

**CITY OF RED BUD, ILLINOIS  
CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026  
Red Bud City Hall  
City Council Chambers**

**The City Council of Red Bud, Randolph County, Illinois met on Monday, January 5, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. at the Red Bud City Hall, Council Chambers.**

**Members Present:** Mayor Susan Harbaugh, Bryce Parsons, Curt Guebert, Bill Hanebutt, Jeremy DeMond, Rodney Nevois, Kyle Donjon, Alan Piel

**Members Absent:** Patrick Mueller

**Others Present:** City Attorney Rebecca Cooper, City Superintendent Josh Eckart, Code Admin./City Engineer Jeff Mueller, Administrative Officer Jill Landgraf, Police Chief John Brittingham, City Clerk Joanne Cowell

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Call to Order at 6:00 P.M. by Mayor Susan Harbaugh

III. Roll Call by City Clerk Joanne Cowell

IV. Approval of Financial Statements

**Motion made by Council Member Nevois, seconded by Council Member Parsons to approve the Financial Statements as presented and file for audit. The vote was as follows: Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye. Motion carried.**

V. Approval of Estimated and Listed Bills

**Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Guebert to approve the estimated and listed bills. The vote was as follows: Guebert, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye. Motion carried.**

VI. Consideration of any Additional Bills  
*There were none.*

VII. Correspondence, Public and Guest Comments  
*There were none.*

VIII. Consent Agenda—Items Originated at Committee Level

Please note: Items with \*\* were removed from the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda – Items Originated at Committee Level as Indicated in ( )

A. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes December 1, 2025, and Special City Council Minutes December 15, 2025

*Authorization of approval of City Council Meeting Minutes from December 1, and 15, 2025*

**Motion made by Council Member Nevois, seconded by Council Member Hanebutt, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor Harbaugh, items A through K. The vote was as follows: Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.**

- B. Approval to Accept Caselle Cloud Software Proposal (Finance)  
*Authorization of approval to accept the Caselle Cloud software upgrade proposal*

**Motion made by Council Member Nevois, seconded by Council Member Hanebutt, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor Harbaugh, items A through K. The vote was as follows: Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.**

- C. Approval for Jill Landgraf to Attend ILCMA’s Winter Conference in Bloomington, IL – Feb. 11-13, 2026, NTE \$980 (Personnel)  
*Authorization of approval to send Jill Landgraf to ILCMA’s Winter Conference in Bloomington, IL on February 11-13, 2026, NTE \$980*

**Motion made by Council Member Nevois, seconded by Council Member Hanebutt, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor Harbaugh, items A through K. The vote was as follows: Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.**

- D. Approval of Ordinance No. 1565 – Kratom Prohibition (Public Health & Safety)  
*Authorization of approval of Ordinance No. 1565: “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE XIII OF THE CITY OF RED BUD CODE OF ORDINANCES 2021 PERTAINING TO OFFENCES” prohibiting Kratom*

**Motion made by Council Member Nevois, seconded by Council Member Hanebutt, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor Harbaugh, items A through K. The vote was as follows: Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.**

- E. Approval for City Attorney Cooper to Prepare an Updated Parking and Towing Zone Ordinance (Public Health & Safety)  
*Approval authorizing Attorney Cooper to write an ordinance establishing the yellow no parking zones nearest the four-way stop intersection as automatic towing spots and to establish those spots as handicap/elderly five-minute drop off zones*

**Motion made by Council Member Nevois, seconded by Council Member Hanebutt, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor Harbaugh, items A through K. The vote was as follows: Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.**

- F. Approval of the Chamber of Commerce 2026 Calendar of Events (Cultural)  
*Authorization of approval of the Chamber of Commerce 2026 Calendar of Events, as presented*

**Motion made by Council Member Nevois, seconded by Council Member Hanebutt, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor**

**Harbaugh, items A through K. The vote was as follows: Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.**

- G. Approval of Ordinance No. 1566 – Electric Rate Increase (Public Works)  
*Authorization of approval of ORDINANCE NO. 1566: “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 71 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO ELECTRIC RATES,” as recommended by Utility Financial Solutions, to become effective May 1, 2026, 2027, and 2028*

**Motion made by Council Member Nevois, seconded by Council Member Hanebutt, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor Harbaugh, items A through K. The vote was as follows: Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.**

- H. Approval of Ordinance No. 1567 – Local Government Billing Act (Public Works)  
*Authorization of approval of ORDINANCE NO. 1567: “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE VII, CHAPTER 71 OF THE CITY OF RED BUD CODE OF ORDINANCES 2021 PERTAINING TO UTILITY BILLING PROCEDURE” complying with state law, that utility services are restricted to back billing of services to twenty-four months for commercial and twelve months for residential*

**Motion made by Council Member Nevois, seconded by Council Member Hanebutt, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor Harbaugh, items A through K. The vote was as follows: Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.**

- I. Approval of Updated Comprehensive Plan (Zoning)  
*Authorization of approval of the updated Comprehensive Plan*

**Motion made by Council Member Nevois, seconded by Council Member Hanebutt, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor Harbaugh, items A through K. The vote was as follows: Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.**

- J. Approval to Pay Invoice for Red Bud Business Park Crop Damage (Zoning)  
*Authorization of approval to pay the invoice from Rusty Guebert in the amount of \$15,706.44, for crop damage at the Red Bud Business Park*

**Motion made by Council Member Nevois, seconded by Council Member Hanebutt, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor Harbaugh, items A through K. The vote was as follows: Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.**

- K. Approval of Recommended Alterations to the 2021 IRC Building Codes (Zoning)  
*Authorization of approval of the “Recommended Alterations to the 2021 IRC”*

**Motion made by Council Member Nevois, seconded by Council Member Hanebutt, to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda, as read by Mayor Harbaugh, items A through K. The vote was as follows: Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.**

- IX. Reports of Standing Committees, Departments and Other Committees, Boards & Commissions

- A. Finance Committee - Meeting December 15, 2025
  - 1. Maturing CDs  
*Nothing to report*
  
- B. Personnel Committee - Meeting December 15, 2025  
*Nothing to report*
  
- C. Public Health & Safety Committee - Meeting December 15, 2025
  - 1. Training Request for Robert Brittingham & Nick Rinehart – 24-Hour DWI Detection and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing on January 13-15, 2026  
There is no registration fee involved because of the SILEC membership.
  
  - 2. Training Request for Ashley Stellhorn & Robert Brittingham – 8-Hour Gracie Survival Tactics on January 23, 2026
  
  - 3. Training Request for Carl Williams, Chris Hewitt, Ashley Stellhorn & Joshua Wirth – 8-Hour High-Risk Traffic Stops & De-Escalation Techniques on January 30, 2026

**Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to authorize approval to send Robert Brittingham and Nick Rinehart to training entitled “24 Hour DWI Detection and Standardized Field Sobriety Testing” in Belleville on January 13-15, 2026; to send Ashley Stellhorn and Robert Brittingham to training entitled “8 Hour Gracie Survival Tactics: Control, De-Escalation, and Arrest of a Combative Subject” in Columbia, IL on January 23, 2026; to send Carl Williams, Chris Hewitt, Ashley Stellhorn, and Joshua Wirth to training entitled “8-Hour High-Risk Traffic Stops & De-Escalation Techniques” in Waterloo, IL on January 30, 2026 . The vote was as follows: DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye; Hanebutt, aye. Motion carried.**

- D. Cultural Committee - Meeting December 15, 2025  
*Nothing to report*

- E. Public Works Committee - Meeting December 15, 2025
  - 1. Training Request for Adren Walsh & Scott Becker – 2026 Pipeline Safety Excavator Program on January 29, 2026

**Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to authorize approval to send Adren Walsh and Scott Becker to training entitled “2026 Pipeline Safety/Excavator Program” in Collinsville, IL on January 29, 2026, NTE \$200/each. The vote was as follows: Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye. Motion carried.**

- 2. Ordinance No. 1568 – Sewer Ordinance Updates  
This amends the sewer connection application fee to one standardized fee of \$500.

**Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Parsons, to authorize approval of ORDINANCE NO. 1568: “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE VII, CHAPTER 71 OF THE CITY OF RED BUD CODE OF ORDINANCES 2021 PERTAINING TO CHARGES FOR CONNECTION TO SYSTEM.” The vote was**

**as follows: Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye. Motion carried.**

F. Zoning Committee - Meeting December 15, 2025  
*Nothing to report*

G. Recreational Facilities – Meeting December 15, 2025  
*Nothing to report*

H. Planning Commission – No Meeting  
The next meeting will be on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

I. Economic Development Commission – Meeting December 17, 2025

1. Appointment of Tyler Hess to the Economic Development Commission

**Motion made by Council Member Nevois, seconded by Council Member Hanebutt, to authorize approval to accept the recommendation to appoint Tyler Hess to the Economic Development Commission. The vote was as follows: Piel, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye. Motion carried.**

J. Parks and Recreation Committee – No Meeting  
The next meeting will be held on January 6, 2026, at City Hall Council Chambers.

X. Old Business  
*None*

XI. New Business

A. Review of January Calendar  
Planning Commission meeting will be on January 20<sup>th</sup> with two hearings.  
Economic Development meeting scheduled for January 28<sup>th</sup> is a maybe.

B. Other Comments  
Mayor Harbaugh asked that everyone save the date of August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026, for the America250 celebration festival at Lincoln Park. There is a Facebook page Red Bud Am250, to follow the planned events. Mayor Harbaugh thanked all those businesses and organizations who have already supported the planned events.

C. Adjournment

**Motion made at 6:10 P.M. by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Guebert, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was as follows: all ayes. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk  
Red Bud, Illinois