

**Public Works Committee Meeting  
Monday, October 20, 2025  
Red Bud City Hall  
Council Chambers (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

Committee Members Present: Curt Guebert, Kyle Donjon, Bill Hanebutt, Bryce Parsons

Committee Members Absent: Rodney Nevois

Council Members Present: Jeremy DeMond, Alan Piel

Council Members Absent: Patrick Mueller

Others Present: Mayor Susan Harbaugh, City Attorney Rick Cooper, City Superintendent Josh Eckart, Police Chief John Brittingham, City Clerk Joanne Cowell, Finance Officer Liz Cowell

Others Absent: Code Admin./City Engineer Jeff Mueller, Administrative Officer Jill Landgraf

Pledge of Allegiance

Committee Chairman Guebert called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Old Business

**I. Power Plant**

- A. Plant Report  
Eckart said the generation runs are per schedule.

**II. Utilities/Streets**

- A. Electric  
The RBBP installation and seeding is upcoming this fall.
- B. Gas  
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- C. Water  
Aerator maintenance and cleaning was done last week. Piping repairs to well #13 are being worked on. Hydra flushing will be done soon.
- D. Sewer  
No update
- E. Streets  
Curb and guttering will be worked on soon. Seeding is on the schedule. Preparation for the Christmas seasonal decorating and Santa Village setup is upcoming.

**III. Utility Rate Studies**

- A. Electric – Utility Financial Solutions, LLC Presentation  
Bob Blank and Dan Kasbohm from Utility Financial Solutions, LLC gave a presentation via internet/printout regarding an “Electric Financial Projection, Cost of Service, and Rate Design Summary.” Many of the IMEA member cities use UFS to structure their electric rates. No action was taken, enabling the council members time to review the materials presented.

#### **IV. Succession Planning**

No update

#### New Business

##### **I. Approval of Prior Month’s Meeting Minutes – Meeting September 15, 2025**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2025, meeting. Carried*

##### **II. Sewer Adjustment Request – 817 E. Olive St.**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Parsons to approve a sewer bill adjustment for Stephanie Kelley at 817 E. Olive St. in the amount of \$692.40, for a water leak, which did not enter the sewer system. Carried*

##### **III. Lead & Copper Sampling Coupons (40 Sites @\$10 Each) & \$10 Coupons for Additional Samplings as Required**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Donjon to approve issuing \$10 coupons at forty sites and \$10 coupons for additional lead and copper samplings, as required. Carried*

##### **IV. Recommendation to End Max Wolter’s Six-Month Probationary Period – Effective 10/26/25**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Donjon to approve ending Max Wolter’s six-month probationary period, effective October 26, 2025. Carried*

##### **V. Recommendation to End Zach Grohmann’s Six-Month Probationary Period – Effective 10/25/25**

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Parsons to approve ending Zach Grohmann’s six-month probationary period, effective October 25, 2025. Carried*

##### **VI. Local Government Billing Act – House Bill 3725**

Superintendent Eckart shared information on House Bill 3725, which becomes law on January 1, 2026. It restricts the amount of time the city can back bill for utility services. City attorneys will draft an ordinance, as required.

##### **VII. Unit #15 (Trencher) Replacement Proposal**

This will be funded by the electric and gas funds.

*Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt to approve the quote from Ditch Witch for replacement of the trencher, Unit #15, NTE \$45,000, including trade-in. Carried*

##### **VIII. Unit #30 (Vacuum Excavator) Replacement Proposal**

The existing unit will be sold on GovDeals.com.

***Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Parsons to approve the quote form Vermeer Midwest for replacement of the vacuum excavator, Unit #30, NTE \$135,333. Carried***

**IX. 2026 APPA Legislative Rally**

IMEA will reimburse the city for airfare and hotel costs.

***Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Parsons to approve Superintendent Eckart and Mayor Harbaugh attending the 2026 APPA Legislative Rally in Washington, DC. Carried***

**X. Public Comments/Anything for the Good of the City**

None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk  
Red Bud, Illinois