

BREESE CITY COUNCIL MEETING \* FEBRUARY 7, 2012

Minutes of the proceeding of the 19<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. Absent: 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, EMS Director Michael Berndsen. Also, Officer Kurt Detmer.

Press: Vicky Albers, Breese Journal.  
Mark Hodapp, Carlyle Union Banner.

Visitors: Nathan Bedard.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Motion by Tebbe seconded by Steinman to approve the minutes of the meetings held on January 16 & 17, 2012 and place on file. Motion Carried by unanimous voice vote.

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

Nathan Bedard stated he was representing his establishment Gridiron Grill, along with Dutchman's and Turf Lounge. They were seeking approval to hold their "Mardi Gras" event on February 18<sup>th</sup> from 8 p.m. – midnight.

Motion by Fischer seconded by Koetting to approve the request. However, if there were any problems involving the midnight deadline, changes may have to be made for next year. Also, glass bottles and coolers prohibited outside the taverns. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Berndsen, Fischer, Koetting, Ratermann, Steinman, Tebbe, Timmermann. Absent: Usselmann. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC WORKS – STREETS/DRAINAGE:

Alderman Timmermann noted the deficiencies on the recently improved Holy Cross Lane will be addressed this Spring.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Motion by Fischer seconded by Berndsen to authorize the city attorney to prepare ordinances establishing stop signs at the intersection of North 1<sup>st</sup> and Walnut; and North 3<sup>rd</sup> and Walnut. Presently there are Yield signs controlling traffic. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Fischer, Koetting, Ratermann, Steinman, Tebbe, Timmermann, Berndsen. Absent: Usselmann. Motion Carried.

Police Chief Bob Fix stated those intersections have the most accidents and the stop signs should help.

Alderman Fischer brought up the "emergency notification system". This system would notify residents via phone or internet when emergencies arise including tornados, boil orders or other notifications. The annual cost would be \$1,200 and participation is optional. Action to be taken at the next meeting.

RECREATION:

Alderman Ratermann stated some cart paths are being fixed at the golf course.

ZONING/BUILDING INSPECTION:

Mayor Hilmes reported he was recently notified by John Huelskamp of Community Link that they purchased a home on North 12<sup>th</sup> Street which they will use as a CILA (Community Integrated Living Arrangement) home. Although the property is zoned R-1, per the CILA laws it is a permitted use. Currently, there are three CILA's in town.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:


Motion by Timmermann seconded by Steinman to pass Resolution #2012-1 as presented. It is a resolution of support for the continuing operation of the Warren G. Murray Center in Centralia, IL. On Roll Call Voting "aye": Koetting, Ratermann, Steinman, Tebbe, Timmermann, Berndsen, Fischer. Absent: Usselmann. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Non-verbatim minutes taken by:

  
Robert J. Venhaus, City Clerk