

**CITY OF RED BUD, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025
Red Bud City Hall
City Council Chambers**

The City Council of Red Bud, Randolph County, Illinois met on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. at the Red Bud City Hall, Council Chambers.

Members Present: Mayor Susan Harbaugh, Ben Schwartzkopf, Curt Guebert, Mike Rheinecker (Remotely), Bill Hanebutt, Jeremy DeMond, Rodney Nevois, Alan Piel

Members Absent: Kyle Donjon

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

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Call to Order at 6:00 P.M.

III. Roll Call by City Clerk Joanne Cowell
Council Member Rheinecker requested electronic meeting attendance. It was approved by Council Members Schwartzkopf, Guebert, Hanebutt, DeMond, Nevois and Piel.

IV. Approval of Financial Statements

Motion made by Council Member Nevois, seconded by Council Member Hanebutt to approve the Financial Statements as presented and file for audit. The vote was as follows: Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye; Rheinecker (Remotely), aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Piel, aye. Motion carried.

V. Approval of Estimated and Listed Bills

Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Guebert to approve the estimated and listed bills. The vote was as follows: Guebert, aye; Rheinecker (Remotely), aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Piel, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye. Motion carried.

VI. Consideration of any Additional Bills
None

VII. Correspondence, Public and Guest Comments

- A. Girl Scout Week Proclamation
Mayor Harbaugh invited the Girl Scouts present to stand as she read a Proclamation, declaring March 9-15, 2025, as Girl Scout Week.

VIII. Consent Agenda—Items Originated at Committee Level

Please note: Items with ** were removed from the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda – Items Originated at Committee Level as Indicated in ()

- A. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes from February 3 & 17, 2025
Authorization of approval of City Council Meeting Minutes from February 3 and 17, 2025

Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Guebert, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda items A through J. The vote was as follows: Rheinecker (Remotely), aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Piel, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.

- B. Approval of Red Bud Fire Department Request to Sell Equipment and Use Proceeds to Purchase New Equipment (Finance)
Authorization of approval to proceed with their plan to sell Units 4618 and 4615 by sealed bid and use the funds to outfit Unit 4619 with an Extendedobed and camper shell, etc.

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- C. Approval to Advertise for a Full-Time Police Officer (Public Health & Safety)
Authorization of approval to advertise for a full-time police officer, with the understanding that the position will not be available until the start of the new fiscal year.

Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Guebert, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda items A through J. The vote was as follows: Rheinecker (Remotely), aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Piel, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.

- D. Approval to Purchase Eight Rifles from Loyal 9 MFG., NTE \$18,000 (Public Health & Safety)
Authorization of approval of the proposal from Loyal 9 Mfg., for the purchase of eight rifles, NTE \$18,000

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- E. Approval of Buena Vista Bank Request to Host Easter Egg Hunt at Ratz Park on April 12, 2025, at 1:00 PM (Cultural)
Authorization of approval of the request from Buena Vista Bank to host an Easter Egg Hunt at Ratz Park on April 12, 2025, at 1:00 PM

Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Guebert, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda items A through J. The vote was as follows: Rheinecker (Remotely), aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Piel, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.

- F. Approval of \$200 Bronze Level Sponsorship to Randolph County Humane Society Mural Painting Contest (Cultural)
Authorization of approval of the request from the Randolph County Humane Society to sponsor the Mural Contest at the bronze level of \$200

Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Guebert, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda items A through J. The vote was as follows: Rheinecker (Remotely), aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Piel, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.

- G. Approval of Randolph County StartUp Request to Host 5K Color Run on March 22, 2025 (Cultural)
Authorization of approval of the request from the Randolph County StartUp to hold a 5K Run Event on March 22, 2025, as presented

Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Guebert, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda items A through J. The vote was as follows: Rheinecker (Remotely), aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Piel, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.

- H. Approval for Josh Eckart and Steve Mertz to Attend the 2025 USDI Customer Conference on March 18, 2025 (Public Works)
Authorization of approval of the training request to send Josh Eckart and Steve Mertz to the 2025 USDI Customer Conference on March 18, 2024, in Effingham, IL, with a registration fee of \$150/each, transportation is required

Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Guebert, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda items A through J. The vote was as follows: Rheinecker (Remotely), aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Piel, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.

- I. Approval to Advertise for Part-Time/Seasonal Help (Public Works)
Authorization of approval to advertise for part-time seasonal help

Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Guebert, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda items A through J. The vote was as follows: Rheinecker (Remotely), aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Piel, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.

- J. Approval of the Community Foundation of Red Bud to Move Forward with Pocket Park Project on City Hall Property (Recreational Facilities)
Authorization of approval for the Community Foundation of Red Bud to move forward with the pocket park project on City Hall property

Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Guebert, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda items A through J. The vote was as follows: Rheinecker (Remotely), aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Piel, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.

IX. Reports of Standing Committees, Departments and Other Committees, Boards & Commissions

A. Finance Committee - Meeting February 17, 2025

1. Maturing CDs

The next maturing CDs are due in May.

2. Annual Chamber Dinner – Authorization for City Officials to Attend on April 4, 2025

Please notify Kristy Cooper by March 18, 2025, if you plan to attend.

Motion made by Council Member Nevois, seconded by Council Member Hanebutt, to authorize approval to pay the fee of \$65 for any council member who would like to attend the Annual Chamber Dinner on April 4, 2025, at The Pour Vineyard. The vote was as follows: Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Piel, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye; Rheinecker (Remotely), aye. Motion carried.

B. Personnel Committee - Meeting February 17, 2025

Nothing to report

C. Public Health & Safety Committee - Meeting February 17, 2025

Nothing to report

D. Public Works Committee - Meeting February 17, 2025

Nothing to report

E. Zoning Committee - Meeting February 17, 2025

Nothing to report

F. Cultural Committee - Meeting February 17, 2025

1. Approval of Tulayne's Third Anniversary Customer Appreciation Day Request, April 5, 2025

Motion made by Council Member Schwartzkopf, seconded by Council Member DeMond, to authorize approval of the request from Tulayne's to close off the city parking lot and the first block of West South First Street, for the Third Anniversary Customer Appreciation Day on April 5, 2025. The vote was as follows: DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Piel, aye; Schwartzkopf, aye; Guebert, aye; Rheinecker (Remotely), aye; Hanebutt, aye. Motion carried.

G. Recreational Facilities – Meeting February 17, 2025

Nothing to report

H. Planning Commission – Meeting No Meeting

Nothing to report

I. Economic Development Commission – No Meeting

There will be a meeting on March 26th for a potential loan.

J. Parks and Recreation Committee – Meeting February 5, 2025

Nothing to report

X. Old Business
None

XI. New Business

A. Review of March Calendar

There will be a hearing at the Planning Commission meeting on March 18, 2025.

B. Other Comments

Superintendent Eckart reminded everyone that the annual gas training meeting with the fire department and utility department will be held on Thursday, March 6, 2025. The meal will start at 6:30 and training at 7:00 P.M. The council is invited to attend.

C. Adjournment

Motion made at 6:08 P.M. by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Guebert, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was as follows: all ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk
Red Bud, Illinois