

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

Minutes of the 34th 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: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, HR & Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte, Park Custodian Bruce Kruep, Business Admin. Trevor Schubert, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson, Zoning Admin. John Becker.

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

Visitors: David Deutsch, Jim Falconio, Joe Heinzmann, Larry Spirek, Lily Paulk, Marissa Bostick.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Usselmann, seconded by Essenpreis to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 1, 2026, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Deutsch and Jim Falconio attended on behalf of the Sons of the American Legion to inform and request assistance from city officials for the 2026 Veterans Day Parade.

Mayor Timmermann signed a proclamation presented by Breese Lions Club member Joe Heinzmann declaring Friday, October 9th Lions Club Candy Day.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Motion by Robben, seconded by Schleper to approve an ordinance adopting the 2026 Comprehensive Plan Update for the City of Breese. On roll call voting "aye": Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

UTILITIES:

Motion by Schleper, second by Davinroy to approve a contract with HMG Engineers for the design and construction of the new generator building in the amount not to exceed \$24,500.00. On roll call voting "aye": Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselman, Jason Davinroy. Motion carried.

Motion by Schleper, second by Essenpreis to approve Progress Estimate #1 to Korte & Luitjohan Contractors, Inc. for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project in the amount of \$225,000.00. On roll call voting "aye": Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselman, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis. Motion carried.

Alderman Schleper thanked the Electric Department crew for spending extra hours generating at the power plant to keep city rates down during the peak heat spells.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Motion by Ratermann, seconded by Hellige to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Breese City Council to execute an easement agreement with IDOT for part of Parcel 06-06-23-254-001 for the Mine Street Improvement Project. On roll call voting "aye": Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselman, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratermann, seconded by Davinroy to approve a resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Breese City Council to execute an easement agreement with IDOT for part of Parcel 06-06-22-253-004 for the Mine Street Improvement Project. On roll call voting "aye": Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselman, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

No report.

RECREATION:

Alderman Davinroy reported that the next Town Hall meeting for the Breese Nature Amphitheater will be Wednesday, September 30th at 7:00 p.m. at the Breese American Legion. Mayor Timmermann will provide updates to the public.

Alderman Davinroy invited everyone to attend the Buddy Walk this Saturday and the Optimist Fall Fest next Saturday at North Side Park.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Alderman Usselman recognized Breese Library's Diane Holtgrave for her 50 years of service.

ZONING:

Alderman Jung reported that there will be a Zoning Hearing on Thursday, September 24th at 7:30 p.m. regarding an amendment to allow billboards and electronic messaging signage in C-2 Highway Commercial Districts as a Special Use.

HEALTH:

Alderman Essenpreis reported that Fall Clean Up Day is Saturday, October 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Street Department.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Timmermann reported that the filing period for the April 6, 2027, Consolidated Election is November 16th-23rd. Candidate packets are available on the County Clerk's website and at City Hall.

Mayor Timmermann reported that new Illinois regulations for e-bikes are effective January 1, 2027, and the City of Breese will enforce them. He urged residents, especially parents, to educate themselves on the new laws before purchasing electric or motorized bikes and scooters. Information regarding the new regulations are available on the city's website.

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 7:58 p.m.



Signer ID: SQNEBDAZ15...

Non-verbatim minutes taken by: _____

Jackie Hummert, City Clerk