

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * APRIL 21, 2026

Minutes of the 24th 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.

Press: Matt Wilson, Breese Journal.

Visitors: Zane Schrage, Danni Romine, Audrey O'Connell, Madi Howard, Lillyanna Guardian.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Essenpreis, seconded by Usselmann to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 7, 2026, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Motion by Robben, second by Essenpreis to approve the budget for fiscal year 2027. On roll call voting "aye": Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

UTILITIES:

Motion by Schleper, second by Hellige to waive competitive bidding for replacing the Utilities office roof. On roll call voting "aye": Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy. Motion carried.

Motion by Schleper, second by Davinroy to approve a contract with Litteken Construction in the amount of \$55,100.00 to replace the Utilities office roof. On roll call voting "aye": Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis. Motion carried.

Motion by Schleper, second by Jung to approve hiring Zane Schrage full-time effective May 1, 2026. On roll call voting "aye": Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Alderman Hellige recommended that residents utilize multiple apps for alert notifications. He suggested the Clinton County Sheriff's IL app.

Police Chief Mark Berndsen warned residents that the police department will begin delivering notices for unkept lawns.

RECREATION:

Alderman Davinroy reminded everyone that the Park Board meeting will be held at Miners Park on Wednesday, April 22nd at 7 p.m.

Alderman Davinroy reported that soccer signup information can be found at www.breese.org, and that the Dog Park will open May 1st.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

No report.

ZONING:

No report.

HEALTH:

Alderman Essenpreis reported that Spring Cleanup Day is Saturday, April 25th 9 a.m.—3 p.m. at the Street Department shed. He reminded everyone that paint, tires, batteries, TVs, electronics, and new construction materials are not allowed.

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 7:37 p.m.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by: _____

Jackie Hummert, City Clerk