

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING * DECEMBER 6, 2011

Minutes of the proceeding of the 15th 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: Susan Piazza, Tom Emling.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Motion by Tebbe seconded by Usselmann to approve the minutes of the meetings held on November 14 & 15, 2011. Motion Carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Timmermann seconded by Koetting to authorize payment of the bills submitted. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Timmermann, Usselmann, Berndsen, Fischer, Koetting, Ratermann, Steinman, Tebbe. Motion Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE:

Susan Piazza of Republic Services (Allied) and Tom Emling of Big Dawg Disposal explained their proposals for garbage and yard waste. Republic submitted a bid which included yard waste and would have automated pickup. Big Dawg gave a bid for garbage and an optional yard waste charge. Susan of Republic was prepared to give the Council a price for garbage only along with optional yard waste. Upon advice from the city attorney, the Council denied the request. After some discussion it was decided to accept the bid of Big Dawg.

Motion by Tebbe seconded by Berndsen to accept the garbage bid from Big Dawg Disposal. The contract runs from 2012 to 2016 with the company to do the billing. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Usselmann, Berndsen, Fischer, Koetting, Ratermann, Steinman, Tebbe, Timmermann. Motion Carried.

FINANCE (continued):

Motion by Koetting seconded by Steinman to pass Ordinance #1243 as presented. It authorizes the execution of the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement for 2012. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Berndsen, Fischer, Koetting, Ratermann, Steinman, Tebbe, Timmermann, Usselmann. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS – UTILITIES:

Alderman Berndsen commented on letters city electric customers have been receiving from various power companies. They are offering lower rates but explained municipal electric companies are exempt. He said since the City belongs to the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency, it already offers low electric rates.

PUBLIC WORKS – STREETS/DRAINAGE:

Alderman Timmermann reported Holy Cross Lane is now open and the sidewalk leading to the soccer park has been completed. He also reminded residents to observe the snow routes during snowstorms.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Motion by Fischer seconded by Koetting to pass Resolution #2011-16. It approves the HEART/WRERA and PPA Amendments to the City of Breese 457 (b) Plan. This is required in order to be in compliance with IRS. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Fischer, Koetting, Ratermann, Steinman, Tebbe, Timmermann, Usselmann, Berndsen. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:

Alderman Tebbe noted that the Library is now set up for e-readers.

HEALTH & WELFARE:

Alderman Usselmann reported the last day the Jansen leaf dump will be open is December 18.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Charlie Hilmes made the following comments:

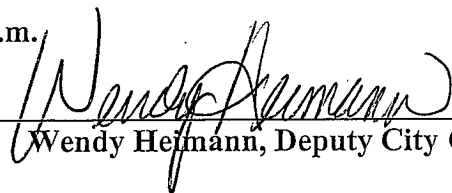
- December 9 - Downtown Stroll.
- December 11 – Chamber of Commerce Christmas House Tours. Tickets available at Beyond the Garden Gate.
- December 20 – TIF Public Hearing starting at 6 p.m. in city hall.
- December 20 – Joint Review Board meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. in city hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Steinman seconded by Timmermann to adjourn after no further business was brought before the Council.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by:


 Wendy Heilmann, Deputy City Clerk