

## CITY OF BREESE MEETING AGENDA

DATE: FEBRUARY 7, 2023

- CALL TO ORDER
- ROLL CALL
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
- MOTION TO APPROVE PAYING BILLS, CITY COLLECTOR & TREASURER REPORT
- PUBLIC COMMENT
  
- COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - FINANCE/Jason Davinroy:
    - 1. Scooter's TIF/Business District Agreement
  
  - UTILITIES/Bob Berndsen:
    - 1. Ordinance Providing a Modification in Electric Rates
  
  - PUBLIC WORKS/Carl Ratermann:
    - 1. Approve Pay Estimated #13 to Hank's Excavating for Cherry Street project in the amount of \$97,207.76
  
  - PUBLIC SAFETY/Tim Schleper:
    - 1. Approve increasing pay for part-time EMT's to \$16/hour and part-time Paramedics to \$19/hour, effective next pay period.

- RECREATION/Bill Fischer:
- PUBLIC BUILDINGS/Gary Usselmann:
- ZONING/Terry Fields:
  - 1. Findings of Fact – Variance – Kevin Poettker
  - 2. Ordinance – Variance – Kevin Poettker
- HEALTH/Bryan Eversgerd:

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

## BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING \* FEBRUARY 7, 2023

Minutes of the 43rd Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

Aldermen in attendance: Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Terry Fields, Bill Fischer, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper. Absent: Bryan Eversgerd, Gary Usselmann.

City Officials: Utility Plant Manager Dale Detmer, Public Works Manager Don Voss, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, EMS Operations Manager Allen Pollmann, Business Administrator Corey Richter, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson, Zoning Administrator John Becker, Clubhouse Manager Doug Schulte.

Press: Bryan Hunt, Breese Journal.

Visitors: Bob Grams, Kevin Poettker, Owen Stahl.

### GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Fischer, second by Fields to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 17, 2023 and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bob Grams had a couple of concerns, the first being the bus stop by his residence at 870 N. Walnut. He stated vehicles are not stopping for the school bus stop sign and flashing lights. He asked if it is possible to periodically have the police observe that bus stop. Chief Berndsen stated that he will have one of his officers there when available. Chief Berndsen also stated the bus drivers have cameras on their busses, and should be reporting any vehicle that does not stop. Mr. Gram said he would try to speak to the driver.

His second concern is the crosswalk on Walnut Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Street. He said traffic does not stop at that crosswalk and asked if we could get crossing lights, like the one on Rt. 50 or Vossclare Lane. Mayor stated those lights are controlled by IDOT and are very costly, but the city will look into it. Alderman Davinroy stated he should also talk to the school about possibly getting a crossing guard after school to help students cross the street.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

### ZONING:

Motion by Fields, second by Ratermann to approve the Findings of Fact and Conclusions for a petition for a zoning variance filed by Kevin Poettker. On roll call voting "aye": Bill Fischer, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Terry Fields. Absent: Bryan Eversgerd, Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

Motion by Fields, second by Davinroy to approve the variance filed by Kevin Poettker. The variance is to increase the height restriction to 20' on an accessory building. On roll call voting "aye": Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Terry Fields, Bill Fischer. Absent: Bryan Eversgerd, Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

### FINANCE:

Motion by Davinroy, seconded by Schleper to approve the Scooter's Coffee TIF/Business District Agreement. On roll call voting "aye": Tim Schleper, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Terry Fields, Bill Fischer, Carl Ratermann. Absent: Bryan Eversgerd, Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

Alderman Davinroy took this time to thank the Breese EMS paramedics for helping him and his wife on a call the other day. He stated in a time like that, it makes all the difference in the world to have them there.

### UTILITIES:

Motion by Berndsen, second by Davinroy to approve the ordinance providing for a modification in electric rates. Alderman Berndsen stated instead of the scheduled 6% CPI increase, this ordinance will lower it to 4%. On roll call voting "aye": Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Terry Fields, Bill Fischer, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper. Absent: Bryan Eversgerd, Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

Utility Plant Manager Dale Detmer stated that the fair solar credit the city provides to residents has had a significant increase this year. The previous year it was .0544 cents, and it will increase to .101 cents. Customers with solar will be notified of this increase, which will credit them for energy produced by their solar panels.

### PUBLIC WORKS:

Motion by Ratermann, second by Davinroy to approve Hank's Excavating PE #13 for the Cherry Street Project in the amount of \$97,207.76. On roll call voting "aye": Jason Davinroy, Terry Fields, Bill Fischer, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Robert Berndsen. Absent: Bryan Eversgerd, Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY:

Motion by Schleper, second by Davinroy to approve increasing pay for part-time EMT's to \$16/hour and part-time paramedics to \$19/hour, effective next pay period. Schleper explained, with minimum wage up to \$13/hour and a shortage of personnel, the increase is needed to keep employees. On roll call voting "aye": Terry Fields, Bill Fischer, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy. Absent: Bryan Eversgerd, Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

Police Chief Berndsen stated there have been a couple recent scam attempts, and warned residents to be careful when taking these calls and to verify the legitimacy of them.

#### RECREATION:

The next board meeting of the year is scheduled for February 22 at 6:00 P.M. in City Hall. Alderman Fischer stated we have had some really good days at the golf course with the recent good weather.

#### PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

No Report.

#### HEALTH:

Alderman Schleper stated the leaf dump and spring clean-up will be coming up in March or April. Alderman Berndsen stated yard waste pick up will start in March with Waste Management.

#### Mayor's Report:

Mayor Timmermann reported he and several aldermen attended a meeting with the county last week regarding the ambulance services. He stated every ambulance service is losing money. He also stated 64% of runs are Medicare, and on those runs, the ambulance services only receive .30 cents on the dollar. He said Medicaid runs are even worse. He stated it is the bureaucracy of the government that is hurting us. Representatives from several services were in attendance and are all running into the same problem. Something has to be done, and hopefully this meeting will be the beginning to a solution.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

None.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

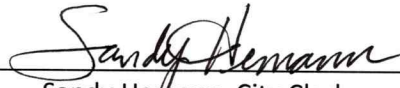
None.

## ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Schleper seconded by Berndsen 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: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Sandy Hermann, City Clerk