

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING \* MARCH 16, 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.

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Human Resources/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.

### **PROJECTS:**

- South Water Tower—Don has the loan agreement for Kevin to sign, then Caldwell can provide a start date.
- Sewer Plant Upgrade—Meeting scheduled Wednesday night with Brian Buchheit and Justin Vonder Haar from HMG to review plans.
- Mine Street Improvements—Still working on the Farrell easement.
- HCL East/West—No report.
- Bandstand—Tear down is complete. Still need to schedule a meeting with Nick Mueth.

### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

- MFT FY2027 Appropriation—Approve resolution allocating \$240,000.00 Tuesday night.
- Miners Park ADA parking—The center of the road has too much crowning. The west end next to the street shed is the best option. Council agreed to get the Park Board's opinion.
- Memorial Drive parking—Kevin will contact Ryan Ketchum to verify if D12 has plans to purchase additional property to extend their parking lot before pursuing the project.

### **UTILITIES:**

- Agricultural Lease—Approve a 1-year lease with Benhoff Farms LLC for \$6,750.00 Tuesday night.
- Top Ag Resolution—Approve a resolution Tuesday night to acquire Top Ag's parcel in exchange for demolishing the existing structure.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

- Onsolve was recently bought out by a new company. Mark and Kurt are trying to contact customer support regarding a possible refund due to the lack of service.

### **AMBULANCE:**

- Motion by Schleper, seconded by Usselmann to approve the billable runs for February. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
- Collections—Need to check with Lea on \$ amounts needing collected and have Joanne review the agreement.
- Stryker stretcher—Council agreed to continue maintaining the existing stretcher until the costs outweigh the benefit of purchasing a new one.

### **RECREATION:**

- Ball field/Pavillion fees—Need to set a price for the travel teams using the fields. Council agreed to continue not charging fees for pavilion rentals.
- Golf Course aerator—Paul wants to replace the greens aerator because the parts are obsolete. He has the purchase in his FY27 budget.

### **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:**

- February financial update—Discuss plans for reserves in May once fiscal year financials are complete.
- Business District Grants—13 complete, waiting on 13 more.
- Business District amendments—Public hearing is March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. The ordinances are on Tuesday's agenda for approval.
- Infrastructure Grant update—\$100,000 is under external financial review.

### **CITY COLLECTOR:**

- Statements of Economic Interest—Jackie will send an email with information regarding filing statements with Clinton County. Statements must be filed annually.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

- Committee meetings—Request for the council to consider compensating supervisors for committee meetings outside of the monthly Finance and Council meetings.
- Supervisor job descriptions—Doug previously wrote job description ordinances for the positions not included in the Code of Ordinances. Doug will work on adding Human Resources, and then those ordinances will need to be approved at a future meeting.

### **ZONING:**

- Jeff was contacted by a resident contesting fence height requirements.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Kevin reminded the council that the chairmen are responsible for calling committee meetings and taking minutes. The Open Meetings Act says agendas must be posted 48 hours in advance.
- Kevin spoke with Mike Bost and Jason Plummer about the Sewer Plant and Water Plant projects. They said they will assist the city in receiving funds to offset the costs. Illinois Rural Water is conducting our water rate study at no cost.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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