

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING * OCTOBER 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 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, Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte, Golf Course Supt. Paul Smith, City Treasurer Bob Venhaus, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, Ems Operations Mgr. Allen Pollmann, Business Admin. Trevor Schubert, Park Custodian Bruce Kruep, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson, Zoning Admin. John Becker.

Visitor: None.

PROJECTS:

- South Water Tower—out for bid; all 4 tank builders have taken out bids. Council needs to decide on a color for the ring around the bowl of the tower.
- Sewer Plant Upgrade—out for bid; currently have 7 plan holders. Mandatory meeting for plan holders on 10/28/25. The bid opening will be on 11/13/25 for approval at the 12/16/25 council meeting.
- Mine Street—webinar on 10/24/25 at 2:30pm
- Library—need to decide on brick. When the rear foyer is complete the front windows will be replaced. Jason Litteken plans to finish the 3rd week of November.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Don asked the council to refer residents to him and Tom before allowing them to dump anything.
- Since IDOT awarded funding for Mine Street, the city needs another shovel ready project before the next funding opportunity. Ideas discussed were Mater Dei Drive, the 12th Street Roundabout, Koch Lane.

UTILITIES:

- Top AG—Don met with Jeff Henrichs and offered \$1.00 to relieve them of the liability. Jeff agreed as long as the City takes care of the legal end and is waiting on his board for approval. Don wants to tear down the existing structure and construct a pre-engineered steel building to house 3 engines.

- Raeber property—REA reached out to Don and Jason to potentially purchase part of the property to relocate their building. Kevin mentioned he has someone interested in about 20 acres for a single-family subdivision. The closing is scheduled for Tuesday, October 28th at 3:30pm.
- Polaris Ranger warranty—The Polaris came with a 1-year warranty; Don received a letter for a 3-year warranty for \$2700. Council agreed to purchase the 3-year warranty.
- St. Rose Water District—Contract is expired. Karl Klostermann asked for a new rate scale that includes over 6 million gallons.
- AMI reconnect procedures—Reconnect fees are currently \$75.00 during work hours and \$200.00 after hours. Council agreed to keep the current fees in place and continue to pay hourly employees a minimum of 2 hours overtime to return to work after hours for a reconnection.
- BAC HVAC—The system has a leak and needs to be replaced. Kevin suggested reevaluating funds for replacement in March.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- Mark's transmission is failing and is being replaced for about \$6000. Ryan's vehicle has had recent repairs but needs replaced; he would like a truck. Council agreed to purchase a truck and pass the Explorer onto Doug.
- Alternative vehicle ordinance—Council decided to change the age requirement to 18 years old. Joanne was asked to update the ordinance to 18 years old and find out what the driving time restrictions are.

AMBULANCE:

- Motion by Schleper, seconded by Usselman to approve the Billable Runs for September 2025. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Council decided to rediscuss increasing rates at the November finance meeting. Need to decide whether to raise the base rate or the mileage rate.
- Allen started advertising for a new full-time paramedic. Applications will be accepted until November 12th with hopes to hire the first week of December. Starting base pay is \$24.00.

RECREATION:

- Grand stand—Kevin wants the Council Recreation committee to meet with the Theater group to figure out what to replace the current structure with.
- Paul's aerator is 30 years old and beyond repairs. Bellerive Country Club is trading in 2 aerators to Toro that could be available for about \$18-20,000 each. Paul is waiting to see what kind of shape they're in. He plans to include this in his next budget.

- The fence around the dumpster at the golf course needs to be replaced. Council agreed to install a new fence after the Sewer Plant upgrade is finished to avoid damage to the fence.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

- Bond Parameter Ordinance—Council will approve the ordinance at the November 4th meeting and then the city can start issuing bonds. Kevin wants to keep everything at Germantown Trust & Savings. The sewer rate study is still being prepared.
- Interfund loan balances—Trevor to research and report back what the balances are from before writing them off.
 - General Fund to Ambulance
 - General Fund to Golf
 - Electric to Sewer
 - Electric to Water
- The KC Hall submitted a Business District Grant application for a new roof and security cameras.

CITY COLLECTOR:

- SSA Agreements—Contract amounts are for the allowed maximum 105% increase. Council will approve the contracts at the November 4th meeting.
- Equal Pay agreements—Monica drafted a customer agreement that outlines the requirements for Equal Pay. Council agreed to let Monica mail all Equal Pay customers an agreement to sign in November.

ZONING:

- Don gave an update on the Cunningham property—Don offered the family \$2500 to use city crew to tear down the trailer.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- RMA claim denial—After resubmitting, RMA said they found the City of Breese not negligent and will not pay the claim. They suggested the city could offer to cover the deductible amount. Kevin asked Jason to contact IMEA to at least try to go after Ameren. Council agreed to find out what the deductible cost would be and notify RMA that the city is looking for other brokers.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Employee Handbook—Luke made the revisions and sent them to Jackie to update the document. Council will approve the handbook at the November 4th meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Food truck permits—Kevin was asked by another town if we require permits for food trucks. Our current solicitor ordinance only applies to someone that goes door to door. Council agreed not to enforce permits for food trucks.

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Robben to begin executive session and adjourn the regular finance meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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