

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * JANUARY 7, 2025

Minutes of the 41st 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 Administrator Trevor Schubert, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, Utility Billing Clerk Jackie Hummert, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson, Zoning Administrator John Becker.

Press: Matt Wilson – Breese Journal

Visitors: Duane Timmerman, Dana Timmermann, Jeff Jung, Dan Robben, Maribeth Detmer, Lisa Clatterbuck, Donna Johnson, Christina Norbeck, Lynn Vail.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Berndsen, second by Davinroy to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 17, 2024, and place on file. Motion Carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

Mayor Timmermann acknowledged the retirement of Public Works employee Duane Timmermann. He thanked Duane for his 30 years of dedicated service to the City of Breese. He stated Duane was a great employee and would be missed. He wished him well in his retirement.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Christina Norbeck and Lynn Vail, representing the Breese Junior Women's Club, asked permission to hold the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the park on April 12, 2025. The council we in approval contingent upon approval from the park board. They were instructed to fill out a park event form and take it to the park board for approval at their meeting on January 22nd.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

No report.

UTILITIES:

Alderman Berndsen thanked Duane Timmermann for his many dedicated years of service.

Berndsen stated the utility department received a mutual aid commendation from APPA. This is in recognition of the mutual aid we sent to help restore power in Florida after hurricane Milton.

PUBLIC WORKS:

The Street Department is currently working on snow cleanup.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Alderman Schleper thanked the street department for a great job in keeping the ambulance base clear of snow in the bad weather. He said overall, things were uneventful during the storm.

Police Chief Berndsen stated, to check on your neighbors with the bad weather and cold temperatures.

RECREATION:

Alderman Davinroy thanked the park decorating committee and all the volunteers who worked on putting up and taking down of decorations.

The committee sent a list of their needs and wishes for 2025. Donna Johnson stated the biggest problem was getting power. Mayor Timmermann instructed Jason Deering to check into the matter. Mayor Timmermann also stated that he will be setting up a recreation committee meeting to discuss the plans for 2025.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

No report.

ZONING:

Motion by Fischer, second by Usselmann to approve an ordinance amending zoning classification on Jansen Ford property located at 8120 Old Hwy 50 from Industrial to C-2 Highway Commercial. On roll call voting "aye": Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer. Motion carried.

HEALTH:

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Timmermann instructed everyone to be careful on slick roads and sidewalks and to stay safe!

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

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