redevelopment Project Area. On roll call voting "aye": Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper. Absent: Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

Motion by Eversgerd, seconded by Davinroy to approve an ordinance designating the Jansen Ford Redevelopment Project Area. On roll call voting “aye”: Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Robert Berndsen. Absent: Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

Motion by Eversgerd, seconded by Davinroy to approve an ordinance adopting Tax Increment Financing for the Jansen Ford Redevelopment Project Area. On roll call voting “aye”: Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy. Absent: Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

Motion by Eversgerd, seconded by Berndsen to approve an ordinance establishing and designating the Jansen Ford Business District and approving the Jansen Ford Business District Plan within the City of Breese. On roll call voting “aye”: Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd. Absent: Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

Motion by Eversgerd, seconded by Schleper approving an ordinance establishing and imposing certain Business District Taxes in the City of Breese Jansen Ford Business District. On roll call voting “aye”: Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer. Absent: Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

UTILITIES:

No Report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

No Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

No Report.

RECREATION:

No Report.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

No Report.

ZONING:

No Report.

HEALTH:

No Report.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Timmermann re-appointed Jean Steinman to the library board and appointed Jamie Fields to replace Mary Heeren. Motion by Eversgerd, seconded by Davinroy to approve the appointment. On roll call voting “aye”: Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige. Absent: Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Ratermann seconded by Schleper to adjourn after no further business was brought before the Council. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by: _____
Jackie Hummert, Deputy City Clerk

CITY OF BREESE MEETING AGENDA

DATE: 3/4/25

- CALL TO ORDER
- ROLL CALL
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
- MOTION TO APPROVE PAYING BILLS, CITY COLLECTOR & TREASURER REPORT
- PUBLIC COMMENT

- COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - FINANCE/Bryan Eversgerd:

 - UTILITIES/Bob Berndsen:

 - PUBLIC WORKS/Carl Ratermann:
 1. Mine Street Project Discussion

 - PUBLIC SAFETY/Tim Schleper:

 - RECREATION/Jason Davinroy:

 - PUBLIC BUILDINGS/Gary Usselmann:

 - ZONING/Bill Fischer:

 - HEALTH/Steve Hellige:

- MAYOR'S REPORT:
- OLD BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS
- ADJOURNMENT

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * MARCH 4, 2025

Minutes of the 45th Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

Mayor Kevin Timmermann called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Aldermen in attendance: Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann.

City Officials: Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering; Street Supt. Tom Tebbe; Public Works Director Don Voss; Business Administrator Trevor Schubert; Police Sgt. Kurt Detmer; Deputy City Clerk Jackie Hummert; Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte; City Attorney Joanne Stevenson.

Press: Matt Wilson, Breese Journal.

Visitors: Luke Essenpreis, Dan Robben.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Berndsen, second by Fischer to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 18, 2025, and placed on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Usselmann, second by Davinroy to authorize payment of the bills, City Collector and City Treasurer Report. On roll call voting "aye": Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

No Report.

UTILITIES:

No Report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderman Ratermann stated we need to set up a public works committee meeting to discuss Mine and Walnut Street projects.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Alderman Schleper stated there is a public safety committee meeting on 3/6/24 at 6:30 PM in City Hall.

RECREATION:

No Report.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

No Report.

ZONING:

Alderman Fischer stated there are 2 zoning hearings set for March 20th. The first one at 7:30 PM for a zoning amendment at 732 N. 4th Street to change zoning from R-1 to C-2. The second one is set for 7:35 PM to add wind and solar energy to the zoning code. Both will be held in City Hall.

HEALTH:

No Report.

MAYORS REPORT

No Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Ratermann, second by Berndsen to adjourn after no further business was brought before the Council. Motion Carried by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.

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

CITY OF BREESE MEETING AGENDA

DATE: 3/18/25

- CALL TO ORDER
- ROLL CALL
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
- MOTION TO APPROVE PAYING BILLS, CITY COLLECTOR & TREASURER REPORT
- PUBLIC COMMENT
 1. Dana Timmermann – Relay for Life bicycle ride at Bent Oak GC
 2. Kevin Jansen – JCP Moonlight Bike Ride
- COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - 2016
 - 2015
 - FINANCE/Brian Eversgord:
 - 2014
 - UTILITIES/Bob Berndsen:
 - PUBLIC WORKS/Carl Ratermann:
 - PUBLIC SAFETY/Tim Schleper:
 1. Approve an Ordinance Making the Intersection of N Cherry and N 12th St a Yield Right of Way
 - RECREATION/Jason Davinroy:
 - PUBLIC BUILDINGS/Gary Usselmann:
 - ZONING/Bill Fischer:
 1. Zoning Hearing March 20th at 7:30 PM changing V&H Recreation Lot 7 from R-1 Single Family Residential to C-2 Highway Commercial
 2. Zoning Hearing March 20th at 7:35 PM adding Solar and Wind Energy Systems to the Breese Zoning Code

- **HEALTH/Steve Hellige:**
 1. Leaf Dump will be open March 22nd to April 6th on Wednesdays and Sundays 12:00-4:00, and Saturdays 10:00-4:00

- **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- **OLD BUSINESS**
- **NEW BUSINESS**
- **ADJOURNMENT**

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * MARCH 18, 2025

Minutes of the 46th Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

Mayor Kevin Timmermann called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Aldermen in attendance: Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Carl Ratermann, Gary Usselmann. Absent: Steve Hellige, Tim Schleper.

City Officials: Street Supt. Tom Tebbe; Public Works Director Don Voss; Business Administrator Trevor Schubert; Police Chief Mark Berndsen; Deputy City Clerk Jackie Hummert; Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte; City Attorney Joanne Stevenson.

Press: Matt Wilson, Breese Journal.

Visitors: Dan Robben, Jeff Jung, Barb Gerstner, Dana Timmermann, Kevin Jansen, Blake Heimann, Dan Heimann, Luis Vasquez-Baez.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Fischer, second by Eversgerd to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 4, 2025, and placed on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Eversgerd, second by Davinroy to authorize payment of the bills, City Collector and City Treasurer Report. On roll Call voting "aye": Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Carl Ratermann. Absent: Steve Hellige, Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

No Report.

UTILITIES:

Alderman Berndsen reported that due to the storm last Friday evening, the city lost power around 10:00 PM for a short period. We started generating at that time until about 9:00 AM Saturday.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderman Ratermann stated the city-wide cleanup is scheduled for April 26th from 9:00 – 3:00 at the Street Department.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Motion by Usselmann, second by Fischer to approve an ordinance making the intersection of N. Cherry and N. 12th Street a yield right of way. On roll call voting "aye": Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Carl Ratermann, Gary Usselmann. Absent: Steve Hellige, Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

Police Chief Berndsen asked the council to make DJ Daniel an Honorary Police Officer. DJ is a 13-year-old from Houston Texas who was diagnosed with brain and spinal cancer 6 years ago. DJ has been sworn in by 909 police departments as an honorary member. Motion by Usselmann, second by Davinroy to make DJ Daniel an honorary Breese police officer. Motion carried by voice vote.

RECREATION:

No Report.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

No Report.

ZONING:

Alderman Fischer stated there are two zoning hearings set for March 20th. The first one at 7:30 PM for a zoning amendment at 732 N. 4th Street to change zoning from R-1 to C-2. The second one is set for 7:35 PM to add wind and solar energy to the zoning code. Both will be held in City Hall.

HEALTH:

Alderman Ratermann reported the leaf dump will open on March 22nd to April 6th on Wednesdays and Sundays from 12:00–4:00, and Saturdays 10:00-4:00

MAYORS REPORT

No Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Ratermann, second by Eversgerd to adjourn after no further business was brought before the Council. Motion Carried by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

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

CITY OF BREESE MEETING AGENDA

DATE: 4/1/2025

- CALL TO ORDER
- ROLL CALL
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
- MOTION TO APPROVE PAYING BILLS, CITY COLLECTOR & TREASURER REPORT
- PUBLIC COMMENT
 1. John Winter – Clinton County Car Club show
 2. Heydn Hustedde – Utility shutoffs
 3. Kelly Holtgrave – Bar activities event
 4. Janice Hemann – Dutchmen's Tavern anniversary party 4/5/25
 5. Christy Howard & Melissa Howard – Southside Tavern regarding Pub Crawl
- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - FINANCE/Bryan Eversgerd:
 - UTILITIES/Bob Berndsen:
 1. Approve an Ordinance Amending the Net Metering Policy regarding the Fair Solar Credit Rate
 - PUBLIC WORKS/Carl Ratermann:
 1. Approve MFT Appropriation Resolution
 2. Approve MFT Bid Letting
 3. City Wide Clean Up day set for April 26th at Street Dept from 9:00 am-3:00 pm
 - PUBLIC SAFETY/Tim Schleper:
 - RECREATION/Jason Davinroy:

- PUBLIC BUILDINGS/Gary Usselmann:
 1. Waive competitive bidding and Approve Litteken Construction quote for metal siding at the Breese Activity Center in the amount of \$63,9100
- ZONING/Bill Fischer:
 1. Approve an Ordinance Amending the Breese Zoning Code to include Solar and Wind Energy Systems
 2. Approve an Ordinance to Re-Zone 732 N 4th St from R-1 to C-2
 3. Approve an Ordinance Amending the Breese Building Codes and Fire Regulations
- HEALTH/Steve Hellige:
 1. Leaf Dump will be open March 22nd to April 6th on Wednesdays and Sundays 12:00-4:00, and Saturdays 10:00-4:00

MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Re-Appoint Rhonda Pulver to the Zoning Board

- OLD BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS
- ADJOURNMENT

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * APRIL 1, 2025

Minutes of the 47th Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

Mayor Kevin Timmermann called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Aldermen in attendance: Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann.

City Officials: Street Supt. Tom Tebbe; Public Works Director Don Voss; Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering; Business Administrator Trevor Schubert; EMS Operations Mgr. Allen Pollmann; Police Chief Mark Berndsen; Police Sgt. Kurt Detmer; Deputy City Clerk Jackie Hummert; Zoning Administrator John Becker; City Attorney Joanne Stevenson.

Press: Matt Wilson, Breese Journal.

Visitors: Dan Robben, Jeff Jung, Lucas Essenpreis, Doug Ratermann, Nicholas Morris, Mike Morris, Melissa Howard, Christi Howard, Janice Hemann, Gray Creek, Brad Jones, John Winter, Shay Schroeder, Heidy Salinas.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Ratermann, second by Berndsen to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 18, 2025, and placed on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Eversgerd, second by Davinroy to authorize payment of the bills, City Collector and City Treasurer Report. On roll call voting "aye": Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Winter with the Clinton County Car Club asked for permission to hold their Main Street Car Cruise on May 2, 2025. He also asked that parking not be allowed on Main Street at 4:00 PM. Motion by Davinroy, second by Eversgerd to approve the Car Cruise. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Janis Hemann with Dutchmen Tavern is having their 30th anniversary celebration on April 5th and asked to close the East 1/4 block of N. 1st Street because they are having a band on their rear property. Motion by Usselmann, second by Berndsen to approve the celebration. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Christi Howard with Southside Tavern asked why they are not allowed to participate in the pub crawl activities being held by local bars. She said she was told Southside Tavern is now allowed. The council stated that she is allowed, but that no open containers are allowed on the streets.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

No Report.

