

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING * JANUARY 19, 2026

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, Steve Hellige, Luke Essenpreis, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann.

Absent: None.

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering, Human Resources Dir./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, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson, Youth Sports Mgr. Vaughn Douglas.

PROJECTS:

- South Water Tower—waiting on Caldwell for a start date.
- Sewer Plant Upgrade—Don shared a letter with the council that will be mailed to all of the principals of HMG explaining how the contract is over budget and increasing.
- Mine Street Improvements—waiting on the Farrell family for easement.
- West HCL property—Motion by Schleper, seconded by Davinroy to approve a letter of intent from Chad Sellers to start seeking buyers for the property at \$0.80 per sq. ft. for a 5% commission. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
Council discussed whether the city could extend TIF 2 for Ellwood construction.
- East HCL property—Adam Gerstner is interested in developing the property. Council decided to start the asking price at \$0.80 per sq. ft. City needs to build a thru street on the property.
- Bandstand—planning to meet with Clinton County Showcase again in February. Council would prefer 4 representatives from each party to discuss future plans.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Meadowlark Ln/Memorial Dr—Council tabled the sidewalk project and will look into widening the road instead to add parking capability.

UTILITIES:

- BHMG substation engineering proposal—Jason would like to approve the proposal at the February 17th Council meeting
- Travelers Insurance recommendations—the city needs to follow an inspection schedule for the engines.
- IMUA scholarship—Council agreed to pledge \$2500 if a Breese resident is awarded the 2026 scholarship.
- SD Meyers LTC maintenance—Jason requested to use budgeted funds from the transformer rewind account to cover the costs. Council approved.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- New iPad—Council approved purchase of a new iPad for Kurt Detmer in the amount of \$1100.

AMBULANCE:

- Motion by Schleper, seconded by Hellige to approve the Billable Runs for December 2025. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Collections—Allen provided a list of possible law firms he received from Medclaim's. Council agreed to keep pursuing a solution.

RECREATION:

- Hannah's Playground swing—Bruce was instructed to order the necessary parts to fix the swing.
- Vaughn Douglas attended to update the council and ask questions he had about collecting sponsorships for teams. He said baseball/softball signup will be at the Breese Legion on February 14th & 15th from 10am to 1pm.
- Dog Park—Abby Brauer contacted City Hall to ask if the Dog Park was open for play since the fence was complete. Jason Davinroy will reach out to explain that the Dog Park will open this spring after grass is grown and bags and trash cans are available. In the meantime, the fence will remain locked.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

- Charlie Meier infrastructure grant—still in the approval process. Kevin instructed Trevor to contact the office weekly for status updates.
- Trevor updated the council on the December financial reports.
- IMRF Authorized Agent—Motion by Robben, seconded by Usselmann to appoint Trevor as the IMRF Authorized Agent for the city. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. A resolution is on Tuesday's agenda for approval.
- Business District Grants—Trevor updated the council on the status of the remaining applicants. He is waiting on 4 businesses to respond.
- BD Amendments—updates to the BD plans are complete. An ordinance to set the time and place for a public hearing is on Tuesday's agenda for approval. The public hearing will take place on March 3rd at 6:30pm.
- Golf Course memberships—Trevor is waiting to hear back from the auditors to discuss options for memberships sold before May 1st.
- Series 2026 Bonds—Trevor is contacting Kevin Wills regarding extending the next bond issue.

CITY COLLECTOR:

- Emerald Edge 2026 proposal—the discounted service quote is \$2438.07. The city needs to accept the proposal and prepay to receive the discount by March 1st.
- City mowing service—Council agreed to seek other options for prices before budget preparations.
- City Hall landscaping—Council agreed the landscaping needs an update and to reach out to local businesses for quotes.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

- Doug asked Joanne to review the preliminary ordinances he wrote for the remaining supervisor job descriptions that need to be included in the Code of Ordinances.

ZONING:

- Zoning Hearing 1/29/26—L&HR Land Trust and Mike Raeber want to rezone the southeast corner of 12th St and Sunrise Pl to C-2 Highway Commercial for future use for a new fire house.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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