

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * JUNE 3, 2025

Minutes of the 3rd 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: Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann.

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, EMS Operations Mgr. Allen Pollmann, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson, Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte, Park Custodian Bruce Kruep, Utility Billing Clerk Monica Mensing, City Treasurer Bob Venhaus.

Press: Matt Wilson, Breese Journal.

Visitors: Allison Nettemeyer, Ryan Nettemeyer, Sandy Hemann, Mike Hemann, Lucas Hemann, Scott Hemann, Kayden Hemann, Vera Hemann, Delayni Davinroy.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Davinroy, seconded by Usselmann to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 20, 2025, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Allison Nettemeyer requested a sidewalk on Meadowlark Dr. expressing the need for public safety due to the high traffic. Don Voss stated the Street Department is currently tied up with other projects, but that the city does see the need and will work on the sidewalk when time allows.

Ryan Nettemeyer informed the council of scheduling difficulties for baseball diamonds at the parks. The council decided to schedule a committee with the Park Board to discuss possible options. The council agreed they want to try to keep the Breese teams playing in town rather than having to schedule at neighboring communities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Motion by Robben, seconded by Schleper to approve an ordinance amending the City of Breese Municipal Code Section 1-2-8: Missed Meeting Allowance and amending the Remote Attendance Policy. On roll call voting "aye": Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben. Motion carried.

UTILITIES:

Alderman Schleper asked Electric Operations Manager Jason Deering to report on the power outage on Friday evening and updates from the IMEA/IMUA conference. Ameren had an equipment failure that caused Breese to bring in high voltage. Jason stated that several of the Capitol legislative discussions were not added to the energy omnibus bill.

Don reminded the council that the Water Department switched to free chlorine on Monday for 3 weeks.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderman Ratermann reported that the Street Department is replacing curbing in various areas around town.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Motion by Hellige, seconded by Schleper to approve an ordinance establishing new speed limits on Walnut Street and Holy Cross Lane. On roll call voting "aye": Gary Usselman, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben. Motion carried.

Motion by Hellige, seconded by Davinroy to approve increasing wages for part time EMTs to \$19.00/hr and part time Paramedics to \$23.00/hr effective June 7, 2025. On roll call voting "aye": Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselman. Motion carried.

Motion by Hellige, seconded by Schleper to table the hiring of a full-time police officer. On roll call voting "aye": Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselman, Jason Davinroy. Motion carried.

RECREATION:

Alderman Davinroy congratulated the golfers that played in the Optimist Youth Golf Tournament on Monday and the Central Cougars Track team for winning the State Championship.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Alderman Usselman reported that Litteken Construction has completed the siding replacement at the Breese Activity Center.

Alderman Usselman also announced that Megan Holthaus started this week as the new Library Director.

ZONING:

Motion by Jung, seconded by Usselman to approve an ordinance pertaining to the location and regulation of cannabis dispensaries and adding Chapter 21A "Cannabis" to the City of Breese Municipal

Code. On roll call voting “aye”: Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy. Motion carried.

Motion by Jung, seconded by Robben to approve an ordinance amending Chapter 36 Taxation of the City of Breese Municipal Code to include Cannabis Retailer’s Occupation Tax. On roll call voting “aye”: Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis. Motion carried.

HEALTH:

No Report.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Timmermann congratulated Sandy Hemann on her retirement and thanked her for representing the City of Breese well. He commended Sandy for always communicating new state statutes presented by the Illinois Municipal League. He expressed great appreciation for everything Sandy did for himself and the council.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

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