UTILITIES:

Motion by Berndsen, second by Eversgerd to approve an ordinance amending the Net Metering Policy regarding the fair solar credit rate. Berndsen stated the ordinance is keeping the current rate of 5.456 per kw hour. On roll call voting "aye": Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Motion by Ratermann, second by Eversgerd to approve a supplemental MFT appropriation resolution in the amount of \$165,000.00 for Mine Street Materials. On roll call voting "aye": Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratermann, second by Fischer to award the MFT bid for bituminous materials, HFE-150 to Evergreen Roadworks LLC in the amount of \$2.81 per ton for a total of \$67,440.00. On roll call voting "aye": Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratermann, second by Eversgerd to award the MFT bid for Seal Coat Aggregate to Beelman Logistics LLC in the amount of \$19.18 per ton for a total of \$21,481.60. On roll call voting "aye": Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige. Motion carried.

Alderman Ratermann stated the city-wide cleanup is scheduled for April 26th from 9:00 – 3:00 at the Street Department.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

No Report.

RECREATION:

Alderman Davinroy thanked the street department on the good job they are doing constructing the new playground equipment at NorthPark. He stated the new backboards and lighting are up at the basketball courts. He also stated they are in the process of ordering fencing for the dog park, so we are making some progress there.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Motion by Usselmann, second by Berndsen to waive competitive bidding and approve Litteken Construction quote for metal siding at the Breese Activity Center in the amount of \$63,910.00. On roll call voting "aye": Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann. Motion carried.

ZONING:

Motion by Fischer, second by Eversgerd to approve an ordinance amending the Breese Zoning code to include Solar and Wind Energy Systems. On roll call voting "aye": Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

Motion by Fischer, second by Hellige to approve an ordinance to re-zone part of the parcel located at 732 N. 4th Street from R-1 to C-2. The parcel is owned by Daniel Horstmann. On roll call voting "aye": Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

Motion by Fischer, second by Schleper to approve an ordinance amending the Breese Building Codes and Fire Regulations. This ordinance will adopt the most current version any time there is a change or update. On roll call voting "aye": Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen. Motion carried.

HEALTH:

Alderman Hellige reported the leaf dump will open on until April 6th on Wednesday and Sunday from 12:00–4:00, and Saturdays 10:00-4:00.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Timmermann re-appointed Rhonda Pulver to the zoning board. Motion by Eversgerd, second by Ratermann to approve the re-appointment. On roll call voting "aye": Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Ratermann, second by Eversgerd to adjourn after no further business was brought before the Council. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.

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

CITY OF BREESE MEETING AGENDA

DATE: 4/15/2025

- CALL TO ORDER
- ROLL CALL
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
- MOTION TO APPROVE PAYING BILLS, CITY COLLECTOR & TREASURER REPORT
- PUBLIC COMMENT

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - FINANCE/Bryan Eversgerd:
 1. Approve Budget for Fiscal Year 2026
 2. Approve Employee Contract for Trevor Schubert
 3. Approve Employee Contract for Jackie Hummert
 - UTILITIES/Bob Berndsen:
 - PUBLIC WORKS/Carl Ratermann:
 - PUBLIC SAFETY/Tim Schleper:
 1. Approve Mediclaims contract
 - RECREATION/Jason Davinroy:
 - PUBLIC BUILDINGS/Gary Usselmann:
 - ZONING/Bill Fischer:

- HEALTH/Steve Hellige:
- MAYOR'S REPORT:
- OLD BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS
- ADJOURNMENT

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * APRIL 15, 2025

Minutes of the 48th Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

Mayor Kevin Timmermann called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Aldermen in attendance: Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Tim Schleper. Absent: Carl Ratermann, Gary Usselmann.

City Officials: Street Supt. Tom Tebbe; Public Works Director Don Voss; Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering; Business Administrator Trevor Schubert; EMS Operations Mgr. Allen Pollmann; Police Chief Mark Berndsen; Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte; Golf Supt. Paul Smith; Deputy City Clerk Jackie Hummert; Utility Billing Clerk Monica Mensing; City Attorney Joanne Stevenson.

Press: Matt Wilson, Breese Journal.

Visitors: Dan Robben, Jeff Jung, Lucas Essenpreis, Gavin Cook.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Ratermann, second by Berndsen to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 1, 2025, and placed on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Eversgerd, second by Davinroy to authorize payment of the bills, City Collector and City Treasurer Report. On roll call voting "aye": Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Tim Schleper. Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd. Absent: Carl Ratermann, Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Motion by Eversgerd, second by Schleper to approve the budget for fiscal year 2026. On roll call voting "aye": Steve Hellige, Tim Schleper. Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer. Absent: Carl Ratermann, Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

Motion by Eversgerd, second by Davinroy to approve an employee contract for Trevor Schubert with an effective date of 1/1/25. On roll call voting "aye": Tim Schleper. Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige. Absent: Carl Ratermann, Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

Motion by Eversgerd, second by Schleper to approve an employee contract for Jackie Hummert. On roll call voting "aye": Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Tim Schleper. Absent: Carl Ratermann, Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

UTILITIES:

Alderman Berndsen thanked the public works and utility crews for the great job done during the recent storms.

PUBLIC WORKS:

No Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Alderman Schleper reported the police have been asked by the county judicial system to patrol new Rt. 50 in an effort to slow down traffic for safety reasons. There have been a number of bad accidents recently, so please slow down!

RECREATION:

Alderman Davinroy thanked the golf course maintenance crew for a great job getting the golf course back up and running after the flooding.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

No Report.

ZONING:

No Report.

HEALTH:

Alderman Hellige stated the city-wide cleanup is scheduled for April 26th from 9:00 – 3:00 at the Street Department.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Timmermann asked residents to please keep their grass mowed. Violators will get a visit from the police department.

With the end of the fiscal year being April 30th, Mayor Timmermann thanked the managers for being fiscally responsible and keeping their budgets in check.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

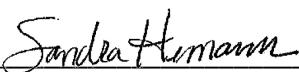
None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Ratermann, second by Eversgerd to adjourn after no further business was brought before the Council. Motion Carried by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by:



Sandy Hemann, City Clerk

CITY OF BREESE MEETING AGENDA

DATE: 5/6/2025

- CALL TO ORDER
- ROLL CALL
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
- MOTION TO APPROVE PAYING BILLS, CITY COLLECTOR & TREASURER REPORT
- PUBLIC COMMENT
 1. Joyce Huelsmann – Poppy Day
 2. Dana Timmermann – Whispering Pines Fundraiser Aug 16th @ Breese Legion
- COMMITTEE REPORTS
 1. FINANCE/Bryan Eversgerd:
 2. UTILITIES/Bob Berndsen:
 1. Approve Purchase of AMI System from Open Access Technology International in the amount of \$426,215
 2. Approve Agreement with VIPOWER for Electric PLC Replacement in the amount of \$460,000
 3. PUBLIC WORKS/Carl Ratermann:
 1. Approve iWorQ Systems Software Service Agreement in the amount of \$15,250
 4. PUBLIC SAFETY/Tim Schleper:
 5. RECREATION/Jason Davinroy:
 1. Dog Park Committee Meeting 5/7/25 @ Soccer Park 7pm

6. PUBLIC BUILDINGS/Gary Usselmann:

7. ZONING/Bill Fischer:

8. HEALTH/Steve Hellige:

9. MAYOR'S REPORT:

- OLD BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS
- ADJOURNMENT

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * MAY 6, 2025

Minutes of the 49th Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

Mayor Kevin Timmermann called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Aldermen in attendance: Robert Berndsen, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann. Remotely: Jason Davinroy.

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Electric Mgr. Jason Deering, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, City Business Admin. Trevor Schubert, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson, Deputy Clerk Jackie Hummert, EMS Operations Mgr. Allen Pollmann, Golf Course Supt. Paul Smith, Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte, Zoning Admin John Becker, Park Custodian Bruce Kruep, City Treasurer Bob Venhaus.

Press: Matt Wilson, Breese Journal.

Visitors: Dan Robben, Luke Essenpreis, Jeff Jung, Carol Venhaus, Mary Berndsen, Michael Berndsen, Deb Berndsen, Jon Hummert, Stella Hummert, Elise Hummert, Dale Detmer, Dana Timmermann, Sally Norrenberns, Melissa Hilmes, Shane Schlarman, Olivia Hilmes, Makenna Ricklefs, Jadyn Kneder, Johnnie Lindley, Holden Renfrow, Gihovani Tehandon, Corbin Hilmes, Roger Foster, Ethan Beel, Bernice Voss, Jeremy Hilmes, Joyce Huelsmann, Ethan Korte, Alyssa Schaefer, Ethan Luebers, Genaro Ballinas Jr.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Eversgerd, seconded by Schleper to allow Jason Davinroy to attend the meeting remotely. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Fischer, seconded by Hellige to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 15, 2025 and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Eversgerd, seconded by Usselmann to authorize payment of the bills, City Collector and City Treasurer Report. On roll call voting "aye": Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joyce Huelsmann attended to promote Poppy Days on May 16th & 17th. She asked for permission to solicit donations at the intersections of N 2nd St & Clinton St and Rt. 50 & St. Rose Rd. Motion by Eversgerd, seconded by Berndsen to allow soliciting donations. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Dana Timmermann and Sally Norrenberns notified City Officials that they will host a fundraiser event for Whispering Pines of Clinton County at the Breese American Legion on August 16th. They asked permission to close the alley and a section of N 6th St for handicap parking. Motion by Schleper, seconded by Eversgerd to allow blocking the section of N 6th St. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

No Report.

UTILITIES:

Motion by Berndsen, seconded by Schleper to purchase an AMI (Advanced Metering Infrastructure) System from Open Access Technology International in the amount of \$426,215. The new meter system will replace the current electric meters and reading software. On roll call voting “aye”: Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Bob Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd. Motion carried.

Motion by Berndsen, seconded by Eversgerd to approve an agreement with VIPOWER Services for Electric PLC Replacement in the amount of \$460,000. VIPOWER will upgrade the controls on EMD #5, and the SCADA between the power plant and substation. On roll call voting “aye”: Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Bob Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Motion by Ratermann, seconded by Fischer to approve a service agreement with iWorQ Systems in the amount of \$15,250. iWorQ Systems is a work order software that includes fleet management, rental inspection, and cemetery modules. On roll call voting “aye”: Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Bob Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Alderman Schleper noted that Officer Keith Wempe is leaving the law enforcement field to return to his former employer. The Breese Police Department is looking at their current part-time officers to replace Wempe.

Chief Mark Berndsen reminded residents to be mindful of keeping up with lawncare and to please avoid blowing cut grass into the streets. He also stated that the Breese Police will be increasing the fines and mowing costs.

RECREATION:

Alderman Davinroy reported there is a Dog Park Committee meeting scheduled May 7th at the Soccer Park at 7 p.m. to discuss project lay out and timeline.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

No Report.

ZONING:

No Report.

