

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING \* DECEMBER 20, 2011

Minutes of the proceeding of the 16<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of the Breese City Council held in City Hall on the above date.

Mayor Charles E. Hilmes called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Aldermen in attendance: Robert Berndsen, Bill Fischer, Debbie Koetting, Carl Ratermann, Paul Steinman, Norb Tebbe, Kevin Timmermann, Gary Usselmann.

City Officials: Utility Plant Operations Manager Dale Detmer, Public Works Manager Don Voss, City Business Administrator Tim Schleper, Police Chief Bob Fix, City Attorney Joanne Stevenson.

Press: Vicky Albers, Breese Journal.  
Mark Hodapp, Carlyle Union Banner.  
Amber McCoy, Centralia Sentinel.

Visitors: Harold Palmer, Lois Palmer.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Motion by Steinman seconded by Usselmann to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 6<sup>th</sup> and place on file. Motion Carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Koetting seconded by Fischer to authorize payment of the bills submitted at the finance and regular meetings. Further, to approve the city clerk and city treasurer reports for November. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Koetting, Ratermann, Steinman, Tebbe, Timmermann, Usselmann, Berndsen, Fischer. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Motion by Koetting seconded by Berndsen to pass Ordinance #1244 as presented. It is the 2011 Tax Levy for taxes payable in 2012. Total City Levy (less bond levies): \$668,000. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Ratermann, Steinman, Tebbe, Timmermann, Usselmann, Berndsen, Fischer, Koetting. Motion Carried.

Motion by Koetting seconded by Tebbe to pass Ordinance #1245 as presented. It abates the tax levy for the General Obligation Bonds. Total Bond Levies: \$408,752.50. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Steinman, Tebbe, Timmermann, Usselmann, Berndsen, Fischer, Koetting, Ratermann. Motion Carried.

FINANCE (continued):

Motion by Koetting seconded by Steinman to approve the employment agreements for the eight (8) supervisors. It is a 4-year contract effective November 1, 2011. The agreements include a 4% raise on November 1, 2011 and 2% raise for each of the next three years. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Tebbe, Timmermann, Usselmann, Berndsen, Fischer, Koetting, Ratermann, Steinman. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS – UTILITIES:

Alderman Berndsen reported work has started to replace the roof on the power plant.

Motion by Berndsen seconded by Usselmann to grant a \$10 credit to those electric customers participating in the Christmas Lighting Program. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Timmermann, Usselmann, Berndsen, Fischer, Koetting, Ratermann, Steinman, Tebbe. Motion Carried.

Motion by Berndsen seconded by Koetting to pass Resolution #2011-17 as presented. It authorizes the execution of a Tower Space Lease Agreement with Breese District #12. The purpose is to improve communications between the Breese and Beckemeyer campus' as requested by District #12. The equipment will be placed on the City's north water tower. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Usselmann, Berndsen, Fischer, Koetting, Ratermann, Steinman, Tebbe, Timmermann. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS – STREET/DRAINAGE:

Motion by Timmermann seconded by Ratermann to pass Resolution #2011-18 as presented. It appropriates \$155,500 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for 2012. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Berndsen, Fischer, Koetting, Ratermann, Steinman, Tebbe, Timmermann, Usselmann. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Alderman Fischer remarked that due to the recent residential burglaries, citizens should keep their doors locked and report any suspicious behavior.

Police Chief Bob Fix noted that one of the burglars is in custody. He said the investigation is continuing.

RECREATION:

Alderman Ratermann stated the park board will meet on January 25, 2012 in city hall starting at 7:00 p.m.

HEALTH & WELFARE:

Motion by Usselmann seconded by Fischer to approve Resolution #2011-19 as presented. It authorizes the execution of a 5-year waste hauling contract with Big Dawg Disposal, Inc. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Fischer, Koetting, Ratermann, Steinman, Tebbe, Timmermann, Usselmann, Berndsen. Motion Carried.

Mayor Hilmes commented that the reason the city of Carlyle garbage rates with Big Dawg is cheaper than Breese, is that Carlyle does the billing and collection. Mayor also noted that yard waste will be collected until the year of the year. Yard waste service will continue on March 15, 2012.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Hilmes stated there was a TIF public hearing earlier to satisfy the 10-year status requirement. The hearing was held at 6:00 p.m. in city hall.

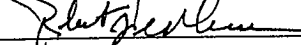
Mayor Hilmes also noted the TIF Joint Review Board met at 6:30 p.m. in city hall. He said Frank Richter attended both TIF hearings and asked various questions. Some members of the taxing bodies also were in attendance.

Mayor Hilmes thanked all the workers in the City for the dedicated service in 2011 and wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Steinman seconded by Tebbe to adjourn after no further business was brought before the Council. Motion Carried by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by:   
Robert J. Venhaus, City Clerk