

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING *AUGUST 18, 2026

Minutes of the 32nd 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: Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, HR & Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte, Park Custodian Bruce Kruep, Business Admin. Trevor Schubert, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson.

Press: Matt Wilson, Breese Journal
Corey Johnson, Union Banner

Visitors: Marty Diekemper, Kerry Porter, Nolan Jackson, Jessica Jackson.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Essenpreis, seconded by Davinroy to approve the minutes of the meeting held on August 4, 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:

Grand Knight Marty Diekemper attended to ask permission to collect donations for the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive at various locations and intersections on September 18th, 19th and 20th. Motion by Davinroy, seconded by Schleper to approve the request. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Breese Chamber of Commerce President Kerry Porter attended to request closing the street on the block of North 2nd Street between Clinton Street and Main Street for the Chamber After Hours event on Thursday, September 24th. Kerry also requested to close Main Street between North 4th Street and North Broadway on Saturday, October 24th from 12 – 6 p.m. for the annual Breese Chamber Pumpkin Trail. Motion by Schleper, second by Essenpreis to approve the requested street closures. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Alderman Robben announced there will be a public hearing for the updated Comprehensive Plan on Monday, September 14th at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

UTILITIES:

Electric Operations Manager Jason Deering reported that osmosis testing is complete.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderman Raterman reported the Street Department is repairing sidewalks around town.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Alderman Hellige reminded residents to use caution before and after school.

RECREATION:

Motion by Davinroy, seconded by Schleper to approve a resolution to adopt a policy to govern golf course marshals at Bent Oak Golf Course. On roll call voting "aye": Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselman, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige. Motion carried.

Alderman Davinroy reported that the Breese Pool is open Saturdays and Sundays until closing for the season on Sunday, August 30th.

Alderman Davinroy reminded everyone that there will be a Town Hall meeting for the Breese Nature Amphitheatre at the Breese American Legion on Tuesday, August 25th at 7:00 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Alderman Usselman reported that the Breese Library is hosting a Dungeons & Dragons event this Saturday, August 22nd, and a Coping for Life book signing on Thursday, August 27th.

ZONING:

No report.

HEALTH:

Alderman Essenpreis reported that the City-wide Cleanup Day will be Saturday, October 10th.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Timmermann reported that candidates for the April 6, 2027, Consolidated Election may start circulating petitions on Tuesday, August 25th. Packets are available on the County Clerk's website and at City Hall.

Mayor Timmermann asked residents to be patient while the newly rocked streets settle before the Street Department cleans up the excess loose rock.

Mayor Timmermann wished all students and athletes a successful year and seasons.

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 7:55 p.m.

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