HEALTH:

No Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Timmermann presented plaques to Aldermen Bob Berndsen, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer and City Clerk Sandy Hemann. He thanked them for their achievements and service to the City of Breese. Most notably Mayor Timmermann celebrated Bob Berndsen's 50 years as chairman of the Utilities Committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Berndsen, seconded by Usselmann to adjourn after no further business was brought before the Council. Motion Carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

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

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * MAY 6, 2025
REORGANIZATION MEETING

AGENDA

1. **SWEARING-IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

- MAYOR – KEVIN TIMMERMANN
- CITY TREASURER – ROBERT VENHAUS
- CITY CLERK – JACKIE HUMMERT
- WARD 1 – DAN ROBBEN
- WARD 2 – JEFF JUNG
- WARD 3 – STEVE HELLIGE
- WARD 4 – LUKE ESSENPREIS

2. **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:** As presented

3. **CITY OFFICIALS APPOINTMENTS:**

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| • Don Voss | Public Works Director / Building Inspector |
| • Jason Deering | Electric Operations Manager |
| • Tom Tebbe | Street Superintendent |
| • Trevor Schubert | City Business Administrator |
| • Jackie Hummert | City Collector |
| • John J. Becker | Zoning Administrator |
| • Joanne Stevenson | City Attorney |
| • Mark Berndsen | Chief of Police |
| • Allen Pollmann | EMS Operations Manager |
| • Paul Smith | Golf Course Superintendent |
| • Doug Schulte | Clubhouse Manager / Swim Pool Manager |
| • Bruce Kruep | Park Supervisor |

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

FINANCE: Robben, Schleper, Davinroy, Usselmann, Jung, Hellige, Ratermann, Essenpreis

PUBLIC WORKS – UTILITIES: Schleper, Davinroy, Ratermann, Essenpreis

PUBLIC WORKS – STREETS: Ratermann, Jung, Schleper, Hellige

PUBLIC SAFETY: Hellige, Usselmann, Essenpreis, Robben

RECREATION: Davinroy, Robben, Essenpreis, Hellige

PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Usselmann, Jung, Essenpreis, Robben

ZONING/BUILDING INSPECTION: Jung, Davinroy, Essenpreis, Hellige

HEALTH & WELFARE: Essenpreis, Ratermann, Usselmann, Robben

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * MAY 6, 2025

REORGANIZATION MEETING

Minutes of the 1st Reorganization Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

The first order of business was the swearing-in of the newly elected officials:

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| Mayor | Kevin Timmermann |
| City Treasurer | Robert Venhaus |
| City Clerk | Jackie Hummert |
| Alderman Ward 1 | Daniel Robben |
| Alderman Ward 2 | Jeff Jung |
| Alderman Ward 3 | Steve Hellige |
| Alderman Ward 4 | Luke Essenpreis |

Aldermen in attendance: Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Daniel Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann. Remotely: Jason Davinroy.

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Electric Mgr. Jason Deering, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, City Business Admin. Trevor Schubert, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson, EMS Operations Mgr. Allen Pollmann, Golf Course Supt. Paul Smith, Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte, Park Custodian Bruce Kruep, Zoning Admin. John Becker.

Press: Matt Wilson, Breese Journal.

Visitors: Robert Berndsen, Mary Agnes Berndsen, Michael Berndsen, Deb Berndsen, Carol Venhaus, Jon Hummert, Stella Hummert, Elise Hummert, Dale Detmer, Sandy Hemann, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Bernice Voss.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mayor Timmermann presented the committee assignments for the period May 2025 – April 2027. The first name is chairman of the committee:

FINANCE:

Robben, Schleper, Davinroy, Usselmann, Jung, Hellige, Ratermann, Essenpreis.

PUBLIC WORKS—UTILITIES:

Schleper, Davinroy, Ratermann, Essenpreis.

PUBLIC WORKS—STREETS/DRAINAGE:

Ratermann, Jung, Schleper, Hellige.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Hellige, Usselmann, Essenpreis, Robben.

RECREATION:

Davinroy, Robben, Essenpreis, Hellige.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

Usselmann, Jung, Essenpreis, Robben.

ZONING/BUILDING INSPECTION:

Jung, Davinroy, Essenpreis, Hellige.

HEALTH & WELFARE:

Essenpreis, Ratermann, Usselmann, Robben.

Motion by Schleper seconded by Hellige to approve the committee assignments. On roll call voting “aye”: Davinroy, Essenpreis, Hellige, Jung, Ratermann, Robben, Schleper, Usselmann. Motion carried.

Mayor Timmermann presented City Official appointments for the period May 2025 – April 2029 as follows:

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| • Don Voss | Public Works Director / Building Inspector |
| • Jason Deering | Electric Operations Manager |
| • Tom Tebbe | Street Superintendent |
| • Trevor Schubert | City Business Administrator |
| • Jackie Hummert | City Collector |
| • John J. Becker | Zoning Administrator |
| • Joanne Stevenson | City Attorney |
| • Mark Berndsen | Chief of Police |
| • Allen Pollmann | EMS Operations Manager |
| • Paul Smith | Golf Course Superintendent |
| • Doug Schulte | Clubhouse Manager / Swim Pool Manager |
| • Bruce Kruep | Park Supervisor |

Motion by Jung seconded by Schleper to approve the appointments. On roll call voting "aye": Essenpreis, Hellige, Jung, Ratermann, Robben, Schleper, Usselmann, Davinroy. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Usselmann seconded by Hellige to adjourn after no further business was brought before the Council. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by: _____
Jackie Hummert, City Clerk

CITY OF BREESE MEETING AGENDA

DATE: 5/20/2025

- CALL TO ORDER
- ROLL CALL
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
- MOTION TO APPROVE PAYING BILLS, CITY COLLECTOR & TREASURER REPORT
- PUBLIC COMMENT

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - FINANCE/Dan Robben:
 - UTILITIES/Tim Schleper:
 - PUBLIC WORKS/Carl Ratermann:
 1. Approve the purchase of a Yale GP50N Lift Truck from MH Equipment in the amount of \$32,171
 2. Approve the purchase of a 40" FMR Flail Mower from Bobcat of St. Louis in the amount of \$11,550.79
 - PUBLIC SAFETY/Steve Hellige:
 1. Seeking applications for a full-time officer
 - RECREATION/Jason Davinroy:
 - PUBLIC BUILDINGS/Gary Usselmann:
 - ZONING/Jeff Jung:

- HEALTH/Luke Essenpreis:
- MAYOR'S REPORT:
 1. Appoint Monica Mensing as Deputy Clerk and FOIA Officer
 2. Re-Appoint Jean Steinman and Angie Becker to the Library Board for a 3-year term
- OLD BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS
- ADJOURNMENT

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * MAY 20, 2025

Minutes of the 2nd Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

Mayor Kevin Timmermann called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Aldermen in attendance: Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Gary Usselmann. Absent: Tim Schleper.

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, Sgt. Kurt Detmer, EMS Operations Mgr. Allen Pollmann, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson, Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte, Park Custodian Bruce Kruep.

Press: Matt Wilson, Breese Journal.

Visitors: None.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Usselmann, seconded by Essenpreis to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 6, 2025, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Essenpreis, seconded by Hellige, to authorize payment of the bills, City Collector and City Treasurer Report. On roll call voting "aye": Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis. Absent: Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

No Report.

UTILITIES:

Alderman Davinroy reported that the Water Department will be treating with free chlorine starting the first week in June for about 3 weeks before flushing hydrants. He assured residents that the water will be safe for drinking.

Alderman Hellige mentioned that he attended the annual IMEA Conference with Public Works Mgr. Don Voss and Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering. He encouraged his fellow aldermen to visit and tour the IMEA office in Springfield, IL as well.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Motion by Ratermann, seconded by Robben to approve the purchase of a Yale GP50N Lift Truck from MH Equipment in the amount of \$32,171. On roll call voting “aye”: Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige. Absent: Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratermann, seconded by Hellige to approve the purchase of a 40” FMR Flail Mower from Bobcat of St. Louis in the amount of \$11,550.79. On roll call voting “aye”: Carl Ratermann, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung. Absent: Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Alderman Hellige reported the Breese Police are accepting applications for a full-time officer until May 30, 2025. Applications are available at City Hall and www.breese.org.

Chief Mark Berndsen thanked the Optimist Club of Breese and the Breese Lions Club for their generous donations towards the purchase of a drone.

RECREATION:

Alderman Davinroy announced that the Breese Pool will open on Memorial Day. Passes and swim lesson inquiries will be available at the Breese Pool Monday – Friday from noon until 6 p.m.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Alderman Usselmann reported that Litteken Construction has started replacing the siding at the Breese Activity Center.

Alderman Usselmann also announced that Meagan Holthaus will be the new Library Director starting May 28th. He thanked Kelly Zurliene for her incredible influence and dedication to the Breese Library.

ZONING:

No Report.

HEALTH:

No Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Timmermann appointed Monica Mensing as Deputy Clerk and FOIA Officer. Motion by Davinroy, seconded by Usselmann to approve the appointment. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Timmermann re-appointed Jean Steinman and Angie Becker to the library board for a 3-year term. Motion by Usselmann, seconded by Robben to approve the appointment. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

The council thanked the city employees for their hard work during the storms last week. Mayor Timmermann said the City of Highland appreciated the Breese linemen helping them restore their power.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Esselpreis, seconded by Usselmann to adjourn after no further business was brought before the Council. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by: _____
Jackie Hummert, City Clerk

CITY OF BREESE MEETING AGENDA

DATE: 6/3/2025

- CALL TO ORDER
- ROLL CALL
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
- MOTION TO APPROVE PAYING BILLS, CITY COLLECTOR & TREASURER REPORT
- PUBLIC COMMENT

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - FINANCE/Dan Robben:
 1. Approve an ordinance amending the City of Breese Municipal Code Section 1-2-8: Missed Meeting Allowance and Amending the Remote Attendance Policy
 - UTILITIES/Tim Schleper:
 - PUBLIC WORKS/Carl Ratermann:
 - PUBLIC SAFETY/Steve Hellige:
 1. Approve an ordinance establishing new speed limits on Walnut Street and Holy Cross Lane
 2. Approve increasing wages for part time EMTs to \$19.00/hr and part time Paramedics to \$23.00/hr effective June 7th
 3. Approve hiring a full-time police officer
 - RECREATION/Jason Davinroy:
 - PUBLIC BUILDINGS/Gary Usselmann:

- ZONING/Jeff Jung:
 1. Approve an ordinance pertaining to the location and regulation of cannabis dispensaries and adding Chapter 21A “Cannabis” to the City of Breese Municipal Code
 2. Approve an ordinance amending Chapter 36 Taxation of the City of Breese Municipal Code to include Cannabis Retailer’s Occupation Tax
- HEALTH/Luke Essenpreis:
- MAYOR’S REPORT:
 1. Sandy Hemann’s retirement
- OLD BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS
- ADJOURNMENT

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * JUNE 3, 2025

Minutes of the 3rd Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

Mayor Kevin Timmermann called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Aldermen in attendance: Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann.

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, EMS Operations Mgr. Allen Pollmann, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson, Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte, Park Custodian Bruce Kruep, Utility Billing Clerk Monica Mensing, City Treasurer Bob Venhaus.

Press: Matt Wilson, Breese Journal.

Visitors: Allison Nettemeyer, Ryan Nettemeyer, Sandy Hemann, Mike Hemann, Lucas Hemann, Scott Hemann, Kayden Hemann, Vera Hemann, Delayni Davinroy.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Davinroy, seconded by Usselmann to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 20, 2025, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Jung, seconded by Usselmann to authorize payment of the bills, City Collector and City Treasurer Report. On roll call voting "aye": Dan Robben, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Allison Nettemeyer requested a sidewalk on Meadowlark Dr. expressing the need for public safety due to the high traffic. Don Voss stated the Street Department is currently tied up with other projects, but that the city does see the need and will work on the sidewalk when time allows.

Ryan Nettemeyer informed the council of scheduling difficulties for baseball diamonds at the parks. The council decided to schedule a committee with the Park Board to discuss possible options. The council agreed they want to try to keep the Breese teams playing in town rather than having to schedule at neighboring communities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Motion by Robben, seconded by Schleper to approve an ordinance amending the City of Breese Municipal Code Section 1-2-8: Missed Meeting Allowance and amending the Remote Attendance Policy. On roll call voting "aye": Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben. Motion carried.

