

## **BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING \* MAY 7, 2024**

Minutes of the 25th Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

Aldermen in attendance: Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann (at 7:35 PM). Absent: Steve Hellige.

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

Press: Bryan Hunt – Breese Journal

Visitors: Colton Martin, Carter Martin, Jill Johnson, Jane Bingham, Allye Nance, Janice Hemann, Kevin Jansen, Susan Knapp, Cory Knapp, Dylan Johnson, Romane Pinna, John Allen, Griffin Fleege.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Motion by Eversgerd, second by Davinroy to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 16, 2024, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jane Bingham, representing the Breese Legion Post 252 Auxiliary, stated "Poppy Day" is May 24, 2024. They would like to solicit donations on May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> at the 4-way stops at North 2<sup>nd</sup> & Clinton, and Rt. 50 & St. Rose Road. Donations to benefit veterans. Motion by Fischer, second by Berndsen to approve soliciting. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Corey Knapp attended regarding recycling. He stated that he appreciates the city getting the dumpster at city hall for recycling, but that he would like to see curbside pickup returned for citizens. Mayor Timmermann stated we are currently meeting with Waste Management to re-negotiate curbside pickup.

Janice Hemann stated she would like to speak to the correct people regarding a handicap ramp at her business. She will meet with Don Voss and Tom Tebbe after the meeting.

Kevin Jansen with JCP (formerly Breese Jaycees) stated they are celebrating 40 years this year. They have a few events planned and would like approval. On June 21 they would like to hold a "Moonlight Ramble" bike ride, on June 22nd they will be holding a Cardboard Boat Race, and on July 4<sup>th</sup> they will have a 40<sup>th</sup> year celebration with food and drinks at the park. Motion by Davinroy, second by Schleper to approve events. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Jansen was instructed to contact the police chief, to coordinate bike routes with him.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **FINANCE:**

Mayor Timmermann explained the city will be purchasing 11.73 acres on Holy Cross Lane in the amount of \$350,000. The lot is between McKay Manor and Lincoln Village subdivision. He stated the purchase is necessary for infrastructure the city needs for expansion. Motion by Eversgerd, second by Schleper to purchase property. On roll call voting "aye": Bill Fischer, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselman, Bob Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd. Absent: Steve Hellige. Motion carried.

### **UTILITIES:**

Alderman Berndsen stated the application period for water operator applications ended May 3<sup>rd</sup>. He set up a committee meeting on May 13th at 7:00 PM to review applications, with an interview date set for May 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

Motion by Ratermann, second by Fischer to approve a Motor Fuel Tax resolution appropriating MFT & RBI funds for the South Main Street Project in the amount of \$445,065.86. On roll call voting "aye": Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselman, Bob Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer. Absent: Steve Hellige. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Police Chief, Mark Berndsen stated we had a vehicle stolen last Thursday at around 2:00 AM. He stated the thieves were looking for valuables in vehicles. He warned residents to keep their cars locked and valuables out of sight. He stated Germantown residents had thefts the same night. These incidents are becoming more frequent, and the only way to deter them is to keep vehicles and houses locked and secure.

Alderman Schleper stated the dog park committee members are wanting to set up a meeting to move forward with planning the dog park which will be located at the soccer park.

**RECREATION:**

Alderman Davinroy stated with softball season starting, Miner’s Park will again have food trucks and live music on Friday evenings. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun.

Davinroy reported the swim pool will be opening on Memorial weekend and we are still accepting applications for lifeguards.

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS:**

No report.

**HEALTH:**

No report.

**MAYOR’S REPORT:**

Mayor Timmermann re-appointed Bob Rosen and Barb Gerstner to the zoning committee for another term. Motion by Schleper, second by Fischer to approve appointment. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

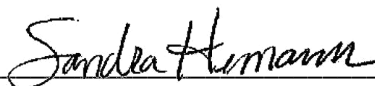
None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by:



Sandy Hemann, City Clerk