

**CITY OF RED BUD
PROJECT UPDATE 2025
AS OF 06/30/2025**

FINANCE, PERSONNEL, CULTURAL, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and OTHER

COMPLETED – Updated logo shared 1/1/25. W2s, 1099 NECs issued. OSLAD reimbursement of \$400,000 received 1/17/25. **Regional Site Readiness Program** grant of \$926,046 announced 1/29/25. **IP voice phone system** – New phone system installed. **Vendor ordinances** – Special permission to allow the Sweet Treats and More ice cream truck. **RDMS/RISE Implementation** grant of \$932,041 announced 4/22/25. **FY2026 Budget, Capital Plans, Appropriation Ordinance** approved. **Finance guidelines** approved. **MRTD Go Local** program renewed. **Façade grant** program extension approved.

PENDING -

- * **Senior citizens services** – Meetings held with community partners to discuss how senior services can be better coordinated and delivered using existing resources. Roll out of name and branding in July.
- * **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, draft pages shared.
- * **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 was on hand April 15.
- * **America250** - planning has begun. July meeting pending.
- * **Enterprise Zone** – Updates to the zone pending. Inclusion of new residential pending.
- * **Housing needs discussion** – began at the May 28 Economic Development Commission meeting.
- * **FY2025 financial audit** – in process

PUBLIC HEALTH and SAFETY

COMPLETED –

Police Department staffing – Additional FT officer approved. **Police Department equipment** – Tire deflation devices.

PENDING -

- * **Police Department equipment** –
 - New vehicle (approved 11/4/24) arrived in January, graphics marking done, equipment installation pending (mid-August).
 - Tasers (approved 11/4/24) have arrived and training pending (\$15,686 grant).
 - Drone (approved 9/3/24) purchase pending grant dollars.
 - Eight (8) rifles (approved 3/3/25) – have taken delivery. Sighting pending.

PUBLIC WORKS

COMPLETED –

Water/Sewer - Ordinance 1556 revision to water and sewer rates approved. **Equipment** - New backhoe delivered. Truck #6 rehab parts of new bed/spreader. **Piping** – Rehab and check valve replacement. **Taylor Street lift station** fencing. **Power plant** back-up bank for black start.

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/work into their production schedule for recoating. The first batch of 11 were delivered to UltraSite the week of March 17, returned week of April 21. Second batch is pending. Note, multi-year project.

* **Water towers** – Presentation on 3/17/25 from Maguire. Asset management program on hold pending improved cash flow.

* **Hydrants** – To be flushed in the spring (April) and fall (October). Damaged units repair pending a grant.

* **Utilities/Streets Equipment** - 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.

* **Rate studies** – Financial Solutions reviewing electric rates, approved 9/3/24.

* **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.

* **Permanent Streets Program** – • Overlays: McCarthy St, Hilltop St, Laverne Ct, Diane Ct, Patti Ct and Steven Dr. Bids due June 16, target completion by August 15. • Sealing: Ratz Park entrance/exit, Walking trails: Lincoln Park, W. S. 4th Street Connector and SWIC Connector. Bid approved 6/2/25.

* **Golf Course** – Lift station upgrades approved 4/7/25.

* **Water and Sewer Plants** – As of 5/19/25, in agreement to begin discussions regarding new water and sewer plants.

* **Utility building flooring upgrades** – approved 6/2/25 and pending.

* **Door replacements at utility plant** - approved 6/2/25 and pending.

ZONING, PLANNING

COMPLETED –

PENDING -

* **Red Bud Business Park (RBBP)** – 50.58 acres on the east side of town to be developed in phases for light industrial and commercial businesses. Using ARPA dollars (\$473,575), 2023 and

2024 Energy Trans Comm grants (\$86,776+68,466), Regional Site Readiness Program grant (\$929,046), RISE grant (\$932,041) and city dollars to fund construction. Project bids for seven lots awarded to Gelly Excavating on 1/20/25 for a total of \$890,466.88, plus gas and electric installed by the city. Ceremonial groundbreaking 4/21/25, construction began 4/22/25.

* **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 awarded to Hunter Construction Services Inc on 1/20/25 for a total of \$186,063 including alternates 1, 2, 3. Work began March 3. Delay with windows and east door.

* **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 was made available 4/4/25 and was reviewed. Farnsworth is working on the Implementation chapter.

* **2021 International Building codes** – Adopt the 2021 codes and develop a uniformed regional approach within Monroe and Randolph counties (SB2368). J Mueller attended training on 5/8/25. Awaiting input from the Home Builders & Remodelers Metro East Association.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, PARKS & REC

COMPLETED – **Community Garden** – Five boxes were added. Total of 57. **Splash pad** – baby changing stations installed, rules sign posted, improved the features capacity. **Ratz Park Parking Lot** – retaining wall, dumpster pad, paving of lot, striping, dumpster fencing completed. **Sports Complex** – Using IMEA’s Energy Efficiency Program, lighting upgrades for diamond 1. **Swimming pool** – Pool house interior walls repaired. City assumed management of the pool. Roof replacement completed.

PENDING -

* **Splash pad** – Donated shade features pending.

* **Dog park** – Proposal from UltraSite approved 9/3/24. In addition to pledged large and small dog area products, plus amenities, UltraSite held a square collection on 10/12/24 and a Jukebox BINGO event 11/16/25 to raise funds on the city’s behalf. Plans are to include in a summer 2025 OSLAD grant application.

* **Swimming pool** – Regarding the sand infiltrating the system: 12/18/24 Ehret Plumbing camera work on the pool supply lines, 4/22/25 Ehret Plumbing conducted a further investigation. Discussion to be held about repairs in the post season. Building improvements-tuckpointing and painting (previous approval) with gutters to follow - pending completion. Also, need to look at the “big picture” items to extend the life of the pool.

* **Ratz Park Parking Lot** – Parking blocks pending, approved 4/7/25.

GRANTS

APPROVED/AWARDED -

- Regional Site Readiness grant – approval 9/3/24 to apply, \$929,046 for RBBP announced January 29. Notice of Grant Award pending state signatures.
- IMEA Energy Efficiency program – approval 7/1/24 to apply, \$48,907.40 for Sports Complex lighting on diamond 1, claimed April 17, 2025.
- RDMS/RISE Implementation grant – approval 6/3/24 to apply, requested \$932,041 for RBBP announced 4/22/25. Notice of Grant Award pending.

PENDING –

- HeroFund USA Inc grant – approval 9/3/24 to apply, requested \$23,000 for drone. Received word of \$500.
- Energy Transition Community Grant for 2025 – approval 6/2/25 to apply. Phase 1 completed, awaiting Phase 2.
- IDNR OSLAD grant – application cycle 7/1/25 to 9/30/25.

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