

CITY OF BREESE MEETING AGENDA**DATE: DECEMBER 1, 2020**

- **CALL TO ORDER**
- **ROLL CALL**
- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- **MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**
- **MOTION TO APPROVE PAYING BILLS, CITY COLLECTOR & TREASURERS REPORT**
- **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - **FINANCE/Tim Schleper**

 - **UTILITIES/Bob Berndsen:**

 - **PUBLIC WORKS/Kevin Timmermann**

 - **PUBLIC SAFETY/Bill Fischer:**
 1. **Ordinance Establishing Medical CPI as the Basis for Annual Increase in Ambulance Rates.**

 - **RECREATION/Debbie Koetting:**
 1. **Approve Deanna Rensing Full-time Employee.**

- PUBLIC BUILDINGS/Gary Usselmann:

- ZONING/Carl Ratermann:

- HEALTH/Jason Davinroy:

- MAYOR'S REPORT:
- OLD BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS
- ADJOURNMENT

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * December 1, 2020

Minutes of the proceeding of the 39th Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council Held on the above date. Meeting was held in City Hall and via ZOOM.

Mayor Charles E. Hilmes called the meeting to order at 7:34 P.M.

Aldermen in attendance: Robert Berndsen, Bill Fischer, Jason Davinroy, Carl Ratermann, Kevin Timmermann, Debbie Koetting, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann.

Absent: None.

City Officials: City Attorney Joanne Stevenson, City Business Administrator Shelly Schadegg, Police Chief Bob Fix, Utility Plant Operations Manager Dale Detmer, Police Officer Kurt Detmer, Zoning Administrator John Becker, Golf Course Superintendent Paul Smith.

Press: Brian Hunt – Breese Journal
Todd Marver – Carlyle Union Banner

Visitors: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Davinroy seconded by Berndsen to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 17, 2020 and place on file. Motion Carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Schleper seconded by Usselmann to authorize payment of the bills submitted, City Collector & Treasurers Report. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Kevin Timmermann, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Debbie Koetting, Bill Fischer, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper.

Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE:

No Report.

UTILITIES:

Alderman Berndsen stated that Al Menetti will be retiring in the spring. His role will be filled by current employees but will need to fill an operator position for 3rd shift, and would like to put an ad in the paper for the next few weeks. Would like to do interviews after the first of the year in order to get someone on board and trained early. Applications can be filled out online or picked up at City Hall.

Alderman Berndsen also stated that in regards to the last power outage, there have been some repairs made in the plant and out in the field – should prevent future outages.

PUBLIC WORKS:

No Report.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Motion by Fischer seconded by Koetting to approve Ordinance Establishing Medical CPI as the Basis for Annual Increase in Ambulance Rates. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bill Fischer, Debbie Koetting, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Kevin Timmermann. Motion Carried.

Alderman Fischer also urged residents to follow the COVID guidance and stay safe. The ambulance service has been busy doing transfers.

RECREATION:

Motion by Koetting seconded by Usselmann to approve Deanna Rensing as a Full-time Employee. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bill Fischer, Debbie Koetting, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Kevin Timmermann, Gary Usselmann. Motion Carried.

Alderwoman Koetting also reminded residents to keep an eye on the golf course – if the weather is nice the course will be open – go out and play a few rounds!

Mayor Hilmes stated that the Bent Oak Facebook page is frequently updated – keep an eye on it.

Mayor Hilmes also stated that the council will be discussing a new Park Custodian at the next Finance meeting. He asked the council to be thinking about details of the position. Target is to hire by March 1, 2021 so that they can be trained by the time Ernie retires.

Mayor Hilmes thanked Erin Hamilton for help on professional planning for the City Employees.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Alderman Usselmann asked Don Voss for an update on the City Hall project. Don stated that he has a meeting with contractor tomorrow morning, no updates at this time.

Mayor Hilmes stated there is a possibility that City Hall will have to close for a few days due to the project.

ZONING:

Alderman Ratermann stated that there will be a Public hearing on Thursday night at 7:30 pm to approve the planned development and a variance for parking. Meeting will be held via Zoom, information on Breese Website on the Calendar. If anyone would like to attend the meeting and does not have access to Zoom, there will be space made available at City Hall.

Mayor Hilmes stated that John Becker will be retiring. Will discuss planning for this at the next finance meeting.

HEALTH:

Alderman Davinroy stated that the Leaf Dump is open until December 20, 2020. The Leaf Dump will be on Wednesdays from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Saturdays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm and Sundays from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hilmes stated that many local small businesses are remaining open and allowing customers to come in. Some are beginning to wear masks and limit capacity. Mayor Hilmes encouraged residents to order carry out and support local businesses as much as possible, to help carry them through the winter.

Mayor Hilmes also mentioned high COVID positivity rates and stated that this is not a hoax, asked residents to wear a mask, stay 6 feet apart and stay safe. The vaccine is still a few months away, we must use common sense. This is not a political game.

Alderman Timmerman stated that the hospital is full. Every resource is being used. Ambulance service is getting worn out, transferring patients to other hospitals. We are going into our 9th month of this and our healthcare workers are wearing down. Tell them thank you when you see them, wear the mask and stay safe.

Alderman Berndsen echoed everything that has been said, this is very serious stuff.

Alderman Ratermann congratulated Brad & Michelle Maue for 25 great years of owning Dairy King.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Hilmes stated that

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Schleper seconded by Usselmann 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:


Erin Hamilton, City Clerk