

CITY OF BREESE MEETING AGENDA

DATE: MARCH 21, 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
 1. Ryan Ketchum – District 12
 2. Frank Richter – Business Owners
 3. John Winter – Main Street Car Cruise – May 5, 2023

- COMMITTEE REPORTS
 - FINANCE/Jason Davinroy:

 - UTILITIES/Bob Berndsen:

 - PUBLIC WORKS/Carl Ratermann:
 1. MFT Resolution
 2. Approve Pay Estimated #16 to Hank's Excavating for Cherry Street project in the amount of \$63,717.97

 - PUBLIC SAFETY/Tim Schleper:

 - RECREATION/Bill Fischer:

- PUBLIC BUILDINGS/Gary Usselmann:

- ZONING/Terry Fields:

1. Petition filed by Michael Lohman to Amend Zoning Classification on a lot North of 210 N. Haag St.
2. Ordinance - Findings of Fact – Variance – Litteken.
3. Ordinance - Variance – Litteken.
4. Approve plat for Karl Abert's First Subdivision, a 1- lot subdivision located within 1.5 miles of the City of Breese, on the Old State Road.

- HEALTH/Bryan Eversgerd:

- MAYOR'S REPORT:

- OLD BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS
- ADJOURNMENT

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * MARCH 21, 2023

Minutes of the 46th Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

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

City Officials: Utility Plant Mgr. Dale Detmer, Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, Business Administrator Corey Richter, Golf Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte, Utility Billing Clerk Jackie Hummert, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson, Police Officers Keith Wempe and Dawson Huelskamp, Zoning Administrator John Becker.

Press: Bryan Hunt, Breese Journal.

Visitors: Tony Jansen, Ashley Winter, Ron Foppe, Gina Benhoff, Kassi Petterson, Kurt Peters, Ryan Ketchum, Chris Niemeyer, AG Becker, Steve Kalmer, John Winter, Mary Jo Varel, Doug Ratermann, Connor Detmer, Jason ?, Lauren Jeffries, John Jeffries, Frank Richter, Blake J., Nathan Vandelloo, Ryan Litteken, Jason Litteken.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Eversgerd, second by Usselmann to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 7, 2023 and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mayor Timmermann explained that this is not a public forum to discuss the 1% sales tax referendum. Each party will be given 5 minutes to present their facts.

Mayor called on John Winter with the Main Street Car Cruise. Mr. Winter requested permission to hold the Main Street Car Cruise on May 5th. He stated it will be basically the same as last year, but will be starting on 3rd Street, down to almost Broadway. Motion by Schleper, second by Davinroy to approve car cruise. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ryan Ketchum with District 12 spoke on the 1% sales tax for the schools that will be on the April ballot. He explained the need for the tax, citing new classrooms and safety.

Frank Richter, representing a Concerned Citizens Group, spoke against the need for the 1% sales tax referendum. The group believes 8.25% sales tax is too high, along with the already too high property taxes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE:

No Report.

UTILITIES:

No Report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Motion by Ratermann, second by Schleper to pass the MFT Resolution for maintenance for FY-2024. The resolution appropriates \$225,000 of Motor Fuel Tax for the maintenance of roads in the city. On roll call voting "aye": Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselman, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer. Absent: Terry Fields. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratermann, second by Davinroy to approve Hank's Excavating PE #16 for the Cherry Street project in the amount of \$63,717.97. On roll call voting "aye": Tim Schleper, Gary Usselman, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Carl Ratermann. Absent: Terry Fields. Motion carried.

Alderman Ratermann reported that the Cherry Street project is completely open, with only striping remaining to complete the project. Downtown revitalization will begin soon.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Police Chief asked citizens to not blow grass clippings into the streets, as it clogs up the storm sewers.

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. Regular rates go into effect April 1st.

Fischer stated the next park board meeting is March 22nd in City Hall starting at 6:00 PM.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

No Report.

ZONING:

Motion by Davinroy, second by Eversgerd to deny petition filed by Michael Lohman to amend zoning classification on a lot North of 210 N. Haag St. The zoning board voted to deny petition. On roll call voting "aye": Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper. Absent: Terry Fields. Motion carried.

Motion by Davinroy, second by Eversgerd to approve the findings of fact and conclusion for a variance filed by Litteken Construction for their office addition. On roll call voting "aye": Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann. Absent: Terry Fields. Motion carried.

Motion by Davinroy, second by Schleper to approve variance for Litteken Construction. On roll call voting "aye": Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen. Absent: Terry Fields. Motion carried.

Motion by Davinroy, second by Schleper to approve the plat for Karl Abert's First Subdivision. A 1-lot subdivision located within 1.5 miles of the City of Breese. On roll call voting "aye": Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy. Absent: Terry Fields. Motion carried.

HEALTH:

Alderman Eversgerd reported spring cleanup is schedule for April 22nd at the street department from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. No tires, construction material, electronics, or yard waste will be accepted. Notice will be posted on the city Facebook page.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Timmermann brought up elections. He stated he has seen only a 10-15% voter turnout for previous municipal spring elections. He stated with the previous talk about the referendum, people need to get out and vote. Please get out and vote, every election is important!

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 7:52 PM

Non-verbatim minutes taken by: _____


Sandy Hemann, City Clerk