UTILITIES:

Alderman Schleper asked Electric Operations Manager Jason Deering to report on the power outage on Friday evening and updates from the IMEA/IMUA conference. Ameren had an equipment failure that caused Breese to bring in high voltage. Jason stated that several of the Capitol legislative discussions were not added to the energy omnibus bill.

Don reminded the council that the Water Department switched to free chlorine on Monday for 3 weeks.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderman Ratermann reported that the Street Department is replacing curbing in various areas around town.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Motion by Hellige, seconded by Schleper to approve an ordinance establishing new speed limits on Walnut Street and Holy Cross Lane. On roll call voting "aye": Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben. Motion carried.

Motion by Hellige, seconded by Davinroy to approve increasing wages for part time EMTs to \$19.00/hr and part time Paramedics to \$23.00/hr effective June 7, 2025. On roll call voting "aye": Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

Motion by Hellige, seconded by Schleper to table the hiring of a full-time police officer. On roll call voting "aye": Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy. Motion carried.

RECREATION:

Alderman Davinroy congratulated the golfers that played in the Optimist Youth Golf Tournament on Monday and the Central Cougars Track team for winning the State Championship.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Alderman Usselmann reported that Litteken Construction has completed the siding replacement at the Breese Activity Center.

Alderman Usselmann also announced that Megan Holthaus started this week as the new Library Director.

ZONING:

Motion by Jung, seconded by Usselmann to approve an ordinance pertaining to the location and regulation of cannabis dispensaries and adding Chapter 21A "Cannabis" to the City of Breese Municipal

Code. On roll call voting “aye”: Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy. Motion carried.

Motion by Jung, seconded by Robben to approve an ordinance amending Chapter 36 Taxation of the City of Breese Municipal Code to include Cannabis Retailer’s Occupation Tax. On roll call voting “aye”: Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis. Motion carried.

HEALTH:

No Report.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Timmermann congratulated Sandy Hemann on her retirement and thanked her for representing the City of Breese well. He commended Sandy for always communicating new state statutes presented by the Illinois Municipal League. He expressed great appreciation for everything Sandy did for himself and the council.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Davinroy to adjourn after no further business was brought before the Council. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by: _____
Jackie Hummert, City Clerk

CITY OF BREESE MEETING AGENDA

DATE: 6/17/2025

- CALL TO ORDER
- ROLL CALL
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
- MOTION TO APPROVE PAYING BILLS, CITY COLLECTOR & TREASURER REPORT
- PUBLIC COMMENT

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - FINANCE/Dan Robben:
 1. Approve the Jansen Ford Redevelopment Agreement in the amount of \$1,797,000
 2. Approve a contract with PGAV for Economic Development Services not to exceed \$25,000
 - UTILITIES/Tim Schleper:
 1. Approve purchase of a 2025 Ford F-150 XL from Jansen Ford in the amount of \$45,207.41
 - PUBLIC WORKS/Carl Ratermann:
 - PUBLIC SAFETY/Steve Hellige:
 1. Approve hiring Christopher Jansen as a full-time police officer with start date of 7/2/25
 2. Tunes for Tara Donation to Breese Ambulance and Breese Police
 - RECREATION/Jason Davinroy:

- PUBLIC BUILDINGS/Gary Usselmann:
- ZONING/Jeff Jung:
- HEALTH/Luke Essenpreis:
- MAYOR'S REPORT:
- OLD BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS
- ADJOURNMENT

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * JUNE 17, 2025

Minutes of the 4th Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

Mayor Kevin Timmermann called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Aldermen in attendance: Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann. Absent: Dan Robben.

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, EMS Operations Mgr. Allen Pollmann, Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte, Park Custodian Bruce Kruep, Business Admin. Trevor Schubert.

Press: Matt Wilson, Breese Journal.

Visitors: Tara Whitaker, Christopher Jansen, Shelby Jansen, Liam Jansen, Larry Jansen, Marlene Jansen, Lisa Gurley, Delayni Davinroy.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Jung, seconded by Hellige to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 3, 2025, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Essenpreis, seconded by Hellige to authorize payment of the bills, City Collector and City Treasurer Report. On roll call voting "aye": Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung. Absent: Dan Robben. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tara Whitaker presented donations and thank you cards to the Breese Ambulance, Breese Fire, and Breese Police Departments. Each department received \$3165.00. The donations and cards were collected at the Tunes for Tara & Maci's Heroes benefit held to support the First Responders that were on the scene of their motor vehicle accidents. Mayor Timmermann thanked her for her generosity.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Usselmann to approve the Jansen Ford Redevelopment Agreement in the amount of \$1,797,000. On roll call voting "aye": Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper. Absent: Dan Robben. Motion carried.

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Davinroy to approve a contract with Peckham Guyton Albers & Viets Inc. for economic development services not to exceed \$25,000. On roll call voting "aye": Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann. Absent: Dan Robben. Motion carried.

UTILITIES:

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Davinroy to purchase a 2025 F-150 XL from Jansen Ford in the amount of \$45,207.41. On roll call voting “aye”: Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy. Absent: Dan Robben. Motion carried.

Don Voss announced that the Water Department will start flushing lines starting Wednesday 6/18/25.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderman Ratermann reported that North Cherry Street will be closed between 12th St & 13th St. while the Street Department replaces a culvert.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Motion by Hellige, seconded by Davinroy to hire Christopher Jansen as a full-time police officer with a start date of 7/2/25. On roll call voting “aye”: Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann. Absent: Dan Robben. Motion carried.

Chief Mark Berndsen swore in Officer Christopher Jansen.

Allen Pollmann stated the Ambulance Department is accepting teams for their Annual EMS Golf Scramble on 8/2/25.

Chief Mark Berndsen let the council know that he has been leaving notes on residents’ doors reminding them not to blow grass clippings into the street. The Police Department will start issuing fines if the offense continues. Berndsen also reported on an incident that involved a suspicious vehicle in Bartelso and warned Breese citizens to be aware of their surroundings.

RECREATION:

Alderman Davinroy thanked the city crews that completed the new playground at North Side Park.

Alderman Davinroy reminded the public to exercise caution during sports events at the parks. He asked that everyone follow the 30-minute rule regarding lightning in the area.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Alderman Usselmann reported that Litteken Construction has completed the siding replacement at the Breese Activity Center.

Alderman Usselmann stated he scheduled a Public Buildings committee meeting with the Library Board and Jason Litteken to review the renovation plans for the Library. The meeting will be held at the Breese Library on 6/23/25 at 6:30 pm.

ZONING:

No Report.

HEALTH:

Alderman Essenpreis is planning to schedule a committee meeting to implement a Return-to-Work Policy for City employees. The policy is required by the IML Risk Management Association by 9/1/25.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Ratermann, seconded by Jung to adjourn after no further business was brought before the Council. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by: _____
Jackie Hummert, City Clerk

CITY OF BREESE MEETING AGENDA

DATE: 7/1/2025

- CALL TO ORDER
- ROLL CALL
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
- MOTION TO APPROVE PAYING BILLS, CITY COLLECTOR & TREASURER REPORT
- PUBLIC COMMENT
 - 1. Kristie Weh - Lifeguards
- COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - FINANCE/Dan Robben:
 - UTILITIES/Tim Schleper:
 - PUBLIC WORKS/Carl Ratermann:
 - PUBLIC SAFETY/Steve Hellige:
 - RECREATION/Jason Davinroy:
 - PUBLIC BUILDINGS/Gary Usselman:
 - 1. Approve the Estimated Budget for the Breese Public Library Renovation Project in the amount of \$144,390.00
 - 2. New City Hall hours are 7:30 am—4:00 pm M—F

- ZONING/Jeff Jung:
- HEALTH/Luke Essenpreis:
- MAYOR'S REPORT:
- OLD BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS
- ADJOURNMENT

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * JULY 1, 2025

Minutes of the 5th Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

Mayor Kevin Timmermann called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Aldermen in attendance: Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann.

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, EMS Operations Mgr. Allen Pollmann, Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte, Park Custodian Bruce Kruep, Business Admin. Trevor Schubert, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson.

Press: Matt Wilson, Breese Journal
Corey Johnson, Union Banner

Visitors: Kristie Weh

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Usselmann, seconded by Essenpreis to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 17, 2025, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Jung, seconded by Essenpreis to authorize payment of the bills, City Collector and City Treasurer Report. On roll call voting "aye": Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kristie Weh expressed concern for patrons at the Breese Pool. She feels there are not enough lifeguards on duty. Pool Manager Doug Schulte explained that the Pool is staffed based on the American Red Cross requirements of 25 swimmers to 1 lifeguard. The lifeguards on duty may be stationary or roaming. Doug will follow up with the headguard to ensure these standards are being met.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

No report.

UTILITIES:

Electric Operations Manager Jason Deering reported on generating during the high temperature days last week. The IMEA called on the City of Breese to generate to offset the electric market costs. Alderman Schleper thanked the Utilities crew for their hard work.

Mayor Timmermann mentioned the importance of Mutual Aid between municipalities and thanked Wayne Rolfingsmeier and Cole Timmermann for assisting the City of Highland in May.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderman Ratermann reported that the Street crew is doing rock & oil prep work. The middle of town between the railroad and Hwy 50 will be oiled and chipped on July 22nd & July 24th with a rain date of July 25th.

Street Superintendent Tom Tebbe asked that people avoid driving through intersections where the Street crew is working and to please turn a block ahead to go around.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Alderman Hellige thanked Police Chief Mark Berndsen for his diligence on monitoring grass clippings on streets. Hellige explained the importance of keeping the streets clean in case of the recent heavy rain to avoid water backing up in residents' basements.

Chief Berndsen suggested adopting an ordinance to regulate motorized scooters in town. The Council will discuss the possible ordinance at the July Finance meeting.

RECREATION:

Alderman Davinroy reported that the Golf Course, Pool and Parks are very active and busy.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Motion by Usselmann, seconded by Schleper to approve the estimated budget for the Breese Public Library renovation project in the amount of \$144,390. On roll call voting "aye": Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige. Motion carried.

Alderman Usselmann announced the new operating hours for City Hall which also includes the Police Dept office hours. The new hours are Monday - Friday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.

ZONING:

Alderman Jung stated he has been communicating with McKay Manor regarding fixing their fence.

HEALTH:

Alderman Essenpreis stated the Health Committee is still working to draft a Return-to-Work policy for City employees. The policy is required by the IML Risk Management Association by 9/1/25.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Timmermann congratulated all departments for their continued efforts and success to keep the City of Breese running smoothly.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Davinroy, seconded by Schleper to adjourn after no further business was brought before the Council. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by: _____
Jackie Hummert, City Clerk

CITY OF BREESE MEETING AGENDA

DATE: 7/15/2025

- CALL TO ORDER
- ROLL CALL
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
- MOTION TO APPROVE PAYING BILLS, CITY COLLECTOR & TREASURER REPORT
- PUBLIC COMMENT
 - Cory Knapp—Neighborhood Block Party to close Pine between N 2nd and N 3rd
- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - FINANCE/Dan Robben:
 1. Approve Appropriation Ordinance for FY-2026 in the amount of \$40,855,181.61
 - UTILITIES/Tim Schleper:
 - PUBLIC WORKS/Carl Ratermann:
 - PUBLIC SAFETY/Steve Hellige:
 - RECREATION/Jason Davinroy:
 - PUBLIC BUILDINGS/Gary Usselmann:
 - ZONING/Jeff Jung:

- HEALTH/Luke Essenpreis:
- MAYOR'S REPORT:
 - OLD BUSINESS
 - NEW BUSINESS
 - ADJOURNMENT

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * JULY 15, 2025

Minutes of the 6th Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

Mayor Kevin Timmermann called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Aldermen in attendance: Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper.

