

**Public Health and Safety Committee Meeting
Monday, February 16, 2026
Red Bud City Hall
Council Chambers (2nd floor)**

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

Committee Members Absent: None

Council Members Present: Jeremy DeMond, Rodney Nevois, Alan Piel

Council Members Absent: None

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

Committee Chairman Hanebutt called the meeting to order at 6:26 P.M.

Old Business

I. Towing Zones

The necessary ordinances are not finished. This will remain on the agenda.

II. Drop Off/Pick Up Zones

The necessary ordinances are not finished. This will remain on the agenda.

New Business

I. Approval of Prior Month's Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2026

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Hanebutt, seconded by Committee Member Mueller, to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2026, meeting. Carried

II. Departmental Activity Report

The monthly activity report was included in the packet.

III. Authorization to Hire a Police Officer

Chief Brittingