

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * OCTOBER 15, 2024

Minutes of the 36th 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. Absent: Gary Usselmann.

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Business Administrator Trevor Schubert, Police Sgt. Kurt Detmer, Utility Billing Clerk Jackie Hummert, EMS Operations Mgr. Allen Pollman, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson, Zoning Administrator John Becker.

Press: Matt Wilson – Breese Journal

Visitors: Brandy Oliver, Delayni Davinroy, Jessica Cassady, Paul Rinella, Tracy Session.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Berndsen, second by Davinroy to approve the minutes of the meeting held on October 1, 2024, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jessica Cassady with the Breese Jr. Women's asked permission to hold the annual Halloween Parade. She explained the parade would be held on 10/26/24 at 2:00 PM and the route will be Main Street from Northside Park to Turf Bar. Mayor Timmermann instructed her to contact the police to shut down Rt. 50 when crossing. Motion by Davinroy, second by Eversgerd to approve parade. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Brandy Oliver with the Breese Chamber asked permission to hold the Pumpkin Trail and Nightmare on Main Street Pub Crawl. She stated everything will be the same as last year. Main Street will be closed from N. 4th to N. Broadway. Motion by Davinroy, second by Eversgerd to approve the Pumpkin Trail and Pub Crawl. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Oliver also stated that Turf Bar will be hosting the Chamber Business After Hours on 10/24/24 from 5:00-7:00 PM and invited the council to attend.

Tracy Session with ALS asked permission to hold a collection for ALS at the 4-way stops on November 1, 2024. Motion by Ratermann, second by Fischer to approve. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ZONING:

Motion by Fischer, second by Hellige to approve an ordinance to re-zone property located at 1302 Apple Lane from C-2 to R-2. On roll call voting "aye": Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Bob Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd. Absent: Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

FINANCE:

No report.

UTILITIES:

Alderman Berndsen stated IMEA asked for mutual aid to be sent down to Florida to help with recovery from the recent hurricane Milton. The city sent lineman Jordan VonderHaar, who teamed up with a lineman from Carlyle and a team from Highland. They left last Wednesday and have been assisting with the clean-up.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderman Ratermann reported the street department has finished the concrete work on South Main Street. He thanked the street department for doing a great job. They are now working on drainage on South 1st & 2nd Streets.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Motion by Schleper, second by Berndsen to approve the SSA contract for 2024/25. The amounts are as follows: #11 Germantown Twp. \$43,537.00, #12 Germantown Village \$63,185.00, #17 Breese Twp. \$54,640.00 and #18 Breese City \$233,961.00, for a total of \$395,323.00. On roll call voting "aye": Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Bob Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer. Absent: Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

Mayor Timmermann stated he received an email to change Halloween Trick or Treating to the Friday before Halloween. Motion by Schleper, second by Fischer to keep trick or treating on October 31st as it has always been. Motion carried by 7-1 voice vote. Trick or Treating will be held on 10/31/24 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM for ages grade school and younger.

RECREATION:

Alderman Davinroy stated the last park board meeting of the year will be held on 10/23/24 at 7:00 PM in City Hall. Alderman Davinroy thanked the park board for all they have done this year.

Alderman Davinroy also stated we will be having heat installed at Hannah's playground bathroom. This will keep the restrooms open year-round.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

No report.

HEALTH:

Alderman Hellige reported that fall cleanup is scheduled for October 19th from 9:00-3:00 PM at the street department.

Hellige also reported the leaf dump will be open 10/16/24 – 12/15/24 on Wednesday and Sundays noon – 4:00, and Saturdays from 10:00 – 4:00 PM. Leaves only.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

Mayor Timmermann stated there is a TIF public hearing on November 5, 2024, at 7:00 PM in City Hall for the Jansen Ford TIF and Business District. He urged aldermen to attend.

Mayor Timmermann stated for residents to get out and vote on November 5th. He said local elections have had a low number of voters and everyone should be involved in the community and go out and vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.

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