

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * AUGUST 20, 2024

Minutes of the 32nd Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

Aldermen in attendance: Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bill Fischer, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann. Absent: Bryan Eversgerd, Steve Hellige.

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering, Business Admin. Trevor Schubert, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson, EMS Operations Mgr. Allen Pollmann, Utility Billing Clerk Jackie Hummert, Golf Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte.

Press: Kelly Ross – Breese Journal
Matt Wilson – Union Banner

Visitors: Brian Kloeckner, Delayni Davinroy, Ella Frerker, Naomi Knapp, Zachery Peters, Maxwell Niemeyer, Ava Cassibry.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Davinroy, second by Fischer to approve the minutes of the meeting held on August 6, 2024, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Schleper, second by Berndsen to authorize payment of the bills, City Collector and City Treasurer Report. On roll call voting "aye": Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Bob Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bill Fischer. Absent: Bryan Eversgerd, Steve Hellige. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brian Kloeckner with the Knights of Columbus asked permission to solicit for the annual Tootsie Roll Drive. They would collect at the intersections on September 13, 14, 15. Motion by Usselmann, second by Davinroy to approve the annual Tootsie Roll Drive. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Motion by Schleper, second by Usselmann to approve a resolution creating a new TIF redevelopment plan and project for the Jansen Ford project area and to induce development interest within the areas proposed to be in the TIF district.

Mayor Timmermann explained that Jansen Ford is buying the old ProBuild property west of town, and they will be moving their car dealership there. We are creating a site specific TIF and business district at this location.

On roll call voting "aye": Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Bob Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bill Fischer, Carl Ratermann. Absent: Bryan Eversgerd, Steve Hellige. Motion carried.

UTILITIES:

No report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderman Ratermann reported the street department will be rocking and oiling alleys and driveways on September 27, 2024. Residents need to sign up at city hall.

Ratermann also reported that the fall city-wide cleanup day is set for October 19th at the Street Department from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Alderman Schleper thanked the staff and sponsors of the Ambulance Golf Scramble. He commended everyone for their great work and participation!

Police Chief Berndsen stated that all the new flock cameras have been installed.

RECREATION:

Davinroy stated that unfortunately, the pool had to be closed early due to glass being found in the pool. With it being the end of the year and pool hours being weekends only for 3 weeks, it wasn't feasible to drain the pool and refill it.

Alderman Davinroy reported that the Optimist Fallfest is scheduled for September 24 at Northside Park. There are many activities for all ages and invited everyone to come out and enjoy the day.

Davinroy also reported there is a dog park fundraiser being held on August 24th beginning at 8:30 AM at the west end of Northside Park.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Alderman Usselmann reported on the many programs held at the library. He shared some facts about the library and commended librarian Kelly Zurliene for the great job she is doing.

HEALTH:

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Timmermann commented that summer activities are winding down at the park and golf course. The police, ambulance and street departments have been busy and working hard. He commended all involved in the city for the great job they have been doing.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by: 
Sandy Hemann, City Clerk