

## **BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING \* MAY 6, 2025**

Minutes of the 49<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: Robert Berndsen, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselman. Remotely: Jason Davinroy.

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Electric Mgr. Jason Deering, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, City Business Admin. Trevor Schubert, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson, Deputy Clerk Jackie Hummert, EMS Operations Mgr. Allen Pollmann, Golf Course Supt. Paul Smith, Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte, Zoning Admin John Becker, Park Custodian Bruce Kruep, City Treasurer Bob Venhaus.

Press: Matt Wilson, Breese Journal.

Visitors: Dan Robben, Luke Essenpreis, Jeff Jung, Carol Venhaus, Mary Berndsen, Michael Berndsen, Deb Berndsen, Jon Hummert, Stella Hummert, Elise Hummert, Dale Detmer, Dana Timmermann, Sally Norrenberns, Melissa Hilmes, Shane Schlarmann, Olivia Hilmes, Makenna Ricklefs, Jady Kneder, Johnnie Lindley, Holden Renfrow, Gihovani Tehandon, Corbin Hilmes, Roger Foster, Ethan Beel, Bernice Voss, Jeremy Hilmes, Joyce Huelsmann, Ethan Korte, Alyssa Schaefer, Ethan Luebbers, Genaro Ballinas Jr.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Motion by Eversgerd, seconded by Schleper to allow Jason Davinroy to attend the meeting remotely. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Fischer, seconded by Hellige to approve the minutes of the meeting held on April 15, 2025 and place on file. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Joyce Huelsmann attended to promote Poppy Days on May 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. She asked for permission to solicit donations at the intersections of N 2<sup>nd</sup> St & Clinton St and Rt. 50 & St. Rose Rd. Motion by Eversgerd, seconded by Berndsen to allow soliciting donations. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Dana Timmermann and Sally Norrenberns notified City Officials that they will host a fundraiser event for Whispering Pines of Clinton County at the Breese American Legion on August 16<sup>th</sup>. They asked permission to close the alley and a section of N 6<sup>th</sup> St for handicap parking. Motion by Schleper, seconded by Eversgerd to allow blocking the section of N 6<sup>th</sup> St. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **FINANCE:**

No Report.

### **UTILITIES:**

Motion by Berndsen, seconded by Schleper to purchase an AMI (Advanced Metering Infrastructure) System from Open Access Technology International in the amount of \$426,215. The new meter system will replace the current electric meters and reading software. On roll call voting "aye": Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselman, Bob Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd. Motion carried.

Motion by Berndsen, seconded by Eversgerd to approve an agreement with VIPower Services for Electric PLC Replacement in the amount of \$460,000. VIPower will upgrade the controls on EMD #5, and the SCADA between the power plant and substation. On roll call voting "aye": Steve Hellige, Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselman, Bob Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

Motion by Ratermann, seconded by Fischer to approve a service agreement with iWorQ Systems in the amount of \$15,250. iWorQ Systems is a work order software that includes fleet management, rental inspection, and cemetery modules. On roll call voting "aye": Carl Ratermann, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselman, Bob Berndsen, Jason Davinroy, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Steve Hellige. Motion Carried.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Alderman Schleper noted that Officer Keith Wempe is leaving the law enforcement field to return to his former employer. The Breese Police Department is looking at their current part-time officers to replace Wempe.

Chief Mark Berndsen reminded residents to be mindful of keeping up with lawncare and to please avoid blowing cut grass into the streets. He also stated that the Breese Police will be increasing the fines and mowing costs.

### **RECREATION:**

Alderman Davinroy reported there is a Dog Park Committee meeting scheduled May 7<sup>th</sup> at the Soccer Park at 7 p.m. to discuss project lay out and timeline.

### **PUBLIC BUILDINGS:**

No Report.

**ZONING:**

No Report.