Absent: Gary Usselmann.

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Police Sgt. Kurt Detmer, Park Custodian Bruce Kruep, Business Admin. Trevor Schubert, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson, Zoning Admin. John Becker.

Press: None.

Visitors: John Neff, Lillian Neff, Joe Feist, Corey Knapp.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Jung, seconded by Robben to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 1, 2025, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Davinroy, seconded by Schleper to authorize payment of the bills, City Collector and City Treasurer Report. On roll call voting "aye": Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung. Absent: Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Neff is affiliated with Champion Sports Academy, an organization that does girls flag football, and wants to start a program for girls in Clinton County that would be based in Breese. The program would run year-round and help girls develop into the sport as it's growing. Mayor Timmermann suggested John partner with the YMCA since they already have flag football and run similar developmental programs.

Joe Feist attended to address neighborhood complaints against the Clinton County softball league at North Side Park. The council discussed possibly moving the league to another park and field. The council also requested the league use limited flight balls. Alderman Essenpreis said he would contact the league's president about a solution.

Corey Knapp requested to block off Pine Street between N. 2nd & N. 3rd for a neighborhood party on August 30th. He plans to have a small gathering of neighbors and music from 2pm to 5pm. Motion by Davinroy, seconded by Schleper to approve the party and street closure. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Motion by Robben, seconded by Schleper to approve the FY-2026 Appropriation ordinance in the amount of \$40,855,181.61. On roll call voting “aye”: Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann. Absent: Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

UTILITIES:

No report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderman Ratermann reported that the middle of town between the railroad and Hwy 50 will be oiled and chipped on July 22nd & July 24th with a rain date of July 25th.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Alderman Hellige thanked Officer Lohman for his quick response to a fire at his parent’s house. Hellige also commended the Breese Fire Dept for their help.

Alderman Hellige reminded everyone that the EMS Golf Scramble is August 2nd at Bent Oak Golf Course.

RECREATION:

Alderman Davinroy mentioned that the Breese Optimist Club is hosting their Dive-in Movie at the Breese Pool Wednesday, August 6th at 7:30 pm.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

No report.

ZONING:

Alderman Jung stated he has been communicating with McKay Manor regarding fixing their fence.

HEALTH:

Alderman Essenpreis stated the Health Committee is finalizing a Return-to-Work policy for City employees. The policy is required by the IML Risk Management Association by 9/1/25.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Timmermann shared information he received regarding the Big Beautiful Bill. He stated the bill will cost the Breese Ambulance 4% of their revenue from Medicare.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Jung to adjourn after no further business was brought before the Council. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by: _____
Jackie Hummert, City Clerk

CITY OF BREESE MEETING AGENDA

DATE: 8/5/2025

- CALL TO ORDER
- ROLL CALL
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
- MOTION TO APPROVE PAYING BILLS, CITY COLLECTOR & TREASURER REPORT
- PUBLIC COMMENT
 - 1. Neil Hustedde—Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive
- COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - FINANCE/Dan Robben:
 - 1. Approve an Ordinance Implementing a Municipal Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax and a Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax for the City of Breese
 - 2. Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and the City of Breese to Retain Miller Canfield and Bernardi Securities to Issue General Obligation Bonds to Finance Sewer Improvements
 - UTILITIES/Tim Schleper:
 - 1. Approve an Ordinance Amending the City of Breese Municipal Code to Change Water Tap-in Fee Calculation
 - 2. Approve an Ordinance Approving the Sale an Easement and Parcel of Real Estate for the Purpose of Placement and Servicing an Existing Tower
 - PUBLIC WORKS/Carl Ratermann:
 - PUBLIC SAFETY/Steve Hellige:

- RECREATION/Jason Davinroy:
 1. Approve an Ordinance Amending Chapter 28, Parks and Recreation, Adopting IHSA Lightening Policy for Athletic Events in all City Parks
- PUBLIC BUILDINGS/Gary Usselmann:
- ZONING/Jeff Jung:
 1. Zoning Hearing for Variance on August 14, 2025 at 7:30pm in City Hall for Brent & Erica Sheedy, 139 N. 3rd St. to Relax the Height Restriction
 2. Zoning Hearing for a City Zoning Code Amendment on August 21, 2025 at 7:30pm in City Hall to Change the Location of Solar and Wind Farms
- HEALTH/Luke Essenpreis:
- MAYOR'S REPORT:
 1. EPA Loan Agreement for Water Tower
- OLD BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS
- ADJOURNMENT

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * AUGUST 5, 2025

Minutes of the 7th Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

Mayor Kevin Timmermann called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Aldermen in attendance: Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann.

Absent: None

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte, EMS Operations Mgr. Allen Pollmann, Park Custodian Bruce Kruep, Business Admin. Trevor Schubert, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson, Zoning Admin. John Becker.

Press: Kelly Ross, Breese Journal.

Visitors: Neil Hustedde.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Davinroy, seconded by Essenpreis to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 15, 2025, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Jung, seconded by Hellige to authorize payment of the bills, City Collector and City Treasurer Report. On roll call voting "aye": Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Neil Hustedde with the Knights of Columbus attended to ask permission to hold their annual Tootsie Roll Drive 9/19 – 9/21. Motion by Schleper, seconded by Robben to approve the drive. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Motion by Robben, seconded by Usselmann to approve an ordinance implementing a Municipal Grocery Retailers' Occupation Tax and Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax for the City of Breese. The 1% local tax will be effective 1/1/2026 and replace the current 1% state sales tax that ends on 12/31/2025. On roll call voting "aye": Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

Motion by Robben, seconded by Usselmann to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City of Breese to retain Miller Canfield as bond counsel and Bernardi Securities as underwriters for the purpose of issuing general obligation bonds as an alternative revenue source to finance the

improvements on the city sewer systems. On roll call voting “aye”: Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

UTILITIES:

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Usselmann to approve an ordinance amending the City of Breese Municipal Code to change the Water Tap-in fee calculation. The new calculation will be based on current market rate of materials for in-city limits and current market rate of materials plus an additional \$250.00 for out of city limits and will be adjusted annually on May 1st each year. On roll call voting “aye”: Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy. Motion carried.

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Hellige to approve an ordinance approving the sale of an easement and parcel of real estate to TowerCo for the purpose of placement and servicing an existing tower for \$225,272.07. On roll call voting “aye”: Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis. Motion carried.

Alderman Schleper reported that the power plant generated last week during the peak temperatures.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderman Ratermann reported that public works crew is currently replacing rip rap in the lagoons at the sewer plant and then plan to begin working on the dog park.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Alderman Hellige complimented the street crew on the rock and oil work last week.

Chief Berndsen warned the public that tickets will be issued for anyone cutting through parking lots to avoid stop lights and signs.

EMS Operations Mgr. Allen Pollmann thanked the sponsors and players for the successful golf tournament on Saturday.

RECREATION:

Motion by Davinroy, seconded by Schleper to approve an ordinance amending Chapter 28, Parks and Recreation, adopting the IHSA lightning safety guidelines for athletic events in all city parks. On roll call voting “aye”: Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige. Motion carried.

Alderman Davinroy reminded everyone that the Breese Optimist Club is hosting their Dive-in Movie at the Breese Pool Wednesday, August 6th at 7:30 pm.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Alderman Usselmann reported that the next Library Board meeting is Tuesday August 12th.

ZONING:

Alderman Jung reported that there is a Zoning Hearing for a Variance on August 14th at 7:30pm in City Hall. Brent & Erica Sheedy, 139 North 3rd St are requesting a variance to relax the height restriction for their garage.

Alderman Jung announced that a Zoning Hearing has been scheduled for a City Zoning Code Amendment on August 21st at 7:30pm in City Hall. The amendment will change the allowed location of solar and wind farms to only include C-2, C-3, or I districts.

HEALTH:

Alderman Essenpreis stated the Health Committee is finalizing a Return-to-Work policy for City employees. The policy will be on the 8/19/25 agenda for approval.

Alderman Essenpreis asked that the department supervisors review the Employee Handbook and inform him of any updates and/or changes that need to be made.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Timmermann announced that the City of Breese received preliminary notice of qualifying for a low interest loan with the EPA for the new water tower.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Robben to adjourn after no further business was brought before the Council. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by: _____
Jackie Hummert, City Clerk

CITY OF BREESE MEETING AGENDA

DATE: 8/19/2025

- CALL TO ORDER
- ROLL CALL
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
- MOTION TO APPROVE PAYING BILLS, CITY COLLECTOR & TREASURER REPORT
- PUBLIC COMMENT:
 1. Gary Groom—Abandoned trailer at 916 North 1st Street
 2. Kerry Porter—Chamber Pumpkin Trail
- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - FINANCE/Dan Robben:
 1. Approve an Agreement with PGAV Planners, LLC to Update the City of Breese Comprehensive Plan for the amount of \$37,500.00
 - UTILITIES/Tim Schleper:
 1. Approve an Ordinance Amending the City of Breese Municipal Code to Provide a Modification in Electric Rates
 - PUBLIC WORKS/Carl Ratermann:
 1. Requests for Rock & Oiling of Alleys and Driveways are due by September 24th
 - PUBLIC SAFETY/Steve Hellige:
 - RECREATION/Jason Davinroy:

- PUBLIC BUILDINGS/Gary Usselmann:
- ZONING/Jeff Jung:
 1. Approve an Ordinance Amending the City of Breese Municipal Code Relating to Rental Inspections
 2. Approve the Findings of Fact and Conclusions for a Variance filed by Brent & Erica Sheedy at 139 N. 3rd Street
 3. Approve a Variance for Brent & Erica Sheedy at 139 N. 3rd Street
- HEALTH/Luke Essenpreis:
 1. Approve a Return-to-Work Policy for City Employees
- MAYOR'S REPORT:
 1. Purchase Land from Parkview Land Trust
- OLD BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS
- ADJOURNMENT

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * AUGUST 19, 2025

Minutes of the 8th Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

Mayor Kevin Timmermann called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Aldermen in attendance: Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann.

Absent: None

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, Police Sergeant Kurt Detmer, Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte, Park Custodian Bruce Kruep, Business Admin. Trevor Schubert, Zoning Admin. John Becker.

Press: Matt Wilson, Breese Journal.
Corey Johnson, Union Banner.

Visitors: Gary Groom, Kerry Porter, Brent Sheedy, Erica Sheedy, Conner Carrillon, Alex Voss.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Davinroy, seconded by Schleper to approve the minutes of the meeting held on August 5, 2025, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Jung, seconded by Robben to authorize payment of the bills, City Collector and City Treasurer Report. On roll call voting "aye": Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Gary Groom attended to express concerns about an abandoned mobile home at 916 North 1st Street. After exhausting all other avenues, he asked the council for support and to intervene. Mayor Timmermann decided to schedule a zoning committee meeting to discuss how to proceed and assured Gary that the council would address the situation and notify him of the solution.

Kerry Porter asked for permission to close Main Street from Turf Bar to Dutchmen's Tavern on Saturday October 25th 12-6pm for the annual Chamber of Commerce Pumpkin Trail. Council agreed to allow Southside Tavern to participate in the bar crawl and asked that the Chamber share the logistical details at a later date in September. Street Supt. Tom Tebbe requested Kerry to reach out to get barricades set up. Motion by Davinroy, seconded by Schleper to approve the event. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Motion by Robben, seconded by Usselmann to approve an agreement with PGAV Planners, LLC to update the City of Breese Comprehensive Plan in the amount of \$37,500. On roll call voting "aye": Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

UTILITIES:

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Essenpreis to approve an ordinance amending the City of Breese Municipal Code to provide a modification in Electric rates. The amendment will include a facility fee and a 3-year rate schedule. On roll call voting "aye": Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy. Motion carried.

