

**Public Works Committee Meeting
Monday, November 17, 2025
Red Bud City Hall
Council Chambers (2nd floor)**

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

Committee Members Absent: None

Council Members Present: Patrick Mueller, Alan Piel

Council Members Absent: Jeremy DeMond

Others Present: Mayor Susan Harbaugh, 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, Finance Officer Liz Cowell

Committee Chairman Guebert called the meeting to order at 6:54 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 and the SWIC installation are upcoming. The corner-stakes have been placed at the RBBP, and the easements will be marked out to make sure the utilities are placed in the easements and that they are the proper sizing before the final plat it done.
- B. Gas
The RBBP installation is upcoming.
- C. Water
The well #13 repairs are completed.
- D. Sewer
The Busse lift station pump replacement is complete.
- E. Streets
Curb and guttering and sidewalk replacements are completed. They are finishing up on the backfill on Rock Hill and Lakeview. Christmas season prep work is ongoing.

III. Utility Rate Studies

- A. **Electric – Utility Financial Solutions Rate Study Recommendations**
The UFS, LLC study results and recommendations were reviewed. Since the water increase is going into effect on February 1, 2026, it was suggested that the electric increase become effective May 1, 2026.

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Parsons to authorize approval to create an ordinance to approve the recommended rate increases as proposed by Utility Financial Solution, LLC, effective May 1, 2026. Carried

IV. Succession Planning

Committee Member Nevois questioned whether Joe Ledlow had been working on his license. Eckart said they are waiting for classes to be scheduled after the first of the year.

New Business

I. Approval of Prior Month's Meeting Minutes – Meeting October 20, 2025

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Nevois to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2025, meeting. Carried

II. Holiday Lighting Coupon

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt to approve offering a \$15 holiday lighting coupon to residential customers for outdoor lighting decorations. Carried

III. 2026 MFT Resolution

A. MFT Concrete Project

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Donjon to approve the 2026 MFT Resolution for Maintenance and authorize proper signatures. Carried

IV. Various Project Discussions

A. Concrete Paving – Rock Hill Dr./Theodore Ln. at Creek Crossing/New Culvert

Superintendent Eckart would like to include concrete paving and a new culvert at the curve at Rock Hill and Theodore, in the FY'27 budget. There was no objection to including it in the budget.

B. Sidewalk Extension – E. Market St. to Lockwood Dr.

Superintendent Eckart said that Earl Sachtleben approached him regarding his willingness to give the city an easement to continue the sidewalk on East Market to Lockwood Drive to make it safer for walkers. Currently walkers need to walk out on the side of the highway and around the culvert to get to Lockwood Drive. There were no objections for Eckart to continue to work on this.

V. Public Comments/Anything for the Good of the City

Committee Member Nevois asked if Matt Wagner's meter had been switched out. Eckart said it had and he had tested the old meter by running 100 gallons of water through it and it was working. He also sent it of the Sensus to have it tested. There will be no further information on this until the test results are returned.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk
Red Bud, Illinois