

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * FEBRUARY 17, 2026

Minutes of the 20th Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

Mayor Kevin Timmermann called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Aldermen in attendance: Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann.

Absent: None.

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, EMS Operations Mgr. Allen Pollmann, HR & Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte, Park Custodian Bruce Kruep, Business Admin. Trevor Schubert, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Jung, seconded by Robben to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 3, 2026, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Essenpreis, seconded by Hellige, to authorize payment of the bills, City Collector and City Treasurer Report. On roll call voting "aye": Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Motion by Robben, seconded by Usselmann to approve an ordinance amending Ordinance 1614, changing the public hearing date from March 3, 2026, to March 17, 2026. The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss amendments to the New Highway 50 and Old Highway 50 Business Districts. On roll call voting "aye": Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung. Motion carried.

UTILITIES:

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Jung, to approve a contract with BHMGE Engineers for engineering the future substation in the amount of \$605,000. On roll call voting "aye": Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann. Motion carried.

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Davinroy to approve a new water supply contract with St. Rose Water District. On roll call voting "aye": Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben. Motion carried.

Alderman Schleper reported that the Fair Solar Credit rate for 2026 set by the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency is \$.0729 per kilowatt hour.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Motion by Ratermann, seconded by Schleper to approve a resolution authorizing the appropriation of funds for the North Mine Street Project and to enter into a joint agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for the project. On roll call voting "aye": Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

No report.

RECREATION:

No report.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

No report.

ZONING:

No report.

HEALTH:

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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