

**Public Works Committee Meeting  
Monday, July 21, 2025  
Red Bud City Hall  
Council Chambers (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

Committee Members Present: Curt Guebert, Bill Hanebutt, Rodney Nevois,  
Bryce Parsons

Committee Members Absent: Kyle Donjon

Council Members Present: Jeremy DeMond, Alan Piel

Council Members Absent: Patrick Mueller

Others Present: Mayor Susan Harbaugh, City Attorney Rebecca  
Cooper, City Superintendent Josh Eckart, Police  
Chief John Brittingham, Administrative Officer  
Jill Landgraf, City Clerk Joanne Cowell

Others Absent: Code Admin./City Engineer Jeff Mueller

Committee Chairman Guebert called the meeting to order at 6:19 P.M.

Old Business

**I. Power Plant**

- A. Plant Report  
The generation run on July 17<sup>th</sup> enabling SIPC to do repair work on the  
69 line near Griggs Road ran from 7AM-noon and went well.

**II. Utilities/Streets**

- A. Electric  
The RBBP installation is upcoming.
- B. Gas  
The RBBP installation is upcoming.
- C. Water  
No update
- D. Sewer  
No update
- E. Streets  
The culvert replacement on Theodore/Rock Hill riprap should be going  
on tomorrow. Oil and chip will be done on Tuesday and Wednesday. The  
Locust Street patching and paving from Fourth Street to the Catholic  
Church is waiting on the contractors to schedule and will be done at the  
same time as the permanent street program work and by the same

contractor. Curb guttering and sidewalk replacements are coming up. The sidewalks will be finished before school starts.

III. Utility Rate Studies

- A. Electric – Utility Financial Solutions, LLC  
No update

IV. Succession Planning

No update

New Business

**I. Approval of Prior Month's Meeting Minutes – Meeting June 16, 2025**

***Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Parsons to approve the minutes from the June 16, 2025, meeting. Carried***

**II. Personnel Matter (Potential Executive Session)**

***Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt to recess into executive session under Section 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss a personnel matter, including all council members. Carried***

*The committee recessed into executive session at 6:21 P.M.*

*The committee returned from the executive session at 6:38 P.M.*

***Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt to create a Water/Wastewater Operator Position and advertise the position internally. Carried***

**III. Proposal for Replacement Sewer Rodder/Jetter (Unit #17)**

The 1996 Unit #17 will be sold on Gov.Com.

***Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Parsons to approve the proposal from Coe Equipment, Inc. for a new Vactor RamJet T3030-750 sewer rodder/jetter, NTE \$101,000.00. Carried***

**IV. Utility Tap Fee Recommendations**

Superintendent Eckart stated that the recommended increased tap fees are just to cover the city cost, not to make money on them.

***Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt to approve the Utility Tap Fee Recommendations Increases dated July 2025, and instruct the city attorney to prepare said ordinance. Carried***

**V. Acceptance of Resignation from Blake Henry**

***Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Parsons to authorize approval of Blake Henry's resignation as co-op student. Carried***

**VI. Recommendation to End Byron Schlueter's Six-Month Probationary Period**

***Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Nevois to end Byron Schlueter's six-month probationary period. Carried***

**VII. Recommendation to Transfer Funds – Electric and Gas Accounts**

***Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Parsons to authorize approval of the transfer of \$275,000 each, from the Electric and the Gas Cash Accounts to the Electric and Gas Capital Fund accounts. Carried***

**VIII. Insurance Claim Settlement Options – Damaged Transformer at Ace Hardware**

Eckart explained that Diewald Utility Services had damaged a transformer at Ace Hardware during snow removal. The city rented a transformer, but it was cheaper to buy the transformer than to rent it. Diewald's insurance is depreciating the value of the transformer by 25%. The insurance is offering \$9,450.85 for a \$12,903.36 transformer. Eckart is requesting permission to sign the insurance release. Attorney Cooper said that, basically, the city is receiving a new transformer for \$3,000.

***Recommendation made by Committee Member Nevois, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt to authorize approval of the settlement of \$9,450.85 and affixing the proper signatures to the insurance release. Carried***

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

Committee Member Hanebutt commended the city workers, who did an excellent job getting one lane of traffic opened after the street washed out from rain on Sunday.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk  
Red Bud, Illinois