

## **BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING \*JULY 7, 2026**

Minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> 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, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann.

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, EMS Operations Mgr. Allen Pollmann, HR & Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte, Park Custodian Bruce Kruep, Business Admin. Trevor Schubert, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson, Zoning Admin. John Becker.

Press: None.

Visitors: Brian Buchheit, Janice Hemann, Officer Chris Jansen, Officer Jared Tebbe, Betty Kemplin, David Niedereck, Bill Tebbe, Sherry Tebbe, Kalika Tebbe, Willa Tebbe, Gentry Tebbe.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Motion by Jung, seconded by Essenpreis to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 16, 2026, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **FINANCE:**

Motion by Robben, seconded by Schleper to approve a resolution declaring the official intent to reimburse expenditures for certain capital expenditures of the city with the issuance of not to exceed \$17,000,000 general obligation bonds (alternate revenue source), Series 2026A, of the City of Breese, Clinton County, Illinois. On roll call voting "aye": Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

#### **UTILITIES:**

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Essenpreis to approve the purchase of a Bluestar generator in the amount of \$187,711.57 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant from Oakley Services. On roll call voting

“aye”: Gary Usselman, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

Motion by Schleper, second by Davinroy to approve a construction engineering contract with HMG Engineers in the amount of \$75,900.00 for the construction observation of the new 300,000-gallon elevated storage tank. On roll call voting “aye”: Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselman. Motion carried.

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Jung to approve a proposal from Vandevanter Engineering for the rehabilitation of the South 4<sup>th</sup> Street lift station in the amount of \$78,460.00. On roll call voting “aye”: Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselman, Jason Davinroy. Motion carried.

Motion by Schleper, second by Essenpreis to award a bid from Korte & Luitjohan Contractors, Inc. for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements in the amount of \$13,199,000.00. On roll call voting “aye”: Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselman, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis. Motion carried.

Alderman Schleper recognized the Breese Electric Department for operating all last weekend during the high demand to keep costs down.

### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

Public Works Manager Don Voss reported that the Street Department will rock and oil Ward 4 July 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Motion by Hellige, seconded by Usselman to approve hiring Officer Jared Tebbe full-time effective 7/13/2026. Officer Tebbe graduates from the part-time academy on 7/11/2026 and will start the transitional academy in September. On roll call voting “aye”: Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselman, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Helige. Motion carried.

Chief Mark Berndsen swore in Officer Jared Tebbe.

Alderman Hellige thanked the Breese Police for their dedication to the community while working the St. Dominic’s Picnic.

Chief Berndsen alerted everyone to recent car burglary incidents, and thanked residents and neighboring towns for their assistance in apprehending the juveniles.

### **RECREATION:**

Alderman Davinroy reported that the Breese Optimist is hosting a Dive-In Movie on July 29<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m. at the Breese Pool. The movie feature is The Super Mario Galaxy Movie.

### **PUBLIC BUILDINGS:**

Alderman Usselmann reported that Librarian Jenna Astroth applied for a grant to enhance technology security. The IL Secretary of State awarded \$42,723.00 to the Breese Public Library.

### **ZONING:**

Motion by Jung, seconded by Ratermann to approve the findings of facts and conclusions for variance filed by Janice Hemann at 98 North Main Street. On roll call voting "aye": Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung. Motion carried.

Motion by Jung, seconded by Davinroy to approve a variance relaxing the fence requirements for Janice Hemann at 98 North Main Street. On roll call voting "aye": Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann. Motion carried.

### **HEALTH:**

No report.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Timmermann acknowledged the growth of the City of Breese and the need for all the various projects taking place.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Hellige 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: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jackie Hummert, City Clerk