

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * MAY 20, 2025

Minutes of the 2nd Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

Mayor Kevin Timmermann called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

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, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, Sgt. Kurt Detmer, EMS Operations Mgr. Allen Pollmann, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson, Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte, Park Custodian Bruce Kruep.

Press: Matt Wilson, Breese Journal.

Visitors: None.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Usselmann, seconded by Essenpreis to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 6, 2025, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Essenpreis, 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, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis. Absent: Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

No Report.

UTILITIES:

Alderman Davinroy reported that the Water Department will be treating with free chlorine starting the first week in June for about 3 weeks before flushing hydrants. He assured residents that the water will be safe for drinking.

Alderman Hellige mentioned that he attended the annual IMEA Conference with Public Works Mgr. Don Voss and Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering. He encouraged his fellow aldermen to visit and tour the IMEA office in Springfield, IL as well.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Motion by Ratermann, seconded by Robben to approve the purchase of a Yale GP50N Lift Truck from MH Equipment in the amount of \$32,171. On roll call voting “aye”: Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige. Absent: Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratermann, seconded by Hellige to approve the purchase of a 40” FMR Flail Mower from Bobcat of St. Louis in the amount of \$11,550.79. On roll call voting “aye”: Carl Ratermann, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung. Absent: Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Alderman Hellige reported the Breese Police are accepting applications for a full-time officer until May 30, 2025. Applications are available at City Hall and www.breese.org.

Chief Mark Berndsen thanked the Optimist Club of Breese and the Breese Lions Club for their generous donations towards the purchase of a drone.

RECREATION:

Alderman Davinroy announced that the Breese Pool will open on Memorial Day. Passes and swim lesson inquiries will be available at the Breese Pool Monday – Friday from noon until 6 p.m.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Alderman Usselmann reported that Litteken Construction has started replacing the siding at the Breese Activity Center.

Alderman Usselmann also announced that Meagan Holthaus will be the new Library Director starting May 28th. He thanked Kelly Zurliene for her incredible influence and dedication to the Breese Library.

ZONING:

No Report.

HEALTH:

No Report.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Timmermann appointed Monica Mensing as Deputy Clerk and FOIA Officer. Motion by Davinroy, seconded by Usselmann to approve the appointment. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Timmermann re-appointed Jean Steinman and Angie Becker to the library board for a 3-year term. Motion by Usselmann, seconded by Robben to approve the appointment. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

The council thanked the city employees for their hard work during the storms last week. Mayor Timmermann said the City of Highland appreciated the Breese linemen helping them restore their power.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

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