

**Finance Committee Meeting
Monday, March 16, 2026
Red Bud City Hall
Council Chambers (2nd floor)**

Committee Members Present: Patrick Mueller, Jeremy DeMond, Bill Hanebutt, Rodney Nevois, Alan Piel

Committee Members Absent: None

Council Members Present: Bryce Parsons, Kyle Donjon

Council Members Absent: Curt Guebert

Others Present: Mayor Susan Harbaugh, Attorney Rebecca Cooper, City Superintendent Josh Eckart, Code Adm./City Engineer Jeff Mueller, Police Chief John Brittingham, Administrative Officer Jill Landgraf, City Clerk Joanne Cowell, Finance Officer Liz Cowell

Pledge of Allegiance

Committee Chairman Mueller called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Old Business

I. Elected Official Salary Review

An Elected Officials Salary Review Schedule was included in the packets. Option 3 is a simple cost of living adjustment of 2002 dollars into today's dollars. The compensation for elected officials was last updated in 2002, Ordinance No. 1049.

Recommendation made by Committee Member Hanebutt, seconded by Committee Member Nevois, to approve the Elected Officials Annual Salary, Option 3. (Clerk Note: Mayor - \$15,717, Alderperson - \$5,047 plus \$90/meeting attended for council and committee meetings only, Clerk - \$9,008, Treasurer - \$2,703) effective with newly elected/re-elected officials in 2027 and 2029. Carried

II. Planning Commission Stipend Review

The suggested Planning Commission Stipend Review was discussed. The suggested rates would be effective for all meetings where there is a quorum, regardless of whether hearings are held. Code Adm. Jeff Mueller asked if there was any consideration of increasing hearing fees. The fee is currently \$200. If the fee is raised to \$300, it would cover the stipend fee, but not the mailing and publication costs. \$300 is in line with other area municipality fees, and some add postage and publication costs to the fee. The fee will be put on the next committee meeting agenda for further discussion.

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Mueller, seconded by Committee Member Nevois, to approve the Planning Commission Stipend as presented in the packet. (Clerk Note: Member - \$25, Secretary - \$50, if taken and typed by a commission member, Chairman - \$75) effective after the April 6, 2026, council meeting. Carried

New Business

I. Approval of Prior Month's Meeting Minutes – February 16, 2026

Recommendation made by Committee Member Nevois, seconded by Committee Member Piel, to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2026, meeting. Carried

II. CD Information

- A. Maturing CDs
None

III. Financial Dashboard

Chairman Mueller reviewed the financial summary. The budget is at 83% of the year, the revenue is at 134% of the budget, while expenses are at 58% of the budget, with a cash balance of \$737,933.35. Total capital expenditures for FY'26 are \$1,529,754, which makes the adjusted net income for the fiscal year \$786,836. The total real estate monies received are \$820,953.62.

IV. FY'27 Budget & Capital Plans

Finance Officer Liz Cowell explained the first-draft handouts in the packet for the FY'27 budget and capital plans for council review.

V. Volunteer Month Contributions – Parks & Rec., Ec. Dev., Planning Commission
Recommendation made by Committee Member Piel, seconded by Committee Member Nevois, to authorize approval of a \$20 contribution in honor of National Volunteer Month for each of the thirty members of the Parks and Recreation Committee, Economic Development Committee and Planning Commission Committee, to the Community Foundation of Red Bud, for a total of \$600. Carried

VI. Annual Chamber Dinner – Authorization for City Officials to Attend
Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Mueller, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to approve paying \$75 per person to the Annual Red Bud Chamber of Commerce Dinner on April 10, 2026, for any interested city official, including department heads. Carried

VII. Real Estate Agreement and Contract – Ordinance No. 1574
Recommendation made by Committee Member Hanebutt, seconded by Committee Member Nevois, to approve ORDINANCE NO. 1574: “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SALE OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED REAL ESTATE WITHIN RED BUD BUSINESS PARK” selling lot #30 to Cameron Mueth, of Evergreen Lawn Service, LLC, for \$29,000. Carried

VIII. Video Gaming Revenue Distribution

Mayor Harbaugh said that moving some of the gaming monies from the park to the city hall lighting project and to the police equipment and fire arms funding will not hurt the parks at all.

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Mueller, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to approve allocating video gaming dollars for March and April 2026, to the city hall lighting project and the May 2026 gaming dollars to the Police Department. Thereafter, video gaming dollars are to be credited to the parks fund. Carried

IX. Approval to Proceed with ITEP Grant Planning

This will give Jill Landgraf the approval to get the leg work done for the grant planning.

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Mueller, seconded by Committee Member DeMond, to approve proceeding with the ITEP grant planning. Carried

X. Public Comments/Anything for the Good of the City

Chairman Mueller wanted it noted that the salary increases for the elected officials will not go into effect until after the municipal elections in 2027 and 2029.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk
Red Bud, Illinois