

**CITY OF RED BUD, ILLINOIS  
CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2025  
Red Bud City Hall  
City Council Chambers**

**The City Council of Red Bud, Randolph County, Illinois met on Monday, August 4, 2025, at 6:00 P.M. at the Red Bud City Hall, Council Chambers.**

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

**Members Absent:** Bryce Parsons

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

I. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Roll Call by City Clerk Joanne Cowell

IV. Approval of Financial Statements

**Motion made by Council Member Nevois, seconded by Council Member Mueller to approve the Financial Statements as presented and file for audit. The vote was as follows: Guebert, aye; Mueller, 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 DeMond to approve the amended estimated and listed bills, adding the draw requests for the Kristen Rahn loan, NTE \$526,169.27 . The vote was as follows: Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.**

VI. Consideration of any Additional Bills

Adm. Officer Landgraf presented the first draw request for the Kristen Rahn loan of \$23,830.73, for approval.

**Motion made by Council Member Nevois, seconded by Council Member Piel to approve the first draw request from CooperGilbrethDoyle Law Offices for reimbursement in the amount of \$23,830.73 for the Kristen Rahn loan. The vote was**

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

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 from July 7, 2025

*Approval of minutes from July 7, 2025, council meeting*

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

B. Approval of Delta Dental/Delta Vision Renewal for September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2027 (Personnel)

*Authorization of approval of the policy renewal quote from Delta Dental/Dental Vision for September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2027*

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

C. Approval of Internal Camera Quote from CTS (Public Health & Safety)

*Authorization of approval of the quote from CTS for city hall inside security cameras in the amount of \$16,221.13, plus \$81.68/monthly support fee*

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

D. Approval of Key Fob Quote from CTS (Public Health & Safety)

*Authorization of approval of the quote from CTS for door access control panels, keypad readers, and key cards in the amount of \$4,567.16, plus \$50.24/monthly support fee, and subcontractor labor in the amount of \$1,550*

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

E. Approval to Decline HeroFund USA Grant Money (Public Health & Safety)

*Authorization of approval to decline the HeroFund USA grant award of \$500 toward the cost of a drone*

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

- F. Approval to Hire Part-Time Crossing Guard (Public Health & Safety)  
*Authorization of approval to hire Tiffany Cole as a part-time crossing guard, pending physical and drug screening results*

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

- G. Approval to Hire Part-Time Police Officer (Public Health & Safety)  
*Authorization of approval to hire Aaron Story as part-time police officer, pending psychological testing, physical and drug screening*

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

- H. Approval of E.S. Second Street Closure Request for M&S Auction Service on August 10, 2025, from 7AM-5PM (Cultural)  
*Authorization of approval of the request from M&S Auction Service, LLC to temporarily close a portion of E.S. Second Street on August 10, 2025, from 7AM-5PM for the Williams' auction*

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

- I. Approval of Randolph County Shrine Club Request to Collect at the Four-Way Stop on August 22, 2025, from 2:30PM-6PM (Cultural)  
*Authorization of approval of the request from Randolph County Shrine Club to collect at the four-way stop on August 22, 2025, from 2:30-6:00PM*

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

- J. Approval of Red Bud Lions Club Request to Collect at the Four-Way Stop on October 3, 2025, from 4PM-8PM and October 4, 2025, from 8AM-12PM (Cultural)  
*Authorization of approval of the request from Red Bud Lions Club to collect at the four-way stop on October 3, 2025, from 4-8PM and October 4, 2025, from 8AM-Noon*

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

- K. Approval to Sponsor a Team at \$300 and a Hole Sponsorship of \$50 for the September 5, 2025, Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament (Cultural)

*Authorization of approval to sponsor a team at \$300 and a hole sponsorship of \$50, for the Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament on September 5, 2025,*

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

- L. Approval to Create a Water/Wastewater Operator Position and Advertise Internally (Public Works)

*Authorization of approval to create a Water/Wastewater Operator position and advertise the position internally*

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

- M. Approval of New Vactor RamJet T3030-750 Sewer Rodder/Jetter Proposal from Coe Equipment, Inc, NTE \$101,000 (Public Works)  
*Authorization to approve the proposal from Coe Equipment, Inc, for a new Vactor RamJet T3030-750 sewer rodder/jetter, NTE \$101,000*

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

- N. Approval to Accept Resignation from Blake Henry as a Co-op Student (Public Works)

