

## **BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING \* JUNE 17, 2025**

Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> 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: Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann. Absent: Dan Robben.

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, EMS Operations Mgr. Allen Pollmann, Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte, Park Custodian Bruce Kruep, Business Admin. Trevor Schubert.

Press: Matt Wilson, Breese Journal.

Visitors: Tara Whitaker, Christopher Jansen, Shelby Jansen, Liam Jansen, Larry Jansen, Marlene Jansen, Lisa Gurley, Delayni Davinroy.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Motion by Jung, seconded by Hellige to approve the minutes of the meeting held on June 3, 2025, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Essenpreis, seconded by Hellige to authorize payment of the bills, City Collector and City Treasurer Report. On roll call voting "aye": Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung. Absent: Dan Robben. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Tara Whitaker presented donations and thank you cards to the Breese Ambulance, Breese Fire, and Breese Police Departments. Each department received \$3165.00. The donations and cards were collected at the Tunes for Tara & Maci's Heroes benefit held to support the First Responders that were on the scene of their motor vehicle accidents. Mayor Timmermann thanked her for her generosity.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **FINANCE:**

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Usselmann to approve the Jansen Ford Redevelopment Agreement in the amount of \$1,797,000. On roll call voting "aye": Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper. Absent: Dan Robben. Motion carried.

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Davinroy to approve a contract with Peckham Guyton Albers & Viets Inc. for economic development services not to exceed \$25,000. On roll call voting "aye": Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann. Absent: Dan Robben. Motion carried.

### **UTILITIES:**

Motion by Schleper, seconded by Davinroy to purchase a 2025 F-150 XL from Jansen Ford in the amount of \$45,207.41. On roll call voting “aye”: Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy. Absent: Dan Robben. Motion carried.

Don Voss announced that the Water Department will start flushing lines starting Wednesday 6/18/25.

### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

Alderman Ratermann reported that North Cherry Street will be closed between 12<sup>th</sup> St & 13<sup>th</sup> St. while the Street Department replaces a culvert.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Motion by Hellige, seconded by Davinroy to hire Christopher Jansen as a full-time police officer with a start date of 7/2/25. On roll call voting “aye”: Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann. Absent: Dan Robben. Motion carried.

Chief Mark Berndsen swore in Officer Christopher Jansen.

Allen Pollmann stated the Ambulance Department is accepting teams for their Annual EMS Golf Scramble on 8/2/25.

Chief Mark Berndsen let the council know that he has been leaving notes on residents’ doors reminding them not to blow grass clippings into the street. The Police Department will start issuing fines if the offense continues. Berndsen also reported on an incident that involved a suspicious vehicle in Bartelso and warned Breese citizens to be aware of their surroundings.

### **RECREATION:**

Alderman Davinroy thanked the city crews that completed the new playground at North Side Park.

Alderman Davinroy reminded the public to exercise caution during sports events at the parks. He asked that everyone follow the 30-minute rule regarding lightning in the area.

### **PUBLIC BUILDINGS:**

Alderman Usselmann reported that Litteken Construction has completed the siding replacement at the Breese Activity Center.

Alderman Usselmann stated he scheduled a Public Buildings committee meeting with the Library Board and Jason Litteken to review the renovation plans for the Library. The meeting will be held at the Breese Library on 6/23/25 at 6:30 pm.

### **ZONING:**

No Report.

**HEALTH:**

Alderman Essenpreis is planning to schedule a committee meeting to implement a Return-to-Work Policy for City employees. The policy is required by the IML Risk Management Association by 9/1/25.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

No Report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jackie Hummert, City Clerk