

**Public Works Committee Meeting  
Monday, March 17, 2025  
Red Bud City Hall  
Council Chambers (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

Committee Members Present: Curt Guebert, Ben Schwartzkopf, Mike Rheinecker, Bill Hanebutt, Kyle Donjon

Committee Members Absent: None

Council Members Present: Rodney Nevois, Jeremy DeMond, Alan Piel

Council Members Absent: None

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

Others Absent: Admin. Officer Jill Landgraf

Committee Chairman Guebert called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.

Old Business

**I. Power Plant**

**A. Plant Report**

The generation runs are per schedule. The RICE-NESHAP tests are scheduled for June 9-10<sup>th</sup>. BHMGM will be on site for the annual Method 9 smoke capacity testing.

**II. Utilities/Streets**

**A. Electric**

Work for the RBBP is being planned. Eckart has received and will be reviewing the preliminary cost summary for the substation design work from BHMGM.

**B. Gas**

Nothing to report

**C. Water - Water Tower Asset Management Program**

Darin Clarke, with McGuire Iron, explained the Red Bud Asset Management Figures spreadsheet and how the program works. Mr. Clarke inspected both the north and south water towers. All the repairs needed have been incorporated into the program. Riser pipes, expansion joints and containment system are not covered under this program. The program locks in the price. Committee Member Hanebutt asked that Eckart get with Liz Cowell and present some detail as to where this money is coming from if the council decides to move forward with this program.

**D. Sewer**

Nothing to report

**E. Streets**

Street crack sealing was completed last week.

**III. Utility Rate Studies**

**A. Electric – Utility Financial Solution, LLC**

Ongoing, Eckart is waiting on details.

**IV. Succession Planning**

Nothing to report

New Business

**I. Approval of Prior Month's Meeting Minutes – Meeting February 17, 2025**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2025, meeting. Carried*

**II. The Pump Shop Proposal – Golf Course Lift Station Upgrades**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Schwartzkopf, to authorize approval of The Pump Shop/Missouri Machinery & Engineering Co. proposal for upgrades at the golf course lift station, NTE \$60,000. Carried*

**III. Fletcher-Reinhardt Proposal – Switchgear for Red Bud Business Park**

Eckart has not received the proposal but plans to have it available at the council meeting.

**IV. Training Request for Daniel Koester – IMEA Power Plant Operators Seminar – May 16, 2025**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to authorize approval of the training request to send Daniel Koester to the IMEA/IPEA/IMUA Annual Conference & Trade Show on May 16, 2025, in Springfield, IL, transportation is required. Carried*

**V. IMEA/IPEA/IMUA Annual Conference – May 15-16, 2025**

Eckart wanted to extend an invitation to the IMEA/IPEA/IMUA Annual Conference in Springfield, IL on May 15-16, 2025, if anyone is interested. The conference is free, except for lodging.

**VI. Retirement Notice – Tom Caverly**

Eckart wanted to thank Tom Caverly for his seventeen years of service to the city as electric lead lineman and wish him the best in his retirement.

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt, to authorize approval to accept the notice of retirement from Tom Caverly, effective April 1, 2025. Carried*

**VII. Approval of Hunter Bauer's 12-Month Step-Pay Increase**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Donjon, to authorize approval of Hunter Bauer's 12-month step increase of \$2.50/hour, effective with the April 16, 2025, pay period. Carried*

**VIII. Public Comments/Anything for the Good of the City**

Committee Member Schwartzkopf thanked Josh and the utility workers for their work during Friday's storm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk  
Red Bud, Illinois