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Usselmann to approve a contract to purchase 31.6 acres of land from Parkview Land Trust in the amount of \$1.4 million. On roll call voting "aye": Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderman Ratermann reported that requests for rock & oiling of alleys and driveways are due by September 19th to be completed on September 24th. Applications can be picked up and sent to City Hall. The cost is \$0.19 per square foot.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

No Report.

RECREATION:

Alderman Davinroy reported that this weekend will be the last weekend for the Breese Pool as most of the lifeguards have left for school. He thanked the community for another great season.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Alderman Usselmann reported that Litteken Construction plans to start the Library renovation project in early September. Litteken Construction will meet with the Library Board and City Council again before the work begins.

ZONING:

Motion by Jung, seconded by Schleper to approve the findings of facts and conclusions for a variance filed by Brent & Erica Sheedy at 139 North 3rd Street. On roll call voting "aye": Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann. Motion carried.

Motion by Jung, seconded by Schleper to approve a variance for Brent & Erica Sheedy 139 North 3rd Street. The variance is for a garage that exceeds the height restriction in a residential district. On roll call voting “aye”: Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben. Motion carried.

Motion by Jung, seconded by Essenpreis to approve an ordinance amending the City of Breese Municipal Code relating to Rental Inspections. The amendment will require landlords who retain utilities in their name to have annual inspections. On roll call voting “aye”: Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

HEALTH:

Motion by Essenpreis, seconded by Usselmann to approve a Return-to-Work Policy for city employees. The policy is required by the Illinois Municipal League by September 1st. On roll call voting “aye”: Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Timmermann addressed the Proud Boys billboard. He noted that he and the council are opposed to the billboard. The City of Breese has no control over the sign since it is located outside of city limits. Mayor Timmermann supported and agreed with the community’s objection to the billboard.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Ratermann, seconded by Davinroy to adjourn after no further business was brought before the Council. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by: _____
Jackie Hummert, City Clerk

CITY OF BREESE MEETING AGENDA

DATE: 9/2/2025

- CALL TO ORDER
- ROLL CALL
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
- MOTION TO APPROVE PAYING BILLS, CITY COLLECTOR & TREASURER REPORT
- PUBLIC COMMENT:
 - Christy Howard – Halloween Pub Crawl
- COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - FINANCE/Dan Robben:
 1. Approve an Ordinance Authorizing the City of Breese, Clinton County, Illinois, to issue Sewer Revenue Bonds (paid from the net revenues of the sewerage system of said City) or, in lieu thereof, General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) (said bonds being general obligation bonds to be issued in one or more series, on a taxable or tax exempt basis, for which property taxes, unlimited as to rate or amount, may be levied), but which are expected to be paid from the Net Revenues of the City's Sewerage System (generally, "Net Revenues" means gross revenues minus operation and maintenance expenses), in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$15,000,000, for the purpose of paying the costs of financing various capital improvements to and maintenance of the production and collection of the sanitary sewer system of the City.
 - UTILITIES/Tim Schleper:
 - PUBLIC WORKS/Carl Ratermann:
 1. Rock & Oiling of Alleys and Driveways on 9/24/25 for \$0.19 per square foot; Applications are due by 9/19/25
 2. Clinton County Highway Department will Begin Road Repairs Between the Roundabout and New Rt. 50 Ramps on 9/8/25
 - PUBLIC SAFETY/Steve Hellige:
 1. Approve Increasing Part Time Police Officer Wages to \$30.00 per hour

- RECREATION/Jason Davinroy:
- PUBLIC BUILDINGS/Gary Usselmann:
- ZONING/Jeff Jung:
 1. Approve an Ordinance Amending the City of Breese Zoning Code to Change the Allowed Location for Solar and Wind Farms
- HEALTH/Luke Essenpreis:
- MAYOR'S REPORT:
 1. Appoint Brandon Richter to the Library Board to replace Jean Steinman
- OLD BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS
- ADJOURNMENT

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

Minutes of the 9th Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

Mayor Kevin Timmermann called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Aldermen in attendance: Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann.

Absent: None

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, Park Custodian Bruce Kruep, Business Admin. Trevor Schubert, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson, Zoning Admin. John Becker.

Press: Matt Wilson, Breese Journal.

Visitors: Melissa Howard, Christy Howard.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Usselmann, seconded by Davinroy to approve the minutes of the meeting held on August 19, 2025, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Jung, seconded by Hellige to authorize payment of the bills, City Collector and City Treasurer Report. On roll call voting "aye": Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Melissa Howard and Christy Howard addressed the council regarding the Chamber of Commerce Halloween Pub Crawl. They asked why patrons were not allowed to have open alcoholic containers on the south side of the railroad tracks since Southside Tavern was participating in the event. Chief Mark Berndsen explained the open containers were not welcome in the 4 residential blocks between the tracks and the tavern. Christy offered a few possible solutions. She admitted that she didn't think people would want to walk all the way from Dutchmen's to Southside Tavern. Her concern was that signs would be posted restricting people from walking to their business, and that they would miss out on the income from the event.

Since Southside Tavern will be the first stop for the costume judging, everyone agreed that very few patrons would be traveling south of the tracks during the later hours. The council decided Melissa and Christy should contact Southern Bus & Mobility to get pricing for a bus and split the cost with the other participating establishments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Motion by Robben, seconded by Schleper to approve an ordinance authorizing the City of Breese, Clinton County, Illinois, to issue Sewer Revenue Bonds (paid from the net revenues of the sewerage system of said City) or, in lieu thereof, General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) (said bonds being general obligation bonds to be issued in one or more series, on a taxable or tax exempt basis, for which property taxes, unlimited as to rate or amount, may be levied), but which are expected to be paid from the Net Revenues of the City's Sewerage System (generally, "Net Revenues" means gross revenues minus operation and maintenance expenses), in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$15,000,000, for the purpose of paying the costs of financing various capital improvements to and maintenance of the production and collection of the sanitary sewer system of the City. On roll call voting "aye": Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy. Motion carried.

UTILITIES:

No Report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderman Ratermann reminded everyone that the Street Dept. is accepting rock & oil applications for alleys and driveways at \$0.19 per square foot through September 19th. Work will be done on September 24th.

Alderman Ratermann also reported that Clinton County Highway Department will begin road repairs on North Walnut Street between the roundabout and New Rt. 50 ramps on Monday, September 8th.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Motion by Hellige, seconded by Jung to approve increasing part time police officer wages from \$25.00 per hour to \$30.00 per hour. On roll call voting "aye": Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis. Motion carried.

RECREATION:

Alderman Davinroy reported that the Public Works crew has started construction on the Dog Park.

Alderman Davinroy also thanked the first responders that tackled the house fire on North 2nd Street last week. Breese Fire Chief Tom Tebbe thanked the City of Breese noting that city crews filled in to assist.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

No Report.

ZONING:

Motion by Jung, seconded by Schleper to approve an ordinance amending the City of Breese Zoning Code to change the allowed location for solar and wind farms to only include Industrial, C-2 and C-3

Districts. On roll call voting “aye”: Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige. Motion carried.

Zoning Admin. John Becker stated that there will be a Zoning Hearing on September 25th to amend the City of Breese Zoning Code regarding the Comprehensive Plan. The amendment will correct a typographical error that will include the verbiage “within a mile and a half.”

HEALTH:

Alderman Essenpreis mentioned that the City Employee Handbook needs to be reviewed and updated. He will schedule a meeting with the Health Committee and department supervisors next week.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Timmermann appointed Brandon Richter to the Library Board to replace Jean Steinman. Motion by Usselmann, second by Robben to approve the appointment. On roll call voting “aye”: Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung. Motion carried.

Mayor Timmermann reported that the Veterans Honor Flight Parade will travel from Bartelso to New Baden along Rt. 161 at 1:30pm on Monday, September 8th. He encouraged all who can to attend.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Ratermann to adjourn after no further business was brought before the Council. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by: _____
Jackie Hummert, City Clerk

CITY OF BREESE MEETING AGENDA

DATE: 9/16/2025

- CALL TO ORDER
- ROLL CALL
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
- MOTION TO APPROVE PAYING BILLS, CITY COLLECTOR & TREASURER REPORT
- PUBLIC COMMENT

- COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - FINANCE/Dan Robben:
 1. Public Hearing for Supplemental Appropriation 9/22/25 at 7:00pm in City Hall
 2. Public Hearing for Proposed Bond Issuance 9/22/25 at 7:00pm in City Hall

 - UTILITIES/Tim Schleper:

 - PUBLIC WORKS/Carl Ratermann:
 1. Fall Cleanup Day is scheduled for 10/18/25

 - PUBLIC SAFETY/Steve Hellige:

 - RECREATION/Jason Davinroy:

 - PUBLIC BUILDINGS/Gary Usselmann:

 - ZONING/Jeff Jung:
 1. Zoning Hearing on 9/25/25 at 7:30 pm in City Hall to Amend the City of Breese Zoning Code

- HEALTH/Luke Essenpreis:
- MAYOR'S REPORT:
- OLD BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS
- ADJOURNMENT

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

Minutes of the 10th Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

Mayor Kevin Timmermann called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Aldermen in attendance: Jason Davinroy, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann.

Absent: Luke Essenpreis, Jeff Jung, Dan Robben.

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, Park Custodian Bruce Kruep, Zoning Admin. John Becker.

Press: Matt Wilson, Breese Journal.

Visitors: Christ Howard, Melissa Howard, Mark Timmermann.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Mayor Timmermann stated that Aldermen Essenpreis, Jung, and Robben left to attend the IML Conference in Chicago.

Motion by Davinroy, seconded by Hellige to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 2, 2025, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Usselmann to authorize payment of the bills, City Collector and City Treasurer Report. On roll call voting "aye": Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann. Absent: Luke Essenpreis, Jeff Jung, Dan Robben. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Timmermann signed a proclamation presented by Breese Lions Club member Mark Timmermann declaring Friday, October 10th Lions Club Candy Day. Mayor Timmermann stated that the Lions Club is an active part of the community that is dedicated to servicing and aiding the deaf and blind.

Melissa Howard told the council that Southern Bus & Mobility quoted her \$315 plus fuel for the evening of the Halloween Pub Crawl. Mayor Timmermann said he would contact Kerry Porter with the Chamber to see if the other businesses would help contribute to the cost. Melissa stated that she would be willing to cover the cost if not.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Alderman Schleper reported that there will be two public hearings on Monday, September 22nd at 7 p.m. in city hall. One is to amend the Appropriation Ordinance for FY2026. The other is for the proposed sewer revenue bond issuance.

UTILITIES:

Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering reported that the line crew has been trimming trees around town and making a list to have removed.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderman Ratermann announced that Fall Cleanup Day is scheduled for October 18th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Street Department. Street Supt. Tom Tebbe stated that he ordered an extra dumpster and reminded everyone no paint, tires, batteries, TVs, electronics, trash, or new construction materials are allowed.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Alderman Hellige alerted everyone that the county issued a no burn order.

Police Chief Mark Berndsen asked the public to remember to move out of the way of emergency vehicles as soon as feasibly possible. Recently, Berndsen has experienced drivers ignoring signals to pull over so he could get to urgent calls.

RECREATION:

Alderman Davinroy thanked everyone who volunteered and/or participated in the Community Link Buddy Walk at North Park on Saturday, September 13th.