*Authorization of approval of Blake Henry's resignation as co-op student*

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

- O. Approval to End Byron Schlueter's Six-Month Probationary Period (Public Works)

*Authorization of approval to end Byron Schlueter's six-month probationary period*

**Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Guebert to approve under the omnibus designation, the consent agenda items A through T,**

**as read by Mayor Harbaugh. The vote was as follows: DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye. Motion carried.**

- P. Approval of the Transfer of \$275,000 Each, from Electric and Gas Cash Accounts to Electric and Gas Capital Fund Accounts (Public Works)  
*Authorization of approval to transfer \$275.000 each from the Electric and Gas Cash Accounts to the Electric and Gas Capital Fund Accounts*

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

- Q. Approval to Accept Insurance Settlement of \$9,450.85 for Damaged Transformer and Affix Proper Signatures to the Insurance Release (Public Works)  
*Authorization of approval of the settlement of \$9,450.85 and affixing the proper signatures to the insurance release for a transformer ruined by Diewald Utility Services, during snow removal*

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

- R. Approval of Section 00510 Addendum for the Red Bud Business Park Project with Gelly Excavating and Construction (Public Works)  
*Authorization of approval of Section 00510 Addendum for the Red Bud Business Park Project with Gelly Excavating and Construction for the four additional lots that were added due to grant funds*

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

- S. Approval of "Illinois Department of Natural Resources Preservation Covenant Red Bud Business Park Archaeological Site 11R937" and Affix Proper Signatures (Zoning)  
*Authorization of approval of the "IDNR Preservation Covenant Red Bud Business Park Archaeological Site 11R937" and to affix the proper signatures. Mayor Harbaugh noted that an updated map was distributed to the council.*

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

- T. Approval of Farnsworth Contract for Assistance with the Lincoln Park Improvements OSLAD Grant Application, NTE \$3,500 (Recreational Facilities)

*Authorization of approval of the proposal from Farnsworth Group for assistance with the Lincoln Park Improvements OSLAD Grant Application, NTE \$3,500*

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

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

A. Finance Committee - Meeting July 21, 2025

1. Maturing CDs  
*No maturing CDs*

B. Personnel Committee - Meeting July 21, 2025  
*Nothing to report*

C. Public Health & Safety Committee - Meeting July 21, 2025  
*Nothing to report*

D. Cultural Committee - Meeting July 21, 2025

1. America250 Project  
*Adm. Officer Landgraf is requesting seed money for the America250 project committee. There is money available in the Hotel/Motel Tax, Tourism Tax, or the Henry Thielen Fund.*

**Motion made by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Mueller, to authorize approval to allocate \$3,000 to the American250 project. The vote was as follows: Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye. Motion carried.**

E. Public Works Committee - Meeting July 21, 2025

1. Ordinance No. 1560 – Utility (Water) Tap Fee Increase

**Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Piel, to authorize approval of Ordinance No. 1560 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE VII, CHAPTER 71 OF THE CITY OF RED BUD CODE OF ORDINANCES 2021 PERTAINING TO UTILITY CONNECTION CHARGES” The vote was as follows: Donjon, aye; Piel, aye; Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye. Motion carried.**

F. Zoning Committee - Meeting July 21, 2025  
*Nothing to report*

G. Recreational Facilities – Meeting July 21, 2025  
*Nothing to report*

H. Executive Session Minutes Review Committee – No Meeting  
*Nothing to report*

I. Planning Commission – No Meeting  
*Nothing to report*

J. Economic Development Commission – Meeting July 23, 2025

1. Accept Resignation of Tom Heizer  
The commission is working to fill the vacancy left by Tom Heizer’s resignation. Council Member Nevois welcomes any suggestions.

**Motion made by Council Member Nevois, seconded by Council Member Mueller, to authorize approval to accept the resignation of Tom Heizer from the Economic Development Commission. The vote was as follows: Piel, aye; Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye. Motion carried.**

K. Parks and Recreation Committee – Meeting July 2, 2025  
*Nothing to report*

X. Old Business  
*None*

XI. New Business

A. Review of August Calendar  
No changes

B. Other Comments  
Mayor Harbaugh & Jill Landgraf were at a Chamber meeting recently and shared that “all eyes are on Red Bud.” They both are involved with many groups and have shared the many projects that the city has going on. Mayor Harbaugh thanked the “council, the staff, the managers; everyone has helped get us here.”

C. Adjournment

**Motion made at 6:12 P.M. by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was as follows: all ayes. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk  
Red Bud, Illinois