

## **BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING \* MARCH 5, 2024**

Minutes of the 21st Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

Aldermen in attendance: Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann.

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Police Sgt. Kurt Detmer, Business Admin. Trevor Schubert, EMS Operations Mgr. Allen Pollmann, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson.

Press: Bryan Hunt – Breese Journal

Visitors: Doug Ratermann, Sarah Nee, Yerian Perez, Kylie Ratermann, Faith Frein, Andrew Crosby.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Motion by Fischer, second by Davinroy to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 20, 2024, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Eversgerd, second by Schleper to authorize payment of the bills, City Collector and City Treasurer Report. On roll call voting "aye": Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Mayor Timmermann welcomed students from Mr. Meyers class.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **FINANCE:**

Motion by Eversgerd, second by Berndsen to approve a resolution to keep closed session minutes confidential from 12/7/21, 9/20/22, 10/4/22, 9/18/23. On roll call voting "aye": Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer. Motion carried.

## **UTILITIES:**

Alderman Berndsen stated the lost utility bills from February were found and are being delivered. He stated if you have already paid, just disregard. If you haven't paid, then please do so.

Motion by Berndsen, second by Davinroy to approve an ordinance authorizing the city to enter into a loan agreement through the public water supply loan program. The loan agreement allows us to proceed with financing for the new water tower. On roll call voting "aye": Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC WORKS:**

Motion by Ratermann, second by Fischer to approve a resolution appropriating \$213,000.00 of Motor Fuel Tax funds for the purpose of maintaining the streets for fiscal year 2025. On roll call voting "aye": Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Motion by Schleper, second by Eversgerd to approve the purchase of a truck for the police department from Jansen Ford in the amount of \$47,514.00. On roll call voting "aye": Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

Motion by Schleper, second by Davinroy to approve the purchase of (3) Flock Cameras in the amount of \$9,000.00 with a 5-year agreement, which will lock that price in for 5 years. These cameras will send alerts to our police officers whenever a license is detected that has a warrant, wanted, amber alert, etc. On roll call voting "aye": Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

Motion by Schleper, second by Usselmann to approve the purchase of an Axon Body Camera Package in the amount of \$62,986.40 over 10 years. Alderman Schleper stated the body cameras have been mandated by law and must be in place by 1/1/25. After looking at all options available, it was decided this was the best option, which includes storage, security etc. On roll call voting "aye": Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen. Motion carried.

Motion by Schleper, second by Hellige to approve the purchase of an Axon car camera package in the amount of \$211,765.20 over 10 years. On roll call voting "aye": Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy. Motion carried.

Motion by Schleper, second by Berndsen to approve an ordinance increasing the ambulance mileage rates by the CPI for Urban Consumers of 3.4%. We have previously increased by CPI yearly, but we used medical CPI, and this ordinance changes to the Urban Consumer CPI. On roll call voting "aye": Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd. Motion carried.

Alderman Schleper stated we have been getting complaints on junk in residents' yards. He stated that the police will notify the owners, and they will have 5 days to comply. If it is not cleaned up after that time, you will be fined \$75.00 per day.

### **RECREATION:**

Mayor Timmermann appointed Tom Berndsen to the park board. Motion by Davinroy, second by Schleper to approve the appointment. On roll call voting "aye": Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer. Motion carried.

Alderman Davinroy stated the golf course is celebrating 30 years of business today. Congratulations to the golf course.

Davinroy also stated there is a F-3 Men's Group (standing for Fitness, Faith, and Fellowship) that meets at 5:00 AM on workdays at the soccer park to work out and encourage each other. It is a men's group only, and all are welcome to join them.

### **PUBLIC BUILDINGS:**

No report.

### **ZONING:**

No report.

### **HEALTH:**

Alderman Hellige stated the leaf dump will be open on March 16 through April 21 on Wednesdays and Sundays from noon – 4:00 PM, and Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

**MAYOR’S REPORT:**

Mayor Timmermann stated that Tim Schleper was asked to serve on the Illinois Office of Comptroller Local Government Advisory Board. He stated it is good to have representation on the board from Southern Illinois. Motion by Davinroy, second by Eversgerd to approve the appointment. On roll call voting "aye": Carl Ratermann, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige. Abstain: Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

Mayor Timmermann congratulated Central and Mater Dei on their great representation in girls and boys post season basketball. Congratulations on a great season!

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by:   
Sandy Hemann, City Clerk