Alderman Davinroy reported that the Celebrate Life event will be at North Park this Saturday, September 20th and the Breese Optimist is hosting their annual Fall Fest on Saturday, September 27th.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Alderman Usselmann reported that the library renovation project has begun.

ZONING:

Alderman Davinroy stated there will be a zoning hearing on Thursday, September 25th at 7:30 p.m. in city hall to amend a typographical error in the City of Breese Zoning Code.

HEALTH:

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Ratermann, seconded by Schleper to adjourn after no further business was brought before the Council. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by: _____
Jackie Hummert, City Clerk

CITY OF BREESE MEETING AGENDA

DATE: 10/7/2025

- CALL TO ORDER
- ROLL CALL
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
- MOTION TO APPROVE PAYING BILLS, CITY COLLECTOR & TREASURER REPORT
- PUBLIC COMMENT:
 1. Tracy Session—ALS Fundraiser
 2. Katelyn Barrow—Would like to utilize the Breese Activity Center for private behavioral classes
- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - FINANCE/Dan Robben:
 1. Approve an Ordinance Amending the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2026
 - UTILITIES/Tim Schleper:
 - PUBLIC WORKS/Carl Ratermann:
 - PUBLIC SAFETY/Steve Hellige:
 - RECREATION/Jason Davinroy:
 - PUBLIC BUILDINGS/Gary Usselmann:

- ZONING/Jeff Jung:
 1. Approve an Ordinance Correcting a Typographical Error in Section 40-1-2 of the City of Breese Zoning Code
- HEALTH/Luke Essenpreis:
 1. Fall Clean-up 10/18/25 @ Street Department 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
 2. Leaf Dump will be open 10/25/25 – 12/21/25 on Wednesdays and Sundays Noon – 4:00, and Saturdays from 10:00 – 4:00 PM
- MAYOR'S REPORT:
 1. Appoint Bill Fischer to Park Board
 2. Recognize Logo's & More, PJ's Diner, and Town & Country Florist for their years of business
- OLD BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS
- ADJOURNMENT

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * OCTOBER 7, 2025

Minutes of the 11th Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

Mayor Kevin Timmermann called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Aldermen in attendance: Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann.

Absent: None.

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, EMS Operations Mgr. Allen Pollmann, Park Custodian Bruce Kruep, Zoning Admin. John Becker, Business Admin. Trevor Schubert, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson.

Press: Matt Wilson, Breese Journal.
Corey Johnson, Union Banner.

Visitors: Tracy Session, Delayni Davinroy, Trina Pratt, Colten Winkeler, Ivy Heimann, Janet Duncan.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Davinroy, seconded by Schleper to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 16, 2025, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Jung, seconded by Hellige to authorize payment of the bills, City Collector and City Treasurer Report. On roll call voting "aye": Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tracy Session requested permission to collect donations for ALS at the 4-way stop on October 17, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Motion by Ratermann, seconded by Jung to approve. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Motion by Robben, seconded by Schleper to approve an ordinance amending the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for fiscal year 2026. The amendment will allow for the Electric Fund to purchase property for the future substation and for the Sewer Fund to issue bonds for the Wastewater Treatment System upgrade. On roll call voting "aye": Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann.

UTILITIES:

No report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderman Ratermann reported the Street crew is doing regular maintenance. Street Supt. Tom Tebbe gave an update on the Walnut Street construction. The county is currently tearing out curbing and preparing to pour more concrete.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Alderman Hellige reported that Trick or Treating will be on October 31st 6-8 p.m.

Police Chief Mark Berndsen reminded everyone to keep their vehicles locked and valuables hidden. There have been vehicles reported stolen in the area outside of Breese.

RECREATION:

Alderman Davinroy thanked the city and everyone who attended on behalf of the Breese Optimist Club for another successful Fall Fest.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Alderman Usselmann reported that the library renovation project is on schedule and plans to have a meeting in 2 weeks with Litteken Construction for another update.

ZONING:

Motion by Jung, seconded by Davinroy to approve an ordinance correcting a typographical error in Section 40-1-2 of the City of Breese Zoning Code. The correction will include the language "within a mile and a half" to make the Zoning Code consistent with the Breese Comprehensive Plan. On roll call voting "aye": Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselamnn, Jason Davinroy. Motion carried.

HEALTH:

Alderman Essenpreis reported that the City Fall Cleanup Day will be October 18th at the Street Department from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Alderman Essenpreis also announced that the Leaf Dump will be open October 25th through December 21st on Wednesdays and Sundays 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Timmermann appointed Bill Fischer to the Park Board. Motion by Schleper, seconded by Usselmann to approve the appointment. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Timmermann recognized Logo's & More, PJ's Diner, and Town & Country Florist for their years in business and serving the community.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Timmermann reported that the city will receive a \$1.1 million grant for the Mine Street Project.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Ratermann to adjourn after no further business was brought before the Council. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by: _____
Jackie Hummert, City Clerk

CITY OF BREESE MEETING AGENDA

DATE: 10/21/2025

- CALL TO ORDER
- ROLL CALL
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
- MOTION TO APPROVE PAYING BILLS, CITY COLLECTOR & TREASURER REPORT
- PUBLIC COMMENT

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - FINANCE/Dan Robben:

 - UTILITIES/Tim Schleper:

 - PUBLIC WORKS/Carl Ratermann:

 - PUBLIC SAFETY/Steve Hellige:

 - RECREATION/Jason Davinroy:

 - PUBLIC BUILDINGS/Gary Usselmann:

 - ZONING/Jeff Jung:

 - HEALTH/Luke Essenpreis:

 - MAYOR'S REPORT:

- OLD BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS
- ADJOURNMENT

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * OCTOBER 21, 2025

Minutes of the 12th Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

Mayor Kevin Timmermann called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Aldermen in attendance: Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann.

Absent: Steve Hellige.

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering, Police Sergeant Kurt Detmer, Park Custodian Bruce Kruep, Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte, Business Admin. Trevor Schubert, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson.

Press: Matt Wilson, Breese Journal
Coery Johnson, Union Banner

Visitors: Tia Reaka, Paige Cayson, Blake Klenke.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Jung, seconded by Davinroy to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 7, 2025, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Essenpreis, seconded by Schleper to authorize payment of the bills, City Collector and City Treasurer Report. On roll call voting "aye": Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis. Absent: Steve Hellige. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

No report.

UTILITIES:

Public Works Mgr. Don Voss announced that the bid opening date for the Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade is November 13, 2025. The plan holders will meet on October 28, 2025.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderman Ratermann reported that the Street Department is doing various concrete maintenance around town.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Alderman Schleper reported that the Ambulance Department is hiring a full-time paramedic. Applications will be accepted online or in person until November 12, 2025.

RECREATION:

No report.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Alderman Usselmann reported that the library renovation project is slated to be complete the third week of November. He scheduled another progress meeting with Litteken Construction at the Breese Library for November 3, 2025, at 6:30pm.

ZONING:

No report.

HEALTH:

Alderman Essenpreis thanked the Street Department crew for working the Fall Cleanup Day on Saturday despite the heavy rain.

Alderman Essenpreis reminded everyone that the Leaf Dump will be open October 25th through December 21st on Wednesdays and Sundays 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Timmermann congratulated the Central Girls Golf team for placing 3rd and the Mater Dei Girls Golf team for placing 4th at the State tournament.

The Council reminded everyone that Trick or Treating will be Friday, October 31st from 6 to 8pm, and that the Breese Chamber of Commerce is hosting their annual Pumpkin Trail and Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 25th starting at 2pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Davinroy, seconded by Schleper to adjourn after no further business was brought before the Council. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by: _____
Jackie Hummert, City Clerk

CITY OF BREESE MEETING AGENDA

DATE: 11/4/2025

- CALL TO ORDER
- ROLL CALL
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
- MOTION TO APPROVE PAYING BILLS, CITY COLLECTOR & TREASURER REPORT
- PUBLIC COMMENT

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - FINANCE/Dan Robben:
 1. Approve an Ordinance Authorizing and Providing for the Issuance of not to exceed \$15,000,000 Aggregate Principal Amount General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), of the City of Breese, Clinton County, Illinois, and for the Levy of a Direct Annual Tax Sufficient to Pay the Principal of and Interest on said Bonds.
 2. Approve a Resolution to Keep Closed Session Minutes from 127/21, 9/20/22, 10/4/22, 9/18/23, 5/20/24, 11/18/24, 12/16/24 Confidential

 - UTILITIES/Tim Schleper:

 - PUBLIC WORKS/Carl Ratermann:

 - PUBLIC SAFETY/Steve Hellige:
 1. Approve Ambulance SSA Contracts for 2025/2026

 - RECREATION/Jason Davinroy:

 - PUBLIC BUILDINGS/Gary Usselmann:

- ZONING/Jeff Jung:
- HEALTH/Luke Essenpreis:
 1. Leaf Dump will be open until 12/21/25 on Wednesdays and Sundays Noon – 4:00, and Saturdays from 10:00 – 4:00 PM
- MAYOR'S REPORT:
 - OLD BUSINESS
 - NEW BUSINESS
 - ADJOURNMENT

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * NOVEMBER 4, 2025

Minutes of the 13th Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

Mayor Kevin Timmermann called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Aldermen in attendance: Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann.

Absent: Jeff Jung.

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, EMS Operations Mgr. Allen Pollmann, Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte, Business Admin. Trevor Schubert, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson.

Press: None.

Visitors: Kevin Wills, Dylan McMinn, Lucah Lyons, Kayla Deien, Christy Deien.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Essenpreis, seconded by Usselmann to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 21, 2025, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Davinroy, seconded by Ratermann to authorize payment of the bills, City Collector and City Treasurer Report. On roll call voting "aye": Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann. Absent: Jeff Jung. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Motion by Robben, seconded by Schleper to approve an ordinance authorizing and providing for the issuance of not to exceed \$15,000,000 aggregate principal amount general obligation bonds (alternate revenue source) of the City of Breese, Clinton County, Illinois, and for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds. On roll call voting "aye": Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben. Absent: Jeff Jung. Motion carried.

Motion by Robben, seconded by Essenpreis to approve a resolution to keep closed session minutes from 12/7/21, 9/20/22, 10/4/22, 9/18/23, 5/20/24, 11/18/24, 12/16/24 confidential. On roll call voting “aye”: Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

UTILITIES:

No Report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderman Raterman reported the Street crew is working on sidewalk and other maintenance around town.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Motion by Hellige, seconded by Schleper to approve Ambulance SSA contracts for 2025/2026 in the amounts of: Germantown Township \$45,713, Germantown Village \$66,344, Breese Township \$57,371, Breese City \$245,659. On roll call voting “aye”: Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

Alderman Hellige complimented the Breese Chamber of Commerce on their annual Pumpkin Trail and Pub Crawl. He also thanked the Breese Police Department for keeping everyone safe on Halloween.

RECREATION:

No Report.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Alderman Usselmann reported that the Public Buildings Committee met at the Breese Library for a progress meeting. Litteken Construction plans to complete the renovation project by December.

ZONING:

No Report.

