

CITY OF BREESE MEETING AGENDA

DATE: MARCH 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:

 - UTILITIES/Bob Berndsen:

 - PUBLIC WORKS/Carl Ratermann:
 - 1. Approve Pay Estimate #15 to Hank's Excavating for Cherry Street Project in the amount of \$47,057.45

 - PUBLIC SAFETY/Tim Schleper:
 - 1. Hire Dawson Huelskamp as Police Officer, with a start date of March 14, 2023

 - RECREATION/Bill Fischer:
 - 1. Accepting applications for pool manager job until March 24 at City Hall or online at breese.org

 - PUBLIC BUILDINGS/Gary Usselman:

- ZONING/Terry Fields:

1. Zoning Hearing – March 9, 2023 @ 7:30 PM in City Hall – Amendment from R-1 to C-2 to allow outdoor storage on lot North of 210 N. Haag Street.
2. Zoning Hearing – March 16, 2023 @ 7:30 PM in City Hall for a variance @ 10208 Holy Cross Lane to relax setback to 10' on east side of building.

- HEALTH/Bryan Eversgerd:

- MAYOR'S REPORT:

1. Medicare Reimbursements

- OLD BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS
- ADJOURNMENT

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * MARCH 7, 2023

Minutes of the 45th Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

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

City Officials: Utility Plant Mgr. Dale Detmer, Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, EMS Operations Mgr. Allen Pollmann, Golf Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson.

Press: Bryan Hunt, Breese Journal.

Visitors: Dawson Huelskamp, Emma Toebe, Abby Sturgeon, Adelyn Kuhl, Lizzie Detmer, Madison Pruitt, Hunter Beckmann, Blake Beckmann, Bryce Behrman, Dylan Ziegler, Michael Teasley, Rebecca Sponsler, Conner Freeze, Thomas Schrage, Cole Winkeler, TJ Catenzoro, Cody Haire, Jonathan McMinn.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Ratermann, second by Berndsen to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 21, 2023 and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Timmermann recognized and welcomed the students from Mr. Peter's class.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

No Report.

UTILITIES:

No Report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Motion by Ratermann, second by Berndsen to approve Hank's Excavating PE #15 for the Cherry Street Project in the amount of \$47,057.45. On roll call voting "aye": Bryan Eversgerd, Terry Fields, Bill Fischer, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy. Motion carried.

Alderman Ratermann reported that Cherry Street is completely open, with only striping remaining to complete the project.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Motion by Schleper, second by Davinroy to approve the hiring of Dawson Huelskamp as the new police officer, to replace April Decker who resigned last month. His start date will be March 14, 2023. On roll call voting "aye": Terry Fields, Bill Fischer, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd. Motion carried. Mayor Timmermann welcomed Dawson to the City of Breese.

Police Chief Berndsen stated that in the past, the police department has had drug collections for any unused drugs that citizens needed disposed. He stated he would like to put a secure drug collection box in the lobby of City Hall, to allow citizens to drop off those unused drugs at their convenience. He stated the box would be locked and secured to the floor. The council agreed to place the box in the lobby.

RECREATION:

Alderman Fischer stated that with Angie Gibson's resignation, the city will be accepting applications for the pool manager job. Applications will be accepted at City Hall or online at breese.org until March 24th.

Clubhouse Manager Doug Schulte stated the golf course is operating on the alternate route due to flooding. He stated they have been very busy with the recent good weather.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Alderman Usselmann reported that librarian Kelly Zurliene has received many compliments on the parking lot resurface. Also, to keep her posted when we will be striping it.

ZONING:

Alderman Fields stated there is a zoning hearing scheduled for March 9th at 7:30 PM in City Hall for an amendment to change zoning from R-1 to C-2 to allow outdoor storage at 210 N. Haag Street.

There is also a zoning hearing on March 16, 2023 @ 7:30 PM in City Hall for a variance @ 10208 Holy Cross Lane, which is Litteken Construction, to relax the setback to 10' on the east side lot line.

HEALTH:

Waste Management yard waste pickup will start March 21st.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Timmermann stated that he, Dale Detmer and Bob Berndsen went to Washington DC for the APPA Rally last week. They met with Congressman Mike Bost, Senator Tammy Duckworth, and Senator Richard Durbin. He stated of the many issues discussed, was the supply chain problem with getting electric transformers. They are being backordered for over a year, and is causing many problems for municipalities and electric companies nationwide.

Timmermann also reported that house bill 5424 was introduced to increase Medicare reimbursements. He stated currently, ambulance services only receive .31 cents on the dollar for ambulance runs. This is putting a huge burden on them to be able to survive. This bill would increase that amount, taking some of the burden off ambulance services. Timmermann stated, even with increasing SSA's to the max amount allowed, we are still losing money every year. We will continue to monitor this bill, and hope for passage.

Mayor Timmermann congratulated Mater Dei ladies basketball on winning state. He congratulated Mater Dei and Central High School on a great season for boys and girls sports. We are proud of our high schools!!

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM

Non-verbatim minutes taken by:


Sandy Hemann, City Clerk