

CITY OF BREESE MEETING AGENDA

DATE: July 7, 2020

- CALL TO ORDER
- ROLL CALL
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
- MOTION TO APPROVE PAYING BILLS, CITY COLLECTOR & TREASURERS REPORT
- PUBLIC COMMENT

- COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - FINANCE/Tim Schleper

 - UTILITIES/Bob Berndsen:

 - PUBLIC WORKS/Kevin Timmermann
 1. Ordinance Designating N. 12th Street as a Stop Street at the Intersection of Sunrise Lane.
 2. Tony Hemen – 5 Merlin Court – Storm Sewer Problem.

 - PUBLIC SAFETY/Bill Fischer:

 - RECREATION/Debbie Koetting:

- PUBLIC BUILDINGS/Gary Usselmann:

- ZONING/Carl Ratermann:

- HEALTH/Jason Davinroy:
 - 1. Invasive Species - Bamboo

- MAYOR'S REPORT:
 - 1. Liquor Request – Casey's
 - 2. Liquor License Fees.

- OLD BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS
- ADJOURNMENT

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * July 7, 2020

Minutes of the proceeding of the 29th Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council Held on the above date. Meeting was held in City Hall and via ZOOM conference call to ensure gathering restrictions and social distancing guidelines due to COVID-19.

Mayor Charles E. Hilmes called the meeting to order at 7:29 P.M.

Aldermen in attendance: Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bill Fischer, Carl Ratermann, Kevin Timmermann, Gary Usselmann, Debbie Koetting, Tim Schleper.

Absent: none.

City Officials: City Attorney Joanne Stevenson, City Business Administrator Shelly Schadegg, Police Chief Bob Fix, Utility Plant Operations Manager Dale Detmer, Public Works Manager/Building Inspector Don Voss, Golf Course Superintendent Paul Smith.

Press: Brian Hunt - Breese Journal

Visitors: Tony Hempen

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tony Hempen stated that he received a variance to put a pool in. Hired Norrenberns to install the pool. Last week, found that a storm drain was running through his yard. Is unable to put the pool in with the storm drain running through the yard. Followed all of the guidelines to do everything right, including a survey and Julie, but now has money invested and a hole in his yard. Estimate is around \$10,000 to move the storm drain. Would have put the pool in a different location if he would have known. Moving the project to the other part of the yard at this point would add \$10,000 to the project. Don Voss stated that Mr. Hempen was made aware of the ditch at the Zoning hearing. Mayor Hilmes stated that this topic would be tabled until the finance meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Fischer seconded by Berndsen to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 16, 2020 and place on file. Motion Carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE:

No report.

UTILITIES:

Alderman Berndsen stated that free chlorine and flushing is completed. Dale Detmer stated that they are working on heat related items right now.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Motion by Timmermann seconded by Davinroy to Approve Ordinance Designating N. 12th Street as a Stop Street at the Intersection of Sunrise Lane. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Jason Davinroy, Bill Fischer, Debbie Koetting, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Kevin Timmermann, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen. Motion Carried.

Alderman Timmermann stated that the crews are in Vossclare subdivision for the next week and a half, if weather permits, working on the ADA sidewalk project. Next project will be chip and oil on August 7 & 10 in Ward 2.

Public Works Manager/Building Inspector Don Voss stated that he understands they have a lot of yards torn up, please be patient, they will fix it as soon as they can.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Alderman Fischer stated that COVID-19 is still in place, don't forget to distance.

Police Chief Bob Fix stated that the 4th of July went smoothly.

City Business Administrator Shelly Schadegg stated that the Ambulance golf scramble is on August 1st.

Mayor Hilmes stated that the City has asked businesses to limit the amount of people allowed in doors. Most are doing the best that they can.

RECREATION:

Alderwoman Koetting stated that the golf course will go back to regular course tomorrow and the driving range should be open by noon.

Alderwoman Koetting also stated that the pool is up and running. Council has been invited to visit to see the COVID precautions. As a reminder, there will be 2-hour sessions and the bathrooms, life stations and common areas will be cleaned in between. So far is going well. Walk-ups will be taken if the session is not full. Reservations can be made online. Calling the pool is also an option (618) 526-0258.

Alderman Schleper commended Angie and the staff at the pool for all of the work that has been done to get the pool open in the safest manner possible.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

No report.

ZONING:

No report.

HEALTH:

Alderman Davinroy stated that there has been concern over an Invasive Species – Running Bamboo.

Mayor Hilmes stated that he asked City Attorney Joanne Stevenson to look into the matter. Joanne stated that there was a concern over residents planting a version of bamboo that is really hard to contain and spreads broadly. This can cause considerable problems in neighborhoods. Other municipalities, including states, have prohibited planting this type of plant. It does not fall into the IL Exotic Weed Act, but it has been prohibited elsewhere as a nuisance. An ordinance would have to be enacted under the nuisance code. The council will continue to look into the matter.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hilmes stated that, starting on August 11, there will be Census employees going door-to-door to the residences that they have not yet heard from.

Mayor Hilmes talked with some others from the state regarding COVID Phase 4. The concern is that the numbers may again begin to rise and that the phases will be rolled back. The argument is regarding how 'essential' business is determined, and that all business is 'essential'.

Mayor Hilmes also stated that there will be a food drive at Mosaic Church on July 9 on the Schutte's parking lot. Fresh produce, baby food and other items will be available to any resident of Clinton County. Chief of Police Bob Fix stated that this will continue on the 2nd Thursday of the month as long as the COVID situation is in effect.

Mayor Hilmes shared that there has been a liquor request from Casey's, asking to do curbside liquor sales. The plan is to send someone outside to check IDs, retrieve the product and deliver it back to the vehicle. Joanne Stevenson has tried to reach out to someone at Casey's Inc and has not heard back. The initial request was for beer only. IL Liquor Control Commissions states that, subject to the approval of the local commission, those with licenses can sell curbside during the pandemic circumstances. Once clarified, the City has the authority to grant permission. Must be made as a formal request. Mayor Hilmes has asked the Council members to think about this as we gain more information. Chief of Police Bob Fix does not see any issues.

Mayor Hilmes recommends waiving Liquor License Fees that will be due in August. This will not include stores that have been open the entire time, but bars, restaurants and halls that have been closed during this time. Joanne Stevenson will work on the legal documentation for next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by: Erin Hamilton
Erin Hamilton, City Clerk