

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * FEBRUARY 4, 2025

Minutes of the 43rd 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, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann. Absent: Jason Davinroy.

City Officials: Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering; Street Supt. Tom Tebbe; Business Administrator Trevor Schubert; Police Chief Mark Berndsen; Utility Billing Clerk Jackie Hummert; City Attorney Joanne Stevenson; EMS Operations Mgr.; Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte.

Press: Matt Wilson, Breese Journal.

Visitors: Luke Essenpreis, Doug Ratermann/HMG.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Ratermann, second by Usselmann to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 21, 2025, and placed on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Hellige, second by Schleper 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, Bob Berndsen, Bryan Eversgerd. Absent: Jason Davinroy. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

No report.

UTILITIES:

Motion by Berndsen, second by Schleper to approve an ordinance amending municipal code to provide for the calculation of charges in the event of a water main breakage. Alderman Berndsen explained that in the event of a water main breakage on the customer's side of the meter, the charges for sewer services shall be, for the period immediately following the leakage, an average of the previous three (3) months sewer bills for that customer. On roll call voting "aye": Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Bob Berndsen, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer. Absent: Jason Davinroy. Motion carried.

Alderman Berndsen stated we had a power outage on Sunday due to an Ameren transmission line failure. We generated for about 2 hours until the failure was repaired.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Motion by Ratermann, second by Schleper to approve an MFT Resolution appropriating \$210,000.00 Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the purpose of maintaining streets for FY-2026. On roll call voting "aye": Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Bob Berndsen, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige. Absent: Jason Davinroy. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

No report.

RECREATION:

No report.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Alderman Usselmann reported that there is a committee meeting with the library board on February 5th at 6:30 PM at the library.

ZONING:

No report.

HEALTH:

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Timmermann stated that work has started on a solar field ordinance. He said the city attorney will be preparing the ordinance for review.

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 7:36 PM.

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