**HEALTH:**

No Report.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Timmermann presented plaques to Aldermen Bob Berndsen, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer and City Clerk Sandy Hemann. He thanked them for their achievements and service to the City of Breese. Most notably Mayor Timmermann celebrated Bob Berndsen's 50 years as chairman of the Utilities Committee.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Berndsen, seconded by Usselmann to adjourn after no further business was brought before the Council. Motion Carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

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

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### **REORGANIZATION MEETING**

Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Reorganization Meeting of the Breese City Council held on the above date.

The first order of business was the swearing-in of the newly elected officials:

Mayor	Kevin Timmermann
City Treasurer	Robert Venhaus
City Clerk	Jackie Hummert
Aldersperson Ward 1	Daniel Robben
Aldersperson Ward 2	Jeff Jung
Aldersperson Ward 3	Steve Hellige
Aldersperson Ward 4	Luke Essenpreis

Aldermen in attendance: Luke Essenpreis, Steve Hellige, Jeff Jung, Carl Ratermann, Daniel Robben, Tim Schleper, Gary Usselmann. Remotely: Jason Davinroy.

City Officials: Public Works Mgr. Don Voss, Street Supt. Tom Tebbe, Electric Mgr. Jason Deering, Police Chief Mark Berndsen, City Business Admin. Trevor Schubert, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson, EMS Operations Mgr. Allen Pollmann, Golf Course Supt. Paul Smith, Clubhouse Mgr. Doug Schulte, Park Custodian Bruce Kruep, Zoning Admin. John Becker.

Press: Matt Wilson, Breese Journal.

Visitors: Robert Berndsen, Mary Agnes Berndsen, Michael Berndsen, Deb Berndsen, Carol Venhaus, Jon Hummert, Stella Hummert, Elise Hummert, Dale Detmer, Sandy Hemann, Bryan Eversgerd, Bill Fischer, Bernice Voss.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Mayor Timmermann presented the committee assignments for the period May 2025 – April 2027. The first name is chairman of the committee:

### **FINANCE:**

Robben, Schleper, Davinroy, Usselmann, Jung, Hellige, Ratermann, Essenpreis.

### **PUBLIC WORKS—UTILITIES:**

Schleper, Davinroy, Ratermann, Essenpreis.

### **PUBLIC WORKS—STREETS/DRAINAGE:**

Ratermann, Jung, Schleper, Hellige.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Hellige, Usselman, Essenpreis, Robben.

### **RECREATION:**

Davinroy, Robben, Essenpreis, Hellige.

### **PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:**

Usselman, Jung, Essenpreis, Robben.

### **ZONING/BUILDING INSPECTION:**

Jung, Davinroy, Essenpreis, Hellige.

### **HEALTH & WELFARE:**

Essenpreis, Ratermann, Usselman, Robben.

Motion by Schleper seconded by Hellige to approve the committee assignments. On roll call voting “aye”: Davinroy, Essenpreis, Hellige, Jung, Ratermann, Robben, Schleper, Usselman. Motion carried.

Mayor Timmermann presented City Official appointments for the period May 2025 – April 2029 as follows:

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| • Don Voss         | Public Works Director / Building Inspector |
| • Jason Deering    | Electric Operations Manager                |
| • Tom Tebbe        | Street Superintendent                      |
| • Trevor Schubert  | City Business Administrator                |
| • Jackie Hummert   | City Collector                             |
| • John J. Becker   | Zoning Administrator                       |
| • Joanne Stevenson | City Attorney                              |
| • Mark Berndsen    | Chief of Police                            |
| • Allen Pollmann   | EMS Operations Manager                     |
| • Paul Smith       | Golf Course Superintendent                 |
| • Doug Schulte     | Clubhouse Manager / Swim Pool Manager      |
| • Bruce Kruep      | Park Supervisor                            |

Motion by Jung seconded by Schleper to approve the appointments. On roll call voting "aye":  
Essenpreis, Hellige, Jung, Ratermann, Robben, Schleper, Usselmann, Davinroy. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Usselmann seconded by Hellige to adjourn after no further business was brought before the Council. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

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