

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * JULY 15, 2025

Minutes of the 6th 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, Dan Robben, Tim Schleper.

Absent: Gary Usselmann.

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Electric Operations Mgr. Jason Deering, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Police Sgt. Kurt Detmer, Park Custodian Bruce Kruep, Business Admin. Trevor Schubert, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson, Zoning Admin. John Becker.

Press: None.

Visitors: John Neff, Lillian Neff, Joe Feist, Corey Knapp.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Motion by Jung, seconded by Robben to approve the minutes of the meeting held on July 1, 2025, and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

John Neff is affiliated with Champion Sports Academy, an organization that does girls flag football, and wants to start a program for girls in Clinton County that would be based in Breese. The program would run year-round and help girls develop into the sport as it's growing. Mayor Timmermann suggested John partner with the YMCA since they already have flag football and run similar developmental programs.

Joe Feist attended to address neighborhood complaints against the Clinton County softball league at North Side Park. The council discussed possibly moving the league to another park and field. The council also requested the league use limited flight balls. Alderman Essenpreis said he would contact the league's president about a solution.

Corey Knapp requested to block off Pine Street between N. 2nd & N. 3rd for a neighborhood party on August 30th. He plans to have a small gathering of neighbors and music from 2pm to 5pm. Motion by Davinroy, seconded by Schleper to approve the party and street closure. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Motion by Robben, seconded by Schleper to approve the FY-2026 Appropriation ordinance in the amount of \$40,855,181.61. On roll call voting "aye": Dan Robben, Tim Schleper, Jason Davinroy, Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann. Absent: Gary Usselmann. Motion carried.

UTILITIES:

No report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Alderman Ratermann reported that the middle of town between the railroad and Hwy 50 will be oiled and chipped on July 22nd & July 24th with a rain date of July 25th.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Alderman Hellige thanked Officer Lohman for his quick response to a fire at his parent's house. Hellige also commended the Breese Fire Dept for their help.

Alderman Hellige reminded everyone that the EMS Golf Scramble is August 2nd at Bent Oak Golf Course.

RECREATION:

Alderman Davinroy mentioned that the Breese Optimist Club is hosting their Dive-in Movie at the Breese Pool Wednesday, August 6th at 7:30 pm.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS:

No report.

ZONING:

Alderman Jung stated he has been communicating with McKay Manor regarding fixing their fence.

HEALTH:

Alderman Essenpreis stated the Health Committee is finalizing 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

Mayor Timmermann shared information he received regarding the Big Beautiful Bill. He stated the bill will cost the Breese Ambulance 4% of their revenue from Medicare.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

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