

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * July 2, 2018

Minutes of the proceeding of the 29th Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council Held in City Hall on the above date.

Mayor Charles E. Hilmes called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Aldermen in attendance: Paul Steinman, Kevin Timmermann, Chris Hamilton, Debbie Koetting, Robert Berndsen, Carl Ratermann, Gary Usselmann, Bill Fischer.

Absent: none.

City Officials: Utility Plant Operations Manager Dale Detmer, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson, Police Chief Bob Fix, Public Works Manager/Building Inspector Don Voss, City Business Administrator Shelly Schadegg, Zoning Administrator John Becker.

Press: Vicki Albers, Breese Journal

Visitors:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Steinman seconded by Fischer to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 17, 2018 and place on file. Motion Carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Usselmann seconded by Koetting to authorize payment of the bills submitted, City Collector & Treasurers Report. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Kevin Timmermann, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Bill Fischer, Chris Hamilton, Debbie Koetting, Carl Ratermann, Paul Steinman. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE:

Motion by Koetting seconded by Berndsen to approve a Prevailing Wage Ordinance regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed in any public works by the State, County, City, any public body, any political subdivision, or by anyone under contract for public works. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Bill Fischer, Chris Hamilton, Debbie Koetting, Carl Ratermann, Paul Steinman, Kevin Timmermann. Motion Carried.

Mayor Hilmes stated that on July 16, at 7 pm, there will be a public hearing for the Appropriation Ordinance. Voting for the ordinance will be on July 17.

UTILITIES:

Alderman Berndsen reported that the free chlorine is ending today and the flushing of hydrants starts tomorrow and will go on for about a week.

Mayor Hilmes congratulated the city employees that worked to get power back on so quickly during last Thursday's storm.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderman Timmermann stated that August 1st and 3rd are the dates for street oiling in Ward 4.

Alderman Timmermann also stated that the round-a-bout is right at about 30% complete.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

The Council will table discussion for the ordinance for a stop sign at N. 8th Street & the alley between Walnut & Chestnut. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Robert Berndsen, Bill Fischer, Debbie Koetting, Carl Ratermann, Paul Steinman, Kevin Timmermann, Gary Usselmann. Motion Carried.

Alderman Fisher reminded the residents of the City that the temperatures are very hot. We need to be mindful of our neighbors and pets during this heat.

Alderman Fisher also stated that the Annual EMS Golf Scramble will be on August 4th.

RECREATION:

Alderman Ratermann stated that the next Park Board meeting will be on July 25th at 7 pm at City Hall.

Alderman Ratermann also stated that he drove through the parks after Thursday's storms. We didn't have much damage, just some small limbs.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Alderman Usselmann informed the council that the gun case in the lobby belongs to the Vietnam Veterans and houses the guns that they use for presentation. The guns shoot blanks and are safe. We are proud to display this case in our City Hall.

ZONING:

No Report

HEALTH:

Alderman Hamilton informed residents who participate in Waste Management's recycling program that the cost will go up \$1.25 per month starting on September 1, 2018.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Hilmes attended an IML workshop regarding Liquor & Gaming. Mayor Hilmes complemented City Attorney Joanne Stevenson for having guided us in the same direction that the IML recommends.

Mayor Hilmes wanted to announce that IDOT will put forward \$300,000 for Phase 1 of the Route 50/Lebanon bypass study. Should be completed in early 2019. Any leftover funding will roll into Phase 2 of the study. Mayor Hilmes does not believe that Phase 2 will take as long as Phase 1.

Mayor Hilmes stated that Aviston has petitioned CSX to move the railcars off of the tracks. ICC has a hearing in July and this will be discussed, as well as who will be responsible for maintaining the crossings.

Mayor Hilmes stated that there are tombstones at the St. Johns Cemetery as well as the City Cemetery that have GAR on them - these are Civil War Veterans. There is a group that will pay for a new stone to be put on these graves. We will need a few people to get together to identify the stones and push the process through to apply for new stones.

Finally, Mayor Hilmes urged residents to be safe on the 4th!

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business to discuss.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Steinman seconded by Koetting to adjourn after no further business was brought before the Council. Motion Carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.



Non-verbatim minutes taken by: _____

Erin Wagoner, City Clerk