HEALTH:

Alderman Essenpreis reported that the Leaf Dump will be open until December 21st on Wednesday’s and Sunday’s, noon to 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Timmermann congratulated the Central Football, Mater Dei Volleyball, and Mater Dei Girls Cross Country teams on their post-season success and wished them continued luck.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Hellige to adjourn after no further business was brought before the Council. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by: _____
Jackie Hummert, City Clerk

CITY OF BREESE MEETING AGENDA

DATE: 11/18/2025

- CALL TO ORDER
- ROLL CALL
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
- MOTION TO APPROVE PAYING BILLS, CITY COLLECTOR & TREASURER REPORT
- PUBLIC COMMENT

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- FINANCE/Dan Robben:
 1. Approve an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 1592 Adding Chapter 36 Taxation, Article VII Cannabis Retailer's Occupation Tax
- UTILITIES/Tim Schleper:
- PUBLIC WORKS/Carl Ratermann:
- PUBLIC SAFETY/Steve Hellige:
 1. Approve an Ordinance Establishing No-Parking Zones on the West Side of South Walnut Street and the West Side of Memorial Drive
- RECREATION/Jason Davinroy:
- PUBLIC BUILDINGS/Gary Usselmann:

- ZONING/Jeff Jung:
- HEALTH/Luke Essenpreis:
 1. Leaf Dump will be open until 12/21/25 on Wednesdays and Sundays Noon – 4:00, and Saturdays from 10:00 – 4:00 PM
- MAYOR'S REPORT:
 1. Re-appoint Tom Grawe to the Zoning Board for a 5-year term
- OLD BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS
- ADJOURNMENT

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * NOVEMBER 18, 2025

Minutes of the 14th Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

Mayor Kevin Timmermann called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Aldermen in attendance: Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper.

Absent: Gary Usselmann.

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, EMS Operations Mgr. Allen Pollmann, Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte, Park Custodian Bruce Kruep, Business Admin. Trevor Schubert, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson, Admin. Assist. Rachele Horton.

Press: Matt Wilson, Breese Journal.

Visitors: Reymundo Morales-Murillo, Shane Schlarmann, Olivia Hilmes, Madilyn Howard, Danny Romine, Madeline Fuhler.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Essenpreis, seconded by Davinroy to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 4, 2025, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Jung, seconded by Robben to authorize payment of the bills, City Collector and City Treasurer Report. On roll call voting "aye": Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Jason Davinroy. Absent: Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Motion by Robben, second by Schleper to approve an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1592 Cannabis Retailer's Occupation Tax. The amendment corrects specific language in the ordinance requested by the Illinois Department of Revenue. On roll call voting "aye": Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis. Absent: Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

UTILITIES:

Alderman Schleper requested to add the annual Christmas Light Credit to the December 2nd agenda for approval.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderman Ratermann reported that the Street Department is still working on routine maintenance.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Motion by Hellige, seconded by Schleper to approve an ordinance establishing no-parking zones on the west side of South Walnut Street and the west side of Memorial Drive. On roll call voting "aye": Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige. Absent: Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

RECREATION:

Alderman Hellige thanked the Christmas Lighting volunteers and city crews that decorated the North Park.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

No report.

ZONING:

Mayor Timmermann asked for a motion to re-appoint Tom Grawe to the Zoning Board for a 5-year term. Motion by Robben, seconded by Davinroy to approve the appointment. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

HEALTH:

Alderman Essenpreis reported that the City Leaf Dump will be open until December 21st. He also reminded everyone not to blow their leaves in the streets.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Timmermann wished the Central Football team luck in the Semi Finals this weekend in Rochester. He congratulated the Mater Dei Volleyball and Mater Dei Girls Cross Country teams on their seasons and performance in the post season.

Mayor Timmermann made special mention of Tom Timmermann who recently passed. He was a Major League Baseball player for the Detroit Tigers originally from Breese that always supported Community Link throughout the years. Tom Timmerman has requested all donations in memory be made to Community Link.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Ratermann to adjourn after no further business was brought before the Council. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by: _____
Jackie Hummert, City Clerk

CITY OF BREESE MEETING AGENDA

DATE: 12/2/2025

- CALL TO ORDER
- ROLL CALL
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
- MOTION TO APPROVE PAYING BILLS, CITY COLLECTOR & TREASURER REPORT
- PUBLIC COMMENT

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - FINANCE/Dan Robben:
 1. Approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of the RMA Min/Max Contribution Agreement
 - UTILITIES/Tim Schleper:
 1. Approve the \$25.00 Christmas Light Credit for Residential Customers
 - PUBLIC WORKS/Carl Ratermann:
 - PUBLIC SAFETY/Steve Hellige:
 - RECREATION/Jason Davinroy:
 - PUBLIC BUILDINGS/Gary Usselmann:
 - ZONING/Jeff Jung:

- HEALTH/Luke Essenpreis:
 1. Approve the City Employee Handbook Updated as of November 1, 2025
 2. Leaf Dump will be open until 12/21/25 on Wednesdays and Sundays Noon – 4:00, and Saturdays from 10:00 – 4:00 PM
- MAYOR'S REPORT:
 - OLD BUSINESS
 - NEW BUSINESS
 - ADJOURNMENT

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * DECEMBER 2, 2025

Minutes of the 15th Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

Mayor Kevin Timmermann called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Aldermen in attendance: Jason Davinroy, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann.

Absent: Luke Essenpreis.

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte, Park Custodian Bruce Kruep, Business Admin. Trevor Schubert, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson.

Press: Matt Wilson, Breese Journal.

Visitors: Laura Gabriel, Russel Zurliene, Ezekial Martinez, Blake Horstmann, Zack Huegen, Miranda Morris, Benjamin Malcomb, Landon Watts.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Motion by Jung, seconded by Davinroy to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 18, 2025, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Hellige to authorize payment of the bills, City Collector and City Treasurer Report. On roll call voting "aye": Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung. Absent: Luke Essenpreis. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Laura Gabriel attended to inform the public about the side effects from plastics and how they may relate to dementia. She offered to have further conversation if anyone was interested.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Motion by Robben, second by Jung to approve an ordinance authorizing the execution of the RMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement for 2026. On roll call voting "aye": Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann. Absent: Luke Essenpreis. Motion carried.

UTILITIES:

Motion by Schleper, second by Davinroy to approve a \$25.00 Christmas light credit to residential customers. Residents must call City Hall to receive the credit for the month of December. On roll call voting “aye”: Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben. Absent: Luke Essenpreis. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderman Ratermann reported that the Street Department is still performing regular maintenance.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Alderman Hellige thanked the Street Department for their snow removal over the weekend. He also gave appreciation to the Ambulance Service for picking up extra hours through the holidays.

Police Chief Mark Berndsen reported that the Code Red system is currently down and that the department is working to get it up and running again.

RECREATION:

Alderman Davinroy thanked the Christmas Lighting and parade committees for their work making the holiday season great again this year.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Alderman Usselmann reported that Litteken Construction is doing final touches on the Breese Library renovation.

ZONING:

No report.

HEALTH:

Motion by Ratermann, seconded by Usselmann to approve the City Employee Handbook updated as of November 1, 2025. On roll call voting “aye”: Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper. Absent: Luke Essenpreis. Motion carried.

Alderman Ratermann reported that the Leaf Dump will remain open until December 21st.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Timmermann congratulated the Central Football team on their success this season.

Mayor Timmermann reminded everyone to shop the local businesses this holiday.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Ratermann to adjourn after no further business was brought before the Council. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by: _____
Jackie Hummert, City Clerk

CITY OF BREESE MEETING AGENDA

DATE: 12/16/2025

- CALL TO ORDER
- ROLL CALL
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
- MOTION TO APPROVE PAYING BILLS, CITY COLLECTOR & TREASURER REPORT
- PUBLIC COMMENT:
 - Gary Groom
- COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - FINANCE/Dan Robben:
 1. Approve the Tax Levy Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2026 in the amount of \$1,599,083.00
 2. Approve an Ordinance Amending Article III, Division II, Section 38-3-21 of the City of Breese Municipal Code to Provide for an Increase in the Minimum Charge for Sewer Rates
 3. Approve an Ordinance to Forgive Interfund Loans:
 - Ambulance to General Fund in the Amount of \$253,454.77
 - Golf to General Fund in the Amount of \$155,000.00
 - Sewer to Electric in the Amount of \$270,250.00
 - Water to Electric in the Amount of \$557,350.00
 - UTILITIES/Tim Schleper:
 1. Award a bid from Caldwell Tanks, Inc. of Louisville, KY in the amount of \$2,066,000.00 for the Construction of the South Water Tower
 2. Formally Reject All Bids for Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements as Bids were in Excess of Engineers' Estimate
 - A 2nd Bid Letting is Tentatively set for Spring of 2026

- PUBLIC WORKS/Carl Ratermann:
- PUBLIC SAFETY/Steve Hellige:
 1. Approve Hiring Todd Wells Full Time to Breese Ambulance
- RECREATION/Jason Davinroy:
- PUBLIC BUILDINGS/Gary Usselmann:
- ZONING/Jeff Jung:
- HEALTH/Luke Essenpreis:
- MAYOR'S REPORT:
 1. Appoint Doug Schulte to Human Resources Director effective 12/17/25
- OLD BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS
- ADJOURNMENT

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * DECEMBER 16, 2025

Minutes of the 16th Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

Mayor Kevin Timmermann called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Aldermen in attendance: Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann.

Absent: None.

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, EMS Operations Mgr. Allen Pollmann, Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte, Business Admin. Trevor Schubert, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson, City Treasurer Bob Venhaus, Admin. Assist. Rachele Horton.

Press: Matt Wilson, Breese Journal.

Visitors: Kevin Wills - Bernardi Securities, Gary Groom, Todd Wells, Trina Pratt, Kaylyn Sterkis.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Jung, seconded by Essenpreis to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 2, 2025, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Davinroy, seconded by Robben to authorize payment of the bills, City Collector and City Treasurer Report. On roll call voting "aye": Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Gary Groom attended to thank Don Voss and the city officials for their prompt response to his complaint regarding a dilapidated property.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Motion by Robben, seconded by Schleper to approve the tax levy ordinance for fiscal year 2026 in the amount of \$1,599,083.00. On roll call voting "aye": Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy. Motion carried.

Motion by Robben, seconded by Jung to approve an ordinance amending Article III, Division II, Section 38-3-21 of the City of Breese Municipal Code to provide for an increase in the minimum charge for sewer rates. The monthly minimum charge is increased to \$29.05 up to 1,000 gallons and \$11.08 per additional 1,000 gallons. On roll call voting "aye": Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis. Motion carried.

Motion by Robben, seconded by Davinroy to approve an ordinance to abolish and forgive interfund debts: Ambulance to General Fund in the amount \$253,454.77, Golf to General Fund in the amount of \$155,000.00, Sewer to Electric in the amount of \$270,250.00, Water to Electric in the amount of \$577,350.00. On roll call voting "aye": Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige. Motion carried.

UTILITIES:

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Robben to award a bid from Caldwell Tanks, Inc. of Louisville, KY in the amount of \$2,066,000.00 for the construction of the South Water Tower. On roll call voting "aye": Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung. Motion carried.

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Usselmann to formally reject all bids for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements as bids were in excess of engineers' estimate. A second bid letting is tentatively set for Spring 2026. On roll call voting "aye": Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Motion by Hellige, seconded by Davinroy to approve hiring Todd Wells full time to the Breese Ambulance Department effective 12/17/2025. On roll call voting "aye": Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben. Motion carried.

RECREATION:

No report.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Alderman Usselmann reported that Litteken Construction is completing finish work on the Breese Library project.

ZONING:

No report.

HEALTH:

Alderman Essenpreis reported that the Leaf Dump will close Sunday December 21st.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Timmermann announced that the City of Breese has a need for a Human Resources supervisor. Motion by Schleper, seconded by Davinroy to appoint Doug Schulte as Human Resources Director for the City of Breese effective 12/17/2025. On roll call voting "aye": Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Hellige to adjourn after no further business was brought before the Council. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by: _____
Jackie Hummert, City Clerk