

CITY OF RED BUD

PROJECT UPDATE 2025

AS OF 09/30/2025, with 10/6/2025 city council action included

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.

Revolving (construction) loan approved for Kristen Rahn. **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. **Revolving loan approved** for First Stage Fabrication. **FY2026 Budget, Capital Plans, Appropriation Ordinance** approved. **Finance guidelines** approved. **MRTD Go Local** program renewed. **Façade grant** program extension approved. **Senior citizens services** – Red Bud Senior Link formally announced 7/10/25. **Microloan approved** for No Jack's South. **Microloan approved** for T Stellhorn d/b/a SL.AM. Catering. **Virtual workspace** improvements made and will continue to expand.

PENDING -

* **Online accessibility** - Website redesign (approved 9/3/24), creating online fillable forms, auditing form content, improving online search functions for public records (Municode approved 7/7/25), notices and ordinances. In process, additional draft pages shared.

* **Document management** - OCR ability, historical records, audits of leases, contracts, agreements. IL State Archives team was on hand 4/15/25.

* **America250** - Initial meeting held 7/23/25. List of ideas formulated, committees established. Registered as an Illinois America 250 community. Resolution 25-003 commemoration. IML time capsule card to be submitted. Likely one main community event including fireworks, date TBD.

* **Enterprise Zone** – Updates to the zone pending. Inclusion of new residential pending.

* **Housing needs discussion** – Began at the 5/28/25 Economic Development Commission meeting. Looking at other municipalities that have been successful in expanding housing.

* **FY2025 financial audit** – Completed and pending council approval. Under GATA review.

PUBLIC HEALTH and SAFETY

COMPLETED -

Police Department staffing – Additional FT officer approved. **Police Department equipment** – Tire deflation devices. Eight (8) rifles.

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 new grant dollars.

-e-Citation reporting equipment (approved 10/6/25)

* **Internal cameras and key fobs** – approved 8/4/25. Pending installation.

* **School Resource Officer** – discussions begun with Red Bud CUSD #132, and ROE.

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 and engine repairs. New truck #18 with spreader, roll tarp. **Piping** – Rehab and check valve replacement. **Taylor Street lift station** fencing. **Power plant** back-up bank for black start. **Tap Fees** – Ordinance 1560 approved. **Golf Course** – Lift station upgrades. **Locator** – in service. **Water/Wastewater Operator** – jobs combined, and hire completed. **Permanent Streets Program** – • Overlays: McCarthy St, Hilltop St, Laverne Ct, Diane Ct, Patti Ct and Steven Dr. • Sealing: Ratz Park entrance/exit, walking trails: Lincoln Park, W. S. 4th Street Connector and SWIC Connector. **Shiloh station** – new regulator.

PENDING –

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

***North County Country Club** – Overflow pipe work pending

***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 3/17/25, returned week of 4/21/25. 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' repairs pending a grant.

* **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-done, new culvert on Theodore/Rock Hill Dr-done, guardrail-done, curb & gutter replacement on Rock Hill Dr, Lakeview, Scheve-pending, sidewalk replacements on S. Main St between 2nd and 3rd Streets-done, and full depth patching on Locust St-done. Other sidewalks-pending.

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

* **Fuel tank painting** – approved 6/2/25.

* **Utility building flooring upgrades** – approved 6/2/25. Sewer and water-done, utility-pending.

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

* **Sewer rodder/jetter** - approved 8/4/25

ZONING, PLANNING

COMPLETED –

Friess façade grant – brick strip facing Route 3. **Huggins/Subway façade grant** – storefront paint, etc. **Friess façade grant** – awnings. **Mural permit application** – Red Bud Masonic Lodge. **Red Bud Masonic Lodge façade grant** – mural, etc.

PENDING -

* **Red Bud Business Park** (RBPP) – 50.58 acres to be developed in phases for 26 light industrial and commercial business lots. 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 7 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. Gelly addendum of \$498,318.99 approved 8/4/25 to get to 11 lots. Lot pricing established 10/6/25. Engineering for an additional 6 lots approved 10/6/25.

* **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.

* **Comprehensive Plan** – (\$7,500 grant) 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 1/22/25 with staff. Draft plan was made available 4/4/25. Implementation chapter received 8/8/25. Approval of final plan is pending.

* **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. Input received 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, donated shade features. **Ratz Park Parking Lot** – retaining wall, dumpster pad, paving of lot, striping, dumpster fencing and parking blocks completed (rip rap pending). **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. Building improvements: roof replacement, tuckpointing, painting and gutters. **Lincoln Park** – skate park removal.

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 hold until the summer 2026 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. Gathering cost estimates to investigate replacement piping, decking as well as updates to the pump room and pool painting.

GRANTS

APPROVED/AWARDED -

- Regional Site Readiness grant – approval 9/3/24 to apply, \$929,046 for RBBP announced 1/29/25. All steps completed as of 9/24/25 and reimbursement can commence.
- IMEA Energy Efficiency program – approval 7/1/24 to apply, \$48,907.40 for Sports Complex lighting on diamond 1.
- RDMS/RISE Implementation grant – approval 6/3/24 to apply, requested \$932,041 for RBBP announced 4/22/25. Notice of Grant Award pending.
- IMEA Energy Efficiency program - \$5,028.02 for VSD blower motor at city sewer plant.
- IMEA Energy Efficiency program - \$5,028.02 for 2nd VSD blower motor at city sewer plant
- IMEA Energy Efficiency program – \$1,943.75 for exterior lighting at the firehouse.
- Cemetery Relief Grant – approval 10/6/25, submission due 10/24/25.

PENDING –

- Energy Transition Community Grant for 2025 – approval 6/2/25 to apply. Phase 1 submitted, moved to Phase 2 as of 8/12/25 with due date pending.
- Safe Routes to School – Hold for 2026 cycle.
- IDNR OSLAD grant – application cycle 7/1/25 to 9/30/25. Approval 7/7/25 to apply. Hold for 2026 cycle.

DECLINED –

- HeroFund USA Inc grant – approval 9/3/24 to apply, requested \$23,000 for drone. Received word of \$500. Approval to decline on 8/4/25.

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