

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * APRIL 1, 2025

Minutes of the 47th 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, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann.

City Officials: Street Supt. Tom Tebbe; Public Works Director Don Voss; Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering; Business Administrator Trevor Schubert; EMS Operations Mgr. Allen Pollmann; Police Chief Mark Berndsen; Police Sgt. Kurt Detmer; Deputy City Clerk Jackie Hummert; Zoning Administrator John Becker; City Attorney Joanne Stevenson.

Press: Matt Wilson, Breese Journal.

Visitors: Dan Robben, Jeff Jung, Lucas Essenpreis, Doug Ratermann, Nicholas Morris, Mike Morris, Melissa Howard, Christi Howard, Janice Hemann, Gray Creek, Brad Jones, John Winter, Shay Schroeder, Heidy Salinas.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Ratermann, second by Berndsen to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 18, 2025, and placed on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Winter with the Clinton County Car Club asked for permission to hold their Main Street Car Cruise on May 2, 2025. He also asked that parking not be allowed on Main Street at 4:00 PM. Motion by Davinroy, second by Eversgerd to approve the Car Cruise. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Janis Hemann with Dutchmen Tavern is having their 30th anniversary celebration on April 5th and asked to close the East 1/4 block of N. 1st Street because they are having a band on their rear property. Motion by Usselmann, second by Berndsen to approve the celebration. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Christi Howard with Southside Tavern asked why they are not allowed to participate in the pub crawl activities being held by local bars. She said she was told Southside Tavern is now allowed. The council stated that she is allowed, but that no open containers are allowed on the streets.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

No Report.

UTILITIES:

Motion by Berndsen, second by Eversgerd to approve an ordinance amending the Net Metering Policy regarding the fair solar credit rate. Berndsen stated the ordinance is keeping the current rate of 5.456 per kw hour. On roll call voting "aye": Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Motion by Ratermann, second by Eversgerd to approve a supplemental MFT appropriation resolution in the amount of \$165,000.00 for Mine Street Materials. On roll call voting "aye": Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratermann, second by Fischer to award the MFT bid for bituminous materials, HFE-150 to Evergreen Roadworks LLC in the amount of \$2.81 per ton for a total of \$67,440.00. On roll call voting "aye": Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer. Motion carried.

Motion by Ratermann, second by Eversgerd to award the MFT bid for Seal Coat Aggregate to Beelman Logistics LLC in the amount of \$19.18 per ton for a total of \$21,481.60. On roll call voting "aye": Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige. Motion carried.

Alderman Ratermann stated the city-wide cleanup is scheduled for April 26th from 9:00 – 3:00 at the Street Department.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

No Report.

RECREATION:

Alderman Davinroy thanked the street department on the good job they are doing constructing the new playground equipment at NorthPark. He stated the new backboards and lighting are up at the basketball courts. He also stated they are in the process of ordering fencing for the dog park, so we are making some progress there.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

Motion by Usselmann, second by Berndsen to waive competitive bidding and approve Litteken Construction quote for metal siding at the Breese Activity Center in the amount of \$63,910.00. On roll call voting "aye": Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann. Motion carried.

ZONING:

Motion by Fischer, second by Eversgerd to approve an ordinance amending the Breese Zoning code to include Solar and Wind Energy Systems. On roll call voting "aye": Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper. Motion carried.

Motion by Fischer, second by Hellige to approve an ordinance to re-zone part of the parcel located at 732 N. 4th Street from R-1 to C-2. The parcel is owned by Daniel Horstmann. On roll call voting "aye": Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

Motion by Fischer, second by Schleper to approve an ordinance amending the Breese Building Codes and Fire Regulations. This ordinance will adopt the most current version any time there is a change or update. On roll call voting "aye": Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen. Motion carried.

HEALTH:

Alderman Hellige reported the leaf dump will open on until April 6th on Wednesday and Sunday from 12:00–4:00, and Saturdays 10:00-4:00.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Timmermann re-appointed Rhonda Pulver to the zoning board. Motion by Eversgerd, second by Ratermann to approve the re-appointment. On roll call voting "aye": Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Robert Berndsen, Jason Davinroy. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

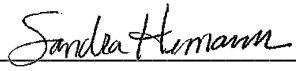
NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.

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