

**CITY OF RED BUD
PROJECT UPDATE 2025
AS OF 03/31/2025**

FINANCE, PERSONNEL, CULTURAL, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and OTHER

COMPLETED – Updated logo – shared 1/1/2025, updated letterhead. **W2s, 1099 NECs** – issued. **OSLAD reimbursement** – \$400,000 payment received 1/17/2025. **Regional Site Readiness Program** grant of \$926,046 announced 1/29/25. **IP voice phone system** – New phone system installed including many added features.

PENDING -

- * **Senior citizens services** – Meetings held (11/14/24, 3/4/25) with the YMCA, SWIC, and Red Bud Regional Hospital to discuss how senior services can be better coordinated and delivered within the community using existing resources. Plans to broaden the offerings and search for volunteers to coordinate.
- * **Vendor ordinances** – Special permission to allow the Sweet Treats and More ice cream truck to sell in residential areas, pending 4/7/25 city council approval.
- * **Online Accessibility** - Website redesign (approved 9/3/24), creating online fillable forms, auditing form content, improving online search functions for public records, notices and ordinances. In process with spring delivery date.
- * **Virtual Workspace** - Improving efficiency and collaboration via SharePoint, Teams, cloud document sharing.
- * **Document Management** - OCR ability, historical records, audits of leases, contracts, agreements. IL State Archives team to be on hand April 15.
- * **FY2026 Budget** – process is underway. First review was March 17. Second review on April 21.

PUBLIC HEALTH and SAFETY

COMPLETED –

PENDING -

- * **Police Department equipment** –
 - New vehicle (approved 11/4/24) arrived in January, graphics marking done, equipment installation pending.
 - Tasers (approved 11/4/24) have arrived and training pending (\$15,686 grant).
 - Drone (approved 9/3/24) purchase pending grant announcement.
 - Eight (8) rifles (approved 3/3/25) are pending delivery.
- * **Police Department staffing** – The hire of an additional FT officer is pending.

PUBLIC WORKS

COMPLETED –

Water/Sewer - Ordinance 1556 revision to water and sewer rates.

PENDING –

- ***Utility Gas Management** - Long-Term Discount Program still in process.

- ***North County Country Club** – Overflow pipe work to be scheduled for spring 2025.
- ***Programmable Logic Controller upgrades** for the generators - Our service company is still in the process of reviewing options to ensure the best long-term solution for the City for servicing/maintenance. Possible cost splitting with other municipalities.
- * **Lamp posts** – Plans are to remove about ten per quarter and deliver to UltraSite. Will work into their production schedule for recoating. The first batch of 11 were delivered to UltraSite the week of March 17. Note, multi-year project.
- * **Water towers** – We are evaluating the money we have saved for this project, any grants available and the best course of action. Researching asset management programs. Presentation on March 17 from Maguire.
- * **Hydrants** – To be flushed in the spring (April) and fall (October). Pending budget restraints, damaged units are scheduled for repair in 2025.
- * **Utilities/Streets** –
 - New backhoe on order (approved 12/2/24).
 - New truck #18 with spreader on order (approved 11/6/23). Truck came in at Ed Morse Ford in December and taken to Knapheide for the remainder of the work, including spreader stand and roll tarp.
 - Truck #6 rehab parts of new bed/spreader (approved 9/3/24). New spreader was installed. The bed will be installed in early 2025.
- * **Rate studies** – Financial Solutions (approved 9/3/24) reviewing electric rates.
- * **New electric distribution station** – Preliminary design stage (approved 12/2/24).
- * **Motor Fuel Tax** - Resolution for 2025 to invest \$400,000 in various street and sidewalk improvements: oil & chip in the northwest quadrant, new culvert on Theodore/Rock Hill Dr, curb & gutter replacement on Rock Hill Dr, sidewalk replacements on S. Main St between 2nd and 3rd Streets, and full depth patching on Locust St.

ZONING, PLANNING

COMPLETED –

PENDING -

- * **Red Bud Business Park (RBBP)** – 50 acres on the east side of town to be developed in phases for light industrial and commercial businesses. Project bids opened January 16, awarded to Gelly Excavating on January 20 for a total of \$890,466.88, plus gas and electric installed by the city. Using ARPA dollars (\$473,575), 2023 and 2024 Energy Trans Comm grants (\$86,776+68,466), Regional Site Readiness Program grant (\$929,046) and city dollars to fund 7 lots in Phase 1 plus 4 lots in Phase 2.
- * **City hall updates** – Bell tower to basement assessment disclosed numerous building maintenance projects: new windows and outside trim, stabilizing the clock tower, replacement of the East entrance door, replacement of the front entrance porch, tuck pointing and masonry work in the basement, painting of the balcony door frame and iron decking/railing, storm windows in front of the stained-glass windows upstairs, painting of all features on the main entrance on Market Street, and painting of Mayors office door. Project bids opened January 16, awarded to Hunter Construction Services Inc on January 20 for a total of \$186,063 including alternates 1, 2, 3. Work began March 3.

* **Comprehensive Plan** – Approved 12/4/23 to proceed with Farnsworth Group. Phase 0-Steering Committee meetings held. Phase 1-analysis completed. Phase 2-stakeholder engagement completed (August and September meetings plus online public input 9/25/24 to 11/10/24) completed. Phase 3-draft plan meeting held January 22 with staff. (\$7,500 grant). Draft plan made available and is under review.

* **2021 International Building codes** – Adopt the 2021 codes and develop a uniformed regional approach within Monroe and Randolph counties (SB2368). J Mueller to attend training on May 8.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, PARKS & REC

COMPLETED – Community Garden – Five boxes were added. Total of 57.

PENDING -

* **Splash pad other** – Signage for rules, baby changing stations, improved features capacity. Donated shade features pending.

* **Sports Complex** – Using IMEA’s Energy Efficiency Program, lighting upgrades for diamond 1 (approved 7/1/24).

* **Dog park** – In addition to pledged large and small dog area products, plus amenities, UltraSite held a square collection (Oct 12) and a Jukebox BINGO event (Nov 16) to raise funds on the city’s behalf. Proposal from UltraSite approved 9/3/24. February 12 planning meeting held. Reviewing cost estimates for the project.

* **Swimming pool** – On 12/18/24, camera work on the pool supply lines, with intent to determine the origin of sand that is infiltrating the system. In addition, 10 test holes were drilled. Now that the weather has warmed up, we will continue with our investigation later in April. Building improvements-roof, tuckpointing and interior walls maintenance-awaiting approval at the 4/7/2025 city council meeting. Also, need to look at the “big picture” items to extend the life of the pool. The city assumes management of the pool for the 2025 season. The process to advertise and hire a pool manager and lifeguards has begun.

GRANTS

APPROVED/AWARDED -

- Regional Site Readiness grant – approval 9/3/2024 to apply, \$929,046 for RBBP announced January 29. Notice of Grant Award pending.

PENDING –

- RDMS/RISE Implementation grant – approval 6/3/2024 to apply, requested \$932,041 for RBBP, Q1 announcement expected.
- HeroFund USA Inc grant – approval 9/3/2024 to apply, requested \$23,000 for drone, April 16 announcement expected.
- IMEA Energy Efficiency program – approval 7/1/2024 to apply, accessing \$47,739.84 for Sports Complex lighting.

For questions about any of these projects, please call 618-282-2315.