

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING *JUNE 16, 2026

Minutes of the 28th 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.

Absent: Steve Hellige, Gary Usselmann.

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, Zoning Admin. John Becker.

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

Visitors: Don Gallagher, Phyllis Gallagher, Lisa Gallagher.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Essenpreis, seconded by Ratermann to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 2, 2026, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Motion by Robben, seconded by Jung to approve the purchase of a multi-purpose vehicle for the City of Breese. On roll call voting "aye": Tim Schleper, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben. Absent: Steve Hellige, Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

Motion by Robben, seconded by Schleper to approve an ordinance authorizing the City of Breese to issue electric revenue bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$17,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of financing various capital improvements to the electric system including the building of a new substation. On roll call voting "aye": Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper. Absent: Steve Hellige, Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

UTILITIES:

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Davinroy to approve an ordinance amending Article III, Division II, Section 38-3-10 of the Municipal Code to provide billing rates for satellite users. On roll call voting "aye": Luke Essenpreis, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Jason Davinroy. Absent: Steve Hellige, Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Jung to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City of Breese to execute a water contract with the St. Rose Public Water District. On roll call voting "aye": Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis. Absent: Steve Hellige, Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Davinroy to approve a 1-year contract with St. Rose Public Water District effective July 1, 2026. On roll call voting "aye": Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Jeff Jung. Absent: Steve Hellige, Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Essenpreis to waive competitive bidding for the demolition of a grain elevator located at 700 North 1st Street. On roll call voting "aye": Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann. Absent: Steve Hellige, Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Robben to approve a contract with Litteken Construction for the demolition of a grain elevator located at 700 North 1st Street in the amount of \$132,900.00. On roll call voting "aye": Tim Schleper, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben. Absent: Steve Hellige, Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Motion by Ratermann, seconded by Robben to table a resolution authorizing the Mayor and the City of Breese to execute an agreement to purchase property for the Mine Street project. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Chief Mark Berndsen thanked the Gallagher family for their generous donation to the Breese Police Department. The Gallagher's donated \$5000.00 towards a new drone and expressed their fondness for the City of Breese.

Alderman Essenpreis reminded residents to keep grass clippings off the streets.

RECREATION:

No report.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Alderman Jung reported that the Breese Library is hosting a book signing. The date is to be determined.

ZONING:

Motion by Jung, seconded by Schleper to approve an ordinance amending the zoning classification of an 11.73-acre parcel located on Holy Cross Lane from R-3 to R-1. On roll call voting "aye": Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper. Absent: Steve Hellige, Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

Alderman Jung reported that there is a Zoning Board hearing for a variance for 98 North Main Street on June 18th at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall.

HEALTH:

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Jung to approve a resolution in support of the Illinois America250 Commemoration. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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