

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * JANUARY 21, 2025

Minutes of the 42nd 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, Gary Usselmann. Absent: Tim Schleper.

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; Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte.

Press: None.

Visitors: Jeff Jung, Dan Robben, Abigail Shanafelt, Lydia Duncan, Julia Winter, Dale Detmer, Bryan Kramer.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Fischer, second by Berndsen to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 7, 2025, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bryan Kramer with Metro Ag attended regarding the contracting of water plant residuals at the water treatment plant. He introduced himself and his company stating they are a local company and have been in business for 43 years. He stated his company serves many of the area communities and they are proud of their company. He is concerned that his company was not contacted about the work done at the water plant recently. He believes that because of work done a dozen years ago, his company has been red flagged. He stated that there should be no such thing as a red flag on his company and they would like to be able to bid on future jobs. Mayor Timmermann stated this will be brought to a utility committee meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Motion by Eversgerd, second by Davinroy to approve continuing with Consociate Health for the 2025 employee health insurance. On roll call voting "aye": Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann. Absent: Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

Motion by Eversgerd, second by Hellige to approve the amendment to the appropriation ordinance for fiscal year 2025. Eversgerd stated a public hearing was held last night, with no opposition to the amendment. On roll call voting "aye": Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Gary Usselmann. Absent: Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

Motion by Eversgerd, second by Usselmann to table all items on the agenda regarding the TIF and business district project for Jansen Ford. On roll call voting "aye": Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen. Absent: Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

UTILITIES:

Motion by Berndsen, second by Usselmann to approve the transformer repair bid from Sunbelt Solomon in the amount of \$683,506.00. On roll call voting "aye": Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy. Absent: Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

Alderman Berndsen explained we have purchased a replacement transformer, which is waiting to be installed, but that we need to get the old one repaired for future use.

Alderman Berndsen stated we will be generating tomorrow because JF Electric will be changing out the 69kv switch on Highline Road.

PUBLIC WORKS:

The Street Department is currently working on general maintenance.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

No report.

RECREATION:

Alderman Davinroy stated there is a park board meeting on January 22 at 7:00 PM in City Hall.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

No report.

ZONING:

No report.

HEALTH:

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Timmermann stated he would like to table the library board appointments until the next meeting. Motion by Eversgerd, second by Berndsen to table the appointments. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

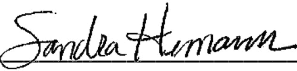
NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM.

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