

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * MAY 19, 2026

Minutes of the 26th 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, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann.

Absent: Steve Hellige.

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, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson.

Press: Matt Wilson, Breese Journal.

Visitors: Kevin Jansen.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Essenpreis, seconded by Schleper to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 5, 2026, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Jung, seconded by Robben 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. Absent: Steve Hellige. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kevin Jansen attended to ask permission to hold the annual Jaycee Moonlight Bike Ride on June 5th at 8 p.m. around Northside Park. Motion by Davinroy, seconded by Schleper to approve the event. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Motion by Robben, seconded by Jung to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor to designate city officials to attend the Illinois Municipal League Conference September 17th-19th. On roll call voting "aye": Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Jeff Jung. Absent: Steve Hellige. Motion carried.

UTILITIES:

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Essenpreis to award the North Substation transformer bid to Virginia Transformer in the base amount of \$1,854,860. On roll call voting "aye": Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann. Absent: Steve Hellige. Motion carried.

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Davinroy to award the North Substation switchgear bid to Switchgear Power Systems in the amount of \$1,386,350. On roll call voting "aye": Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben. Absent: Steve Hellige. Motion carried.

Public Works Manager Don Voss reported that the Water Department will start flushing hydrants next Wednesday.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Motion by Ratermann, seconded by Schleper to approve the purchase of an S770 T4 Bobcat skid-steer loader in the amount of \$65,006.10. On roll call voting "aye": Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper. Absent: Steve Hellige. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Chief Mark Berndsen thanked Farm Fresh Supermarket and Excel Bottling Company for donating all food and beverages for both the All Saints Academy and District 12 Elementary field days.

Chief Berndsen also announced that the Bicycle Safety Day will be rescheduled to a Friday in June.

RECREATION:

Motion by Davinroy, seconded by Usselmann to approve the purchase of a Redexim aerator for Bent Oak Golf Course in the amount of \$13,677.78. On roll call voting "aye": Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann. Absent: Steve Hellige. Motion carried.

Alderman Davinroy reported that the next Park Board meeting is May 27th at Northside Park and that the Breese Pool will open May 30th.

Alderman Davinroy thanked Dieterich Bank for donating a pet waste station to the new Dog Park.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Alderman Usselmann reported that the Breese Library held another successful Speaker Series event and encourages everyone to attend future events.

ZONING:

Alderman Jung reported that there will be a zoning hearing at City Hall on May 28th at 7:30 p.m. to re-zone the property on Holy Cross Lane east of Lincoln Village and west of McKay Manor from R-3 to R-1.

HEALTH:

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Timmermann reported that the Janson Ford Redevelopment Project is still in the construction planning and design stages. The City Council will provide updates as needed.

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 7:40 p.m.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by: _____
Jackie Hummert, City Clerk