

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * APRIL 16, 2024

Minutes of the 24th 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, Gary Usselmann. Absent: Tim Schleper

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

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

Visitors: Doug Ratermann, Elijah Conyers, Kegan Kraeger, Clayton Roone, Jensen Tebbe, Carter Hubler, Taylor Mungai, Kelsey Nicklin, Maximus Rogers, Braden Hegger, Matt Kohrmann.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Berndsen, second by Davinroy to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 2, 2024, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Motion by Eversgerd, second by Hellige to approve the budgets for FY-2025. On roll call voting "aye": Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Gary Usselmann, Bob Berndsen, Jason Davinroy. Absent: Tim Schleper. Motion carried. Alderman Eversgerd commented the budgets are balanced again this year.

Motion by Eversgerd, second by Usselmann to approve a contract with PGAV to develop a new site-specific TIF and Business District, in the amount of \$39,500. On roll call voting "aye": Bill Fischer, Steve

Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Gary Usselmann, Bob Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd. Absent: Tim Schleper. Motion carried. The location is Old Rt. 50 west of town in the former ProBuild building.

UTILITIES:

Alderman Berndsen stated we lost power briefly today. The outage covered the eastern part of the county, and the cause is unknown.

Alderman Berndsen stated we are accepting applications for a water operator until May 3rd. Applications can be picked up at city hall, or at breese.org.

Motion by Berndsen, second by Eversgerd to approve an ordinance executing a new power sales contract and a new capacity purchase agreement with the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency for the delivery period commencing October 1, 2035. On roll call voting "aye": Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Gary Usselmann, Bob Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer. Absent: Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Motion by Ratermann, second by Berndsen to approve a bid award for the MFT FY-2025 maintenance program for Seal Coat Oil, HFE-150 for \$2.85/gallon to Illiana Construction. On roll call voting "aye": Carl Ratermann, Gary Usselmann, Bob Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige. Absent: Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratermann, second by Berndsen to approve a bid award for the MFT FY-2025 maintenance program for blast furnace slag, CA/CM-13 for \$25.95/ton to Beelman Logistics LLC. On roll call voting "aye": Gary Usselmann, Bob Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann. Absent: Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Chief, Mark Berndsen asked residents to not leave their recycling on the ground when the dumpster is full. Please wait until it is emptied and drop it off. The dumpster is scheduled to be picked up on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Mayor Timmermann stated there is a meeting with Waste Management set for April 25th at 7:00 PM in City Hall to discuss issues we have had with trash and recycling.

RECREATION:

Motion by Davinroy, second by Fischer to approve the location for the dog park at the soccer park on Holy Cross Lane. On roll call voting "aye": Bob Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Gary Usselmann. Absent: Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

Alderman Davinroy stated there is a park board meeting on 4/24/24 at 7:00 PM at Miner’s Park. In case of bad weather, it will be moved to City Hall.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

No report.

HEALTH:

Alderman Hellige stated the last day for the leaf dump will be April 21st. The hours are as follows: Wednesdays and Sundays from noon – 4:00 PM, and Saturdays from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Leaves only, no sticks, gumballs, yard clippings, etc.

City wide clean- up is set for Saturday, 4/20/24 at the street department from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Ratermann, second by Usselmann, 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