

**CITY OF RED BUD, ILLINOIS
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026**
Red Bud City Hall
City Council Chambers

The City Council of Red Bud, Randolph County, Illinois met on Monday, February 2, 2026, at 6:00 P.M. at the Red Bud City Hall, Council Chambers.

Members Present: Mayor Susan Harbaugh, Bryce Parsons, Curt Guebert, Patrick Mueller, Bill Hanebutt, Jeremy DeMond, Rodney Nevois, Kyle Donjon

Members Absent: Alan Piel

Others Present: City Attorney Rick Cooper, City Superintendent Josh Eckart, Police Chief John Brittingham, City Clerk Joanne Cowell

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

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

V. Approval of Estimated and Listed Bills

Motion made by Council Member Nevois, seconded by Council Member DeMond to approve the estimated and listed bills. The vote was as follows: Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, 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 January 5, 2026, and Special City Council Minutes January 19, 2026
Authorization of approval of City Council Meeting Minutes from January 5, and 19, 2026

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

- B. Approval of FY'25 Surplus to Capital Plans (Finance)
Authorization of approval to move the FY'25 Surplus of \$1,107,318 to the various Capital Plans and Capital Purchasing Opportunity Reserve Fund as follows: Streets- \$194,500; Police-\$83,500; Fire Dept.-\$42,000; City Hall-\$91,000; Park-\$95,730 Library-\$30,000; Dashner Building-\$18,000; Economic Development-\$150,000; Capital Purchasing Opportunity Reserve Fund-\$402,588

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

- C. Approval to Invest \$400,000 MFT Dollars in Illinois Funds (Finance)
Authorization of approval to invest \$400,000 MFT dollars in Illinois Funds

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

- D. Approval of a Full-Page Ad in SI Now Magazine in the Amount of \$1,999 (Finance)
Authorization of approval to purchase a full-page ad in the SI Now Magazine in the amount of \$1,999, highlighting the RBBP lots for sale and other events happening in Red Bud

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

- E. Approval for Jill Landgraf to Attend the Annual Rural Community and Economic Development Conference Training on February 25-26, 2026, NTE \$575 (Personnel)
Authorization of approval to send Jill Landgraf to the Annual Rural Community and Economic Development Conference in Springfield, IL on February 25-26, 2026, NTE \$575

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- F. Approval for John Brittingham to Attend the Southern Illinois Criminal Justice Summit on February 24-26, 2026, NTE \$453.40 (Public Health & Safety)

Authorization of approval to send John Brittingham to training entitled "Southern Illinois Criminal Justice Summit" on February 24-26, 2026, NTE \$453.40

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

- G. Approval for John Brittingham to Attend ILEAS Conference on March 29-31, 2026, NTE \$601.80 (Public Health & Safety)
Authorization of approval to send John Brittingham to the ILEAS Conference on March 29-31, 2026, in Springfield, IL, NTE \$601.80

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

- H. Approval of Randolph County Marine Corps League Detachment #575 Request to Collect at the Four-Way Stop on October 31, 2026, from 8 AM-12PM for Toys for Tots (Cultural)
Authorization of approval of the request from the Randolph County Marine Corps League Detachment #575 to collect at the four-way stop on October 31, 2026, from 8AM-12PM for Toys for Tots

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

- I. Approval of the Darrell Salger Painting and Staining Proposal to Paint the Utility Office Building, NTE \$12,868.36 (Public Works)
Authorization of approval of the proposal from Darrell Salger Painting & Staining to paint the interior of the utility office building, NTE \$12,868.36

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

- J. Approval of Andrea Letcher's Resignation from the Planning Commission (Zoning)
Authorization of approval of Andrea Letcher's resignation from the Planning Commission

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

- K. Approval to Contact Farnsworth Consulting for a Cost Proposal on an OSLAD Grant Application (Recreational Facilities)
Authorization of approval to pursue a proposal from Farnsworth for consulting on the proposed Dog Park/Lincoln Park OSLAD Grant Application

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

- L. Approval to Build a Second Compost Box at the Community Garden (Recreational Facilities)
Authorization of approval to build a second compost box at the Community Garden

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

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

- A. Finance Committee - Meeting January 19, 2026
 - 1. Maturing CDs
Nothing to report
- B. Personnel Committee - Meeting January 19, 2026
Nothing to report
- C. Public Health & Safety Committee - Meeting January 19, 2026
Nothing to report
- D. Cultural Committee - Meeting January 19, 2026
Nothing to report
- E. Public Works Committee - Meeting January 19, 2026
 - 1. Training Request for Joe Ledlow – Illinois Drinking Water Operator Exam Prep Class

Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Mueller, to authorize approval of the registration fee of \$349 for Joe Ledlow to train for the Illinois Drinking Water Operator Exam Prep Class A. The vote was as follows: Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye. Motion carried.

- 2. Training Request for Byron Schlueter – TVPPA Lineman Apprenticeship Lab I on March 16-20, 2026

Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Hanebutt, to authorize approval to send Byron Schlueter to training entitled “Lineman Apprenticeship Lab I” in Princeton, KY on March 16-20, 2026, NTE \$3,000. The vote was as follows: DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye. Motion carried.

- 3. Proposal from Vandevanter Engineering – Blowers Vibration Analysis

Motion made by Council Member Guebert, seconded by Council Member Donjon, to authorize approval of the proposal from Vandevanter Engineering for a vibration analysis on the two Spencer Blowers at the water treatment plant, NTE \$1,845. The vote

was as follows: Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye. Motion carried.

F. Zoning Committee - Meeting January 19, 2026
Nothing to report

G. Recreational Facilities – Meeting January 19, 2026
1. Proposal from Jerry Hotop Painting, LLC
The pool was last painted in 2018.

Motion made by Council Member Donjon, seconded by Council Member Hanebutt, to authorize approval to accept the proposal from Jerry Hotop Painting to paint the city pool, for \$22,883.85, with an additional \$850.00 for the floor joints caulk removal/repair, NTE \$23,733.85 total. The vote was as follows: Donjon, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye. Motion carried.

H. Planning Commission – Meeting January 19, 2026
1. Ordinance No. 1570 – Special Use Permit – 720 W. Market St.
John Cronin applied for a Special Use Permit to operate a forty-two unit senior independent-living residential community at 720 West Market Street in an R-4 district.

Motion made by Council Member Nevois, seconded by Council Member Guebert, to authorize approval of ORDINANCE NO. 1570: “AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT UNDER TITLE XVII, CHAPTER 173 OF THE CITY OF RED BUD CODE OF ORDINANCES 2021” for John Cronin at 720 West Market Street. The vote was as follows: Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye. Motion carried.

2. Ordinance No. 1571 – Variance – 720 W. Market St.
John Cronin applied for a Variance to reduce the required lot size and parking spaces for a forty-two unit senior independent-living residential community at 720 West Market Street in an R-4 district.

Motion made by Council Member Nevois, seconded by Council Member Mueller, to authorize approval of ORDINANCE NO. 1571: “AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE UNDER TITLE XVII, CHAPTER 173 OF THE CITY OF RED BUD CODE OF ORDINANCES 2021” for John Cronin at 720 West Market Street. The vote was as follows: Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Parsons, aye. Motion carried.

3. Appointment of Brad Mayberry to the Planning Commission

Motion made by Council Member Mueller, seconded by Council Member Parsons, to authorize approval to appoint Brad Mayberry to the Planning Commission. The vote was as follows: Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye. Motion carried.

4. Appointment of Jeniffer Tepe to the Planning Commission

Motion made by Council Member Parsons, seconded by Council Member Guebert, to authorize approval to appoint Jeniffer Tepe to the Planning Commission. The vote was as follows: Hanebutt, aye; DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye. Motion carried.

I. Economic Development Commission – No Meeting

Nothing to report

- J. Parks and Recreation Committee – Meeting January 6, 2026
The next meeting will be held on February 4, 2026, at 6:00 PM at City Hall Council Chambers.

X. Old Business

None

XI. New Business

- A. Review of February Calendar

No changes

- B. 2025 Mayor's Annual Report

Mayor Harbaugh referred to her annual report and the many accomplishments. She commended the staff and volunteers for a great year.

- C. Approval of Blenda Ingalls Resignation from the Red Bud Library Board

Motion made by Council Member Parsons, seconded by Council Member Mueller, to authorize approval to accept Blenda Ingalls resignation from the Red Bud Library Board. The vote was as follows: DeMond, aye; Nevois, aye; Donjon, aye; Parsons, aye; Guebert, aye; Mueller, aye; Hanebutt, aye. Motion carried.

- D. Other Comments

Mayor Harbaugh thanked the utility workers, the citizens and businesses who worked so diligently to clear the snow from Storm Fern. It is 208 days until the August 29th America250 celebration at Lincoln Park.

- E. Adjournment

Motion made at 6:14 P.M. by Council Member Hanebutt, seconded by Council Member Parsons, to adjourn the meeting. The vote was as follows: all ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk
Red Bud, Illinois