

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * JUNE 4, 2024

Minutes of the 27th 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, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Golf Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, Police Sgt. Kurt Detmer, Police Office Keith Wempe, EMS Operations Mgr. Allen Pollmann, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson.

Press: Matt Wilson – Union Banner.

Visitors: Marvin Richter, Cindy Young, Bridgett Stark, Ron Foppe, Jennifer Wempe, Cohen & Cruz Dumstorff.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Eversgerd, second by Berndsen to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 21, 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": Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Bob Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ron Foppe asked permission to hold a BBQ Competition in front of his business, Foppe Ace Hardware, on August 31, 2024. He would like to close North Cherry Street from N. 2nd to the alley from 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM. He stated it is set up the same as last year. Motion by Schleper, second by Eversgerd to approve the competition. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Cindy Young stated she is disappointed that the pool is now closed at 6:00 PM, as she and her friends like to lap swim. In previous years the pool would rope off a lane or two from 7:00-8:00 for lap swim. Doug Schulte, Pool Manager stated he would be happy to do this from 5:00-6:00 PM, as needed. The plan is to schedule that on Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week. Young thanked Doug and the council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

No report.

UTILITIES:

Motion by Berndsen, second by Schleper to hire Marvin Richter as Water Operator with a starting date of June 3, 2024. On roll call voting "aye": Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Bob Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer. Motion carried. Everyone welcomed Marvin aboard.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Motion by Ratermann, second by Eversgerd to approve the purchase of a dump truck bed from Knapheide in the amount of \$16,703.00. On roll call voting "aye": Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Bob Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratermann, second by Fischer to approve the purchase of an equipment trailer from Kapp Trailer Sales and Service LLC in the amount of \$21,236.00. On roll call voting "aye": Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Bob Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Alderman Schleper recognized Police Officer Keith Wempe for receiving the Partner in EMS Award from St. Elizabeth Hospital Region. Wempe performed CPR on a resident, saving their life. Schleper stated he is proud of Wempe and the entire police and EMS force for their time and dedication to saving lives and keeping our town safe.

Police Officer Kurt Detmer set up a demonstration of the view of the new cameras that were recently installed on Main Street. He also demonstrated the new flock cameras that were installed at the entrances to the city. These improvements are great tools for the police department in keeping the city safe.

RECREATION:

Alderman Schleper reported there is a dog park planning meeting on 6/5/24 at 6:30 PM.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

No report.

HEALTH:

No report.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Mayor Timmermann stated that a bill was introduced at the spring legislative session which will limit the amount we can charge for ambulance runs. He stated we need to keep an eye on this as it has potential to financially damage our ambulance service.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.

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