

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * JUNE 2, 2026

Minutes of the 27th 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, Gary Usselmann.

Absent: Tim Schleper

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, Park Custodian Bruce Kruep, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson.

Press: Matt Wilson, Breese Journal
Corey Johnson, Union Banner

Visitors: Christy Howard, Melissa Howard.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Essenpreis, seconded by Robben to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 19, 2026, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Christy & Melissa Howard from Southside Tavern attended to request permission to close South Clinton Street between the alley and South 4th Street for an event on Saturday, June 27th. The event will consist of music and a bags tournament to benefit Keith Howard. Motion by Davinroy, seconded by Ratermann to approve the street closure. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Alderman Robben thanked the utility crew for the recent tree removal in Ward 1.

UTILITIES:

Motion by Davinroy, seconded by Usselmann to approve a contract with BHMG Engineers, Inc. for the engineering and design of the Holy Cross Substation Line Companion in the amount of \$335,500.00. On roll call voting "aye": Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis. Absent: Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Street Superintendent Tom Tebbe reported that the Street Department is currently replacing curbing on 12th & 13th Streets.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Motion by Hellige, seconded by Essenpreis to approve an ordinance amending the Municipal Code, Section 1-2-36, regarding residency requirements for city employees. The amendment allows for all employees of the Breese Police Department to reside within a 30-mile radius of City Hall, rather than a 10-mile radius. On roll call voting "aye": Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige. Absent: Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

Police Chief Mark Berndsen reported that the Breese Police Department has gotten several complaints about kids riding bikes on sidewalks. He reminded the public that riding bikes on sidewalks is illegal. The council agreed that the sidewalks alongside the highways are allowed if bike riders yield to pedestrians. Chief Berndsen also talked about the laws and restrictions regarding e-bikes.

RECREATION:

Alderman Davinroy reported that the Breese Pool is open and thanked Dog Park patrons for keeping the new park clean.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Motion by Usselmann, seconded by Robben to approve an ordinance adopting a social media policy for the City of Breese. On roll call voting "aye": Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung. Absent: Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

Alderman Usselmann reported that the Breese Library is hosting several events this summer including their Summer Reading Program.

ZONING:

No report.

HEALTH:

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Timmermann requested more police presence at the parks this summer.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Robben, 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