

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING *AUGUST 4, 2026

Minutes of the 31st 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, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann.

Absent: Dan Robben

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

Press: Matt Wilson, Breese Journal.

Visitors: Sarah Tebbe-HMG Engineers, Jillian Krack-HMG Engineers, Jered Huegen.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Hellige, seconded by Usselmann to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 21, 2026, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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FINANCE:

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Essenpreis to approve the Breese Lawn & Garden Redevelopment Agreement in the amount of \$218,250.00. On roll call voting "aye": Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper. Absent: Dan Robben. Motion carried.

UTILITIES:

No report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderman Ratermann reported that the Street Department is working on sidewalks around town.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Motion by Hellige, seconded by Schleper to approve the purchase of a 2027 Dodge Durango from K&J Automotive in the amount of \$43,583.00 for the Breese Police Department. On roll call voting "aye": Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann. Absent: Dan Robben. Motion carried.

Motion by Hellige, seconded by Davinroy to approve the purchase of a Stryker PowerPro2 in the amount of \$38,845.30 for the Breese Ambulance Department. On roll call voting "aye": Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy. Absent: Dan Robben. Motion carried.

Alderman Hellige stated that proceeds from the Breese EMS Golf Scramble will help fund the new stretcher.

EMS Director Allen Pollmann thanked Don and Phyllis Gallagher for their generous donation of \$5,000.00 towards the new stretcher.

RECREATION:

Alderman Davinroy thanked city crews for assisting with the tree removal cleanup at North Side Park.

Alderman Davinroy reported that the City of Breese is applying for an OSLAD Grant to construct the new Breese Nature Amphitheatre in North Side Park. A Town Hall meeting will be held at the Breese American Legion on Tuesday, August 25th at 7 p.m. Public attendance is encouraged to support the community project.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Alderman Usselmann reported that the new benches in front of the Breese Library are in commemoration of past Library Board members Jim Sprengel and Yvonne Ratermann.

Alderman Usselmann also shared that the Breese Library will host St. Louis author Bill Clevlen on Thursday, August 6th at 6:30 p.m.

ZONING:

Motion by Jung, seconded by Davinroy to approve the findings of fact and conclusions for a variance filed by J.T. Build for Jered and Catherine Huegen at 924 North 5th Street. On roll call voting "aye": Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung. Absent: Dan Robben. Motion carried.

Motion by Jung, seconded by Usselmann to approve an ordinance granting a variance filed by J.T. Build for Jered and Catherine Huegen at 924 North 5th Street. On roll call voting "aye": Tim Schleper, Gary

Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann. Absent: Dan Robben. Motion carried.

HEALTH:

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Timmermann expressed gratitude to everyone, including the surrounding communities, who supported the Breeze EMS Golf Scramble this past Saturday and emphasized the importance of the fundraiser.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

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