

## **BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING \* APRIL 2, 2024**

Minutes of the 23rd 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, Business Admin. Trevor Schubert, Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, EMS Operations Mgr. Allen Pollmann, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson.

Press: Matt Wilson – Union Banner  
Bryan Hunt – Breese Journal

Visitors: Deb Dumstorff, Lynn McSparin, Phyllis & Bob Dumstorff, Gary Niemeyer, Sue Darr, Brian & Lisa Dumstorff, Kevin Poettker, Emma Haller, Jordyn Robke, Kali Kuhl.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Motion by Berndsen, second by Davinroy to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 19, 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, Bob Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Deb Dumstorff spoke on behalf of residents on Holy Cross Lane. They had questions and concerns regarding the widening of Holy Cross Lane to the city limits and drainage. They also had concerns about the open lot across the street. Mayor Timmermann explained that the street widening, and drainage is being addressed, but we are waiting for federal funding. He explained that it could be some time before the actual work gets done. He also stated drainage will be addressed first.

The mayor also explained that Frank Richter owns the lot across the street and that he is responsible for maintaining that lot. Dumstorff asked if he will be contacted about the long grass, and the mayor assured her he will.

Lynn McSparin stated she was concerned that the recycling was cancelled effective April 1<sup>st</sup>. The Mayor and Alderman Eversgerd explained the options that Waste Management presented, and the city opted for what they felt was the most feasible option for all residents. The mayor also stated that the city will have a recycle dumpster placed at city hall for a 2-month trial basis. If all goes well, the council will then have to figure out a way to afford the expense.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **ZONING:**

Motion by Fischer, second by Ratermann to approve the findings of fact and conclusions for a variance filed by Nolan Poettker at 530 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street. On roll call voting "aye": Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Bob Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer. Motion carried.

Motion by Fischer, second by Schleper to approve a variance for Nolan Poettker at 530 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street. The variance is to relax the front setback from 25' to 15' to build a new residence. On roll call voting "aye": Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Bob Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige. Motion carried.

### **FINANCE:**

Motion by Eversgerd, second by Usselmann to approve the proposal from Fick, Eggemeier & Williamson CPA to perform the FY-2024 audit in the amount of \$27,000. On roll call voting "aye": Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Bob Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann. Motion carried.

### **UTILITIES:**

No report.

### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

Alderman Ratermann reported the city-wide clean-up day is set for April 20<sup>th</sup> at the street department from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Police Chief, Mark Berndsen stated he is still waiting for approval from IDOT to place the flock cameras. He also stated that it is the anniversary of the disappearance of Vince Wesselmann, and they are still looking for any leads and to call the police department with any information.

## **RECREATION:**

Golf Clubhouse Manager Doug Schulte stated the grounds construction work is almost complete and we will hopefully be on the regular route within 4 weeks. Schulte also stated he was happy to see March income at the course has doubled from past years.

## **PUBLIC BUILDINGS:**

Motion by Usselmann, second by Eversgerd to increase the cost of a cemetery plot to \$400 per plot, with an additional \$400 for each additional urn burial. On roll call voting "aye": Gary Usselmann, Bob Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

## **HEALTH:**

Alderman Hellige stated the leaf dump is open now through April 21<sup>st</sup> on Wednesdays and Sundays from noon to 4:00 PM, and Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Leaves only; no sticks, gumballs, yard clippings, etc.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Timmermann re-appointed Judy Kampwerth, Bonnie Holzinger and Cyndi Riley to the library board for a 3-year term. Motion by Berndsen, second by Davinroy to approve the re-appointments. On roll call voting "aye": Bob Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

Mayor Timmermann stated there will be a recycle container at city hall for residents to bring their recycle to. He stated it is there on a 2-month trial basis. The council will review it after two months and decide if the program will continue. He asked residents to be careful of what they recycle, to make sure everything is recyclable and not considered "dirty". Dirty loads go to the landfill and are not recycled, also we will be charged for this. He stated the city is not anti-recycling, but we are trying to make trash and recycling affordable for everyone.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

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