

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * MARCH 17, 2026

Minutes of the 22nd 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.

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

Press: Matt Wilson, Breese Journal
Corey Johnson, Union Banner

Visitors: Pat Jansen, Corey Knapp, Dana Timmermann.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Essenpreis, seconded by Davinroy to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 3, 2026, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Jung, seconded by Schleper 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:

Corey Knapp attended to ask permission to close Pine Street between North 2nd and North 3rd for his annual neighborhood block party on September 29th 11am—6pm. Motion by Davinroy, second by Ratermann to approve closing the street. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Dana Timmermann attended to ask permission to host the Relay for Life Bike Ride the evening of May 8th at Bent Oak Golf Course. She also requested permission to collect donations for Relay for Life at the intersections of St. Rose Rd & Old Hwy 50 and North 13th St & Walnut St on July 18th. Motion by Schleper, seconded by Usselmann to approve both events. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Motion by Robben, seconded by Hellige to approve an ordinance amending the boundaries of the New Highway 50 Business District. On roll call voting "aye": Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung. Motion carried.

Motion by Robben, seconded by Jung to approve an ordinance imposing Business District taxes within the amended New Highway 50 Business District. 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 Robben, seconded by Hellige to approve an ordinance amending the boundaries of the Old Highway 50 Business District. On roll call voting "aye": Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben. Motion carried.

Motion by Robben, seconded by Jung to approve an ordinance imposing Business District taxes within the amended Old Highway 50 Business District. On roll call voting "aye": Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

UTILITIES:

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Usselmann to approve a 1-year agricultural lease between the City of Breese and Benhoff Farms LLC in the amount of \$6,750.00. The lease is for the west Holy Cross Lane property. On roll call voting "aye": Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Davinroy to approve a resolution authorizing the City of Breese to acquire property owned by Top AG Cooperative, Inc. in exchange for demolishing the structure located on the parcel. On roll call voting "aye": Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Motion by Ratermann, seconded by Jung to approve a resolution appropriating \$240,000.00 Motor Fuel Tax funds for the purpose of maintaining streets for fiscal year 2027. On roll call voting "aye": Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

No report.

RECREATION:

Alderman Davinroy reminded everyone that the next Park Board meeting will be held at City Hall on Wednesday, March 25th at 7pm.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

No report.

ZONING:

No report.

HEALTH:

Alderman Essenpreis announced that the Leaf Dump is scheduled for April 8th—April 19th. The Leaf Dump will be open on Wednesdays and Sundays 12pm—4pm and Saturdays 10am—4pm.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by: _____

Jackie Hummert, City Clerk