

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING * JANUARY 20, 2025

Minutes of the finance committee meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

Mayor Kevin Timmermann called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

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

Visitors: Dan Robben.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Don has contacted Litteken Construction about the siding at the BAC building. They are getting a price for corrugated metal and hardy board.
- Quitclaim on 2 properties in Kruep's addition are not accessible and of no use to the city. The council agreed to not accept these quitclaim properties.

UTILITIES:

- AMI – automatic meter reading provided a quote for a minimum of \$387,290 and this would include purchase 1/3 of the electric meters; and a full-price quote of \$773,000 which would include all 100% of electric meters. This system will work with our current water meters, so no change will be needed for those. There is also a \$20,000 annual support fee. Project was tabled for more information. Need to find out if there is space on the current server at city hall.
- Service/Maintenance Order Software – \$3,150/yearly to lease or \$9,700 to purchase with annual support of \$2100. Don to do more research.
- Sewer charge for water leaks – the current ordinance is antiquated in the pricing. Joanne to provide an updated ordinance to better reflect current pricing.
- 2025 Utility rates – council agreed to go with the 3% cpi increase on all utilities.
- IMUA scholarship – council agreed to the \$2,500 match if student from Breese is chosen.
- Transformer bid – on agenda to approve the transformer repair bid from Sunbelt Solomon in the amount of \$683,506. This is the transformer that failed a couple months ago. Jason also explained that the replacement transformer that we just purchased was damaged in transit. It was minor damage, and the company is sending a crew to fix it.
- Unit 5 generator is out of commission right now. Looking to source a part to repair it.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- The new cameras have been received and are being reviewed by the business administrator for payment.

AMBULANCE:

- Motion by Eversgerd, second by Berndsen to approve billable runs for December. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- Allen would like to pay off the ambulance loan to the electric department for the 2017 ambulance. Motion by Usselmann, second by Fischer to pay off loan. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Need to set up a committee to research the purchase of a new ambulance. The current lead time on delivery is approximately 2 years.

RECREATION:

- Doug is currently doing maintenance at the clubhouse.
- The new furnace has been installed at Hannah's playground.
- Need to set up a meeting to discuss swimming pool maintenance.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

- Jansen Ford TIF and business district ordinance will be tabled. PGAV has advised that the comprehensive plan public hearing must be held before the ordinances can be passed.
- Trevor stated he has asked for a quote from PGAV to update the comprehensive plan since it hasn't been done since 2016.

CITY COLLECTOR:

- Health Insurance – council agreed to stay on the current plan with Consociate Health since there is no price increase.
- The supplemental appropriation ordinance amending the line items in electric distribution for the maintenance and cap-out of the transformers is on the agenda for approval tomorrow night. There were no objections at the required public hearing.

ZONING:

- Code enforcement – is this something we need to investigate? We would have to hire a code enforcement official. Don believes this person could also be our building code inspector. He also stated we need to update our building codes and stated there is software available for this. Zoning Administrator believes it would be beneficial.
- Solar panel ordinance – we need to get this done and approved sooner rather than later. John Becker has paperwork to be sent out to the aldermen and will work with Joanne in preparation.

MAYORS REPORT

- Municipal Court System – Joanne to investigate and report back.
- Will table library board appointments until after library board meeting.


OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

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