

**Public Works Committee Meeting
Monday, December 15, 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

Council Members Absent: Jeremy DeMond, Alan Piel

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

Others Absent: City Clerk Joanne Cowell

Committee Chairman Guebert called the meeting to order at 6:45 P.M.

Old Business

I. Power Plant

A. Plant Report

Eckart said the generation runs are per schedule. All required units are qualified through IMEA. Eckart will be working on the IRMA-Travelers Insurance boiler recommendations in the first quarter of 2026.

II. Utilities/Streets

A. Electric

Work has started on the SWIC installation. The RBBP installation is upcoming.

B. Gas

The RBBP installation is upcoming.

C. Water

The lead and copper sampling has been completed. There is a new requirement to do sampling at 20% of all schools and day cares, but Eckart did all five locations. Regular plant maintenance was done.

D. Sewer

Regular plant maintenance was done.

E. Streets

Winter street maintenance items and winter clean-up, maintenance of equipment are being done.

III. Utility Rate Studies

A. Electric – Approval of Electric Rate Increase – Ordinance No. 1566
The electric increases become effective May 1, 2026, 2027, and 2028, per recommendation.

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Parsons to authorize approval of ORDINANCE NO. 1566: “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 71 OF THE REVISED CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO ELECTRIC RATES.” Carried

IV. Succession Planning

None

V. Local Government Billing Act – Ordinance No. 1567

In compliance with state law, utility services are restricted to back billing of twenty-four months for commercial and twelve months for residential.

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Hanebutt to authorize 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 PROCEDURES.” Carried

New Business

I. Approval of Prior Month’s Meeting Minutes – Meeting November 17, 2025

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Donjon to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2025, meeting. Carried

II. Approval of Sewer Connection Application Updates – Tracer Wire Requirement

To comply with a new law requiring tracer wire on all new sewer mains and laterals, Superintendent Eckart added two lines to the sewer connection application. Attorney Cooper has reviewed the suggested amended application. Committee Member Nevois questioned the difference between the Standard, County Club and Line West connection fees. Eckart will get more information for the committee.

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Nevois to approve the amended “Application and Permit for Sewer Connection” (Clerk Note: Tracer wire shall be used for all installations. Tracer wire shall run continuously from structure/clean out to the lateral/main connection and be properly grounded.)

Committee Chairman Guebert and Committee Member Nevois rescinded their motion and second, until more information is available.

III. Approval of 2026 Revised MFT Resolution

The resolution was revised to include additional patching for a total project cost of \$500,000.

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Guebert, seconded by Committee Member Nevois to approve the 2026 Revised MFT Resolution for Maintenance (\$500,000) and authorize proper signatures. Carried

IV. Public Comments/Anything for the Good of the City
None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk
Red Bud, Illinois