

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING *JUNE 15, 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, Luke Essenpreis, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann.

Absent: Steve Hellige, Dan Robben.

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, HR/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, Police Sgt. Kurt Detmer.

PROJECTS:

- South Water Tower—Work will start in 3 weeks. Council will approve an engineering contract with HMG for \$75,900 at the July 7th council meeting.
- Sewer Plant Upgrade—Will approve the purchase of an Oakley Bluestar generator for \$187,711.57 at the July 7th council meeting. The price includes crane service.
- North Substation—No report.
- Mine Street Improvements—The Farrell family agreed to donate the property if they get a commercial entrance to their shed. They also want a resolution stating that they get 2 additional access points from Mine Street for future development. The city will need to re-zone the property from residential to C-2.
- HCL West/East—Ben Porsch is interested in building another senior housing development on the HCL West property. Kevin and Don are working to get Ben the information needed for his investors. Kevin proposed an initial offer of \$3.50/sq ft.
- Bandstand—Kevin is setting up a Teams meeting with Nickis Architecture for June 24th.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- South 4th Street lift station—Will approve a proposal from Vandevanter Engineering for \$78,460 at the July 7th council meeting.

UTILITIES:

- The grain elevator demolition is scheduled for July 13th. Council will waive competitive bidding and approve a contract with Litteken Construction for \$132,900 tomorrow night.
- St. Rose Water District agreed to \$4.84 per 1000 gallons. The council will approve a revised ordinance tomorrow night to include satellite water rates.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

- The Axon sales representative presented the new taser and report writing programs and quotes. He also informed the council that 2024, 2025 and 2026 payments were not made due to being sent to an incorrect email address. Axon figured in the missed invoices into the consolidated payment schedule of \$36,504.00 year 1 and \$62,919.00 years 2-10. Year 1 is set since that is what Mark had budgeted. The increase also includes equipment for another officer. The council agreed to catch up on the missed payments now, and have Axon recalculate the quoted amount. Kevin asked the committee to schedule a meeting to discuss the agreement.

AMBULANCE:

- Motion by Schleper, seconded by Jung to approve the Billable Runs for May 2026. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- The ambulance base air conditioner was replaced for \$8000. It was 15 years old and needed repairs.
- Discussion of purchasing a 4th truck was tabled due to availability of funds and staff.

RECREATION:

- Motion by Schleper, seconded by Davinroy to increase Doug's clubhouse assistant's wage from \$15.00/hour to \$16.00/hour. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Paul's truck is accumulating costs in repairs. Paul was advised to include a truck in his 5-year plan.
- Gerstner Plumbing finished replacing toilets in the main restroom at North Side Park. Need to address Miner's Park this fall.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

- Sewer Bonds—No more action is necessary right now to issue the second series. Trevor is sending end of year numbers to update the feasibility analysis.
- Electric Bonds—Council will approve an authorizing ordinance for \$17 million tomorrow night. A notice will be in the Breese Journal next week to start the 30-day petition period. The public hearing will be July 7th at 7 p.m. If the city wants to reimburse the Electric Department for equipment from the bond issuance, the city will need to pass a reimbursement ordinance that

looks back 60 days and is good for a year. Trevor will get that ordinance for the July 7th council meeting.

- Trevor updated the council on the May financial reports.
- Business District Grants—Applications open July 8th and will include exclusions and guidelines.

CITY COLLECTOR:

- Appropriation Ordinance—Jackie is preparing the ordinance to pass at the July 21st council meeting. The public hearing will be in conjunction with the finance meeting on July 20th. Any major expenses that were not figured into the original budget for FY2027 need to be included in the appropriation.
- 250th Anniversary—Monica added a pop-up link to the America250 website on the city's website, and the council will pass a resolution supporting the Illinois America250 Commemoration tomorrow night.
- Online credit card payments are now available for all other services on the city's website.

HUMAN RESOURCES:

- Doug asked all supervisors to send him an organizational flow chart for their department that will be included in the employee handbook.
- Kevin suggested that the council and supervisors complete NIMS training.

ZONING:

- Brad Drewes has cleaned up the vehicles on his property since receiving notice of violation.
- Zoning Hearing—Janice Hemann 98 North Main Street for a variance June 18th at 7:30 p.m.
- Council will approve re-zoning HCL East from R-3 to R-1 tomorrow night.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- IML RMA renewal—Trevor is meeting with Taylor Koetting Tuesday at 9 a.m.
- The Clinton County Mayors met last Thursday and discussed possibly forming an ambulance district and e-bike regulations.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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