

CITY OF BREESE MEETING AGENDA

DATE: MARCH 2, 2021

- CALL TO ORDER
- ROLL CALL
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
- MOTION TO APPROVE PAYING BILLS, CITY COLLECTOR & TREASURERS REPORT
- PUBLIC COMMENT

- COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - FINANCE/Tim Schleper

 - UTILITIES/Bob Berndsen:

 - PUBLIC WORKS/Kevin Timmermann

 - PUBLIC SAFETY/Bill Fischer:

 - RECREATION/Debbie Koetting:
 1. Approve Hiring Bruce Kruep as Park Custodian with a Hire Date of March 10, 2021.

2. Approve Park Event Application from Mark Berndsen/Mike Bedard Baseball Tournament on June 25-27.
3. Approve Park Event Applications from Clinton County Showcase for Plays on June 24-27 & August 5-8, 2021.

○ PUBLIC BUILDINGS/Gary Usselman:

○ ZONING/Carl Ratermann:

○ HEALTH/Jason Davinroy:

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

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * March 2, 2021

Minutes of the proceeding of the 45th Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council Held on the above date. Meeting was held in City Hall and via ZOOM.

Mayor Charles E. Hilmes called the meeting to order at 7:29 P.M.

Aldermen in attendance: Carl Ratermann, Kevin Timmermann, Robert Berndsen, Debbie Koetting, Tim Schleper, Bill Fischer, Gary Usselmann

Absent: Jason Davinroy

City Officials: City Business Administrator Shelly Schadegg, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson, Utility Plant Operations Manager Dale Detmer, City Collector Sandy Hemann, Golf Course Superintendent Paul Smith, Police Chief Bob Fix, Public Works Manager/Building Inspector Don Voss, Golf Course Manager Deanna Rensing.

Press: Brian Hunt – Breese Journal
Todd Marver – Carlyle Union Banner

Visitors: Terry Fields, Bryan Eversgerd, Dennis & Barb Henken, Tyler Koerkenmeier, Paul Bickford, Charles Pollmann, Mary Ann Morris, Mike Morris, Tricia Buehne

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paul Bickford – Waste Management stated that WM has acquired a large amount 64-gallon trash carts and would like to provide each family with one cart. An additional trash cart can be requested for larger families. This will allow employees to be safer and more efficient as well as keep the City cleaner. In mid-late April, carts will be delivered to each home. A postcard mailer will be sent to each residence to explain. If a family doesn't want it, it won't be required. If a cart is currently being rented, they will no longer be charged. This does not include yard waste, which is a separate service. Council will discuss at the next Finance meeting.

Residents of Breese East subdivision, represented by Bryan Eversgerd, Finance Secretary of the Lake Association, wanted to present concerns with lowering the lake level and the current ecosystem within the lake. In addition, there are concerns with the concrete retaining walls on private properties. Mayor Hilmes stated that if there is a fish kill situation, the City will partner with IDNR to replenish an amount within reason. Research by Eversgerd estimates that fish loss could reach approximately \$1,700. Mayor Hilmes stated that he is not an engineer and can't speak to concern with the damn. Public Works Manager/Building Inspector Don Voss recommends and agrees to restock the lake, not to exceed \$2,000. He also explained that dropping the lake will take pressure off of the damn, not add to it. He also stated that 3 feet of water is not holding up the retaining wall. Tyler Koerkenmeier, president of the Breese East Lake Association inquired how Don came about the 3 ft estimate. Don explained the situation and assured the residents that he doesn't anticipate draining the lake any further than 3 feet. Lake Association would like to create a benchmark on a fish kill, in partnership with IDNR, to align on an agreement between the Association and the City, should damage be done. City Council agrees, and that the intention is not to cause any damage. The Council is committed to preserving their investment.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Berndsen seconded by Timmermann to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 16, 2020 and place on file. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Kevin Timmermann, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Bill Fischer, Debbie Koetting, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper. Motion Carried.

Motion by Schleper seconded by Ratermann to authorize payment of the bills submitted, City Collector & Treasurers Report. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Kevin Timmermann, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bill Fischer, Debbie Koetting, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**FINANCE:**

Alderman Schleper informed the department heads that the fiscal year ends on April 30th. Please be thinking about capital infrastructure and budgets.

UTILITIES:

Alderman Berndsen commented on the extreme cold that came through the Midwest a few weeks ago. The City was dispatched by IMEA to generate power on Sunday for a few hours and from Monday afternoon through late Thursday. The City generated, in that week, what would normally be generated in a year. (Over 500 KW) The cost per kilowatt was outrageous and all of the cities that belong to IMEA that have generating capacities did so, saving a large sum of money. What happened in Texas, could have happened in our area as well. We did our part to ensure that everyone in the area was able to maintain power. Alderman Berndsen thanked all of the City Employees who were involved, noting their hard work and overtime hours.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderman Timmermann stated that City crews restarted this week on the Main St. project. Clinton County co-op will begin moving their lines on Holy Cross Ln. tomorrow.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Alderman Fischer stated that vaccines are going quite well. Restaurants and businesses are opening back up, but don't let your guard down yet.

RECREATION:

Motion by Koetting seconded by Timmermann to approve Hiring Bruce Kruep as Park Custodian with a Hire Date of March 10, 2021. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Tim Schleper, Kevin Timmermann, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Bill Fischer, Debbie Koetting, Carl Ratermann. Motion Carried.

Motion by Koetting seconded by Schleper to approve Park Event application from Mark Berndsen/Mike Bedard Baseball Tournament on June 25-27. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Bill Fischer, Debbie Koetting, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Kevin Timmermann. Motion Carried.

Motion by Koetting seconded by Berndsen to approve Park Event Applications from Clinton County Showcase for Plays on June 24-27 & August 5-8, 2021. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Bill Fischer, Debbie

Koetting, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Kevin Timmermann, Gary Usselman, Robert Berndsen. Motion Carried.

Alderman Timmermann stated that residents have been asking about the pickle ball court opening. Mayor Hilmes stated that the park opening began on March 1 and the courts should be opening soon.

Mayor Hilmes stated that these activities are typically approved by the Park Board, but with the restrictions and an older board, Zoom meetings are not feasible.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Alderman Fischer stated that the City Hall project is complete and final payments will be made soon.

ZONING:

No Report

HEALTH:

No Report

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hilmes stated that he would like the council to think about continuing to keep the Council meetings available on Zoom to enable more residents to attend.

Mayor Hilmes also reminded election candidates that campaign signs should be placed on private property, not on right-of-way. Residents do not need to be reading 18 signs while driving in a circle.

Alderman Schleper inquired about a grocery store date and Shelley Schadeegg stated that the target opening date is Memorial Day.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

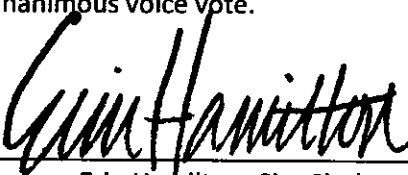
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ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Schleper seconded by Ratermann to adjourn after no further business was brought before the Council. Motion Carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by:


Erin Hamilton, City Clerk