

## **BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING \* SEPTEMBER 3, 2024**

Minutes of the 33rd 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: Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann.

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.

Press: Kelly Ross – Breese Journal  
Robby Dorman – Union Banner

Visitors: Delayni Davinroy, Bernice Voss, Sophia Buck, Lynn McSparin, Ben Greer

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Motion by Berndsen, second by Eversgerd to approve the minutes of the meeting held on August 20, 2024, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Ben Greer requested permission to hold a side-by-side/golf cart ride to benefit Jason Davinroy's family on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 3:00-8:00 PM. Greer previously contacted the police chief to go over the details, and was instructed to make sure everyone uses the designated golf cart routes. The mayor stated Greer didn't need any formal action from the council since golf carts are already allowed on city streets.

Bernice Voss attended the meeting regarding the recycling survey. She stated she is on a fixed income and doesn't want to have to pay an additional \$18.10 per month for recycling. The mayor stated that 861 surveys have been turned in as of today, and 727 have voted no, and 134 voted yes. Lynn McSparin stated she understands the cost is high but would like the council to not give up on recycling. The mayor stated the recycling dumpster behind city hall is not working because people are now using it for purposes that are not recycling and leaving bags and boxes outside of the dumpster. The council will do what they can, but options are limited.

Mayor Timmermann also stated he thought it was interesting that 861 surveys were returned, but that in most local elections, we don't see 861 people turn out to vote. He encouraged residents to get out and vote in the next election. The next consolidated election is April 1, 2025.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **FINANCE:**

No report.

### **UTILITIES:**

Motion by Berndsen, second by Eversgerd to approve the purchase of a conductor puller from Tallman Equipment Company in the amount of \$22,064.42. Berndsen stated the puller is used to pull wire for overhead and underground services to keep wires from sagging. He stated the puller is also to ensure the safety of the linemen. On roll call voting "aye": Bob Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

Alderman Ratermann reported the street department is waiting on approval of the concrete test to open the second section of South Main Street, and then will move on to the last section.

Mayor Timmermann stated the city has been trying to contact CSX railroad regarding the dangerous roadway caused by the ditch washing at Walnut and South Broadway, by Breese Grain. The city has placed barricades there to warn citizens. He stated he will be in contact with our state representatives to help with getting the railroad to fix this problem.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Motion by Schleper, second by Davinroy to approve the purchase of a 2025 Dodge Durango pursuit vehicle from K & J Chrysler Dodge Jeep dealership in the amount of \$43,913.00. This vehicle will replace the 2014 Explorer which will be taken out of service. On roll call voting "aye": Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Bob Berndsen. Motion carried.

### **RECREATION:**

Alderman Davinroy reported that the Optimist Fall Fest is scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup> at Northside Park, and the Community Link Buddy Walk is scheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup>. He invited everyone to come out and support our local organizations.

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS:**

No report.

**HEALTH:**

Alderman Hellige reminded residents to turn in their recycle survey by 9/6/24. He stated to put them in the utility drop box or bring them into city hall.

**MAYOR’S REPORT:**

Mayor Timmermann asked for a moment of silence for the Breese Journal editor, Bryan Hunt, who passed away last week. Hunt covered many city council meetings. Prayers to his family and friends.

Mayor Timmermann stated the county is reporting a positive mosquito batch for West Nile virus. He advised citizens to take precautions, using mosquito spray and to eliminate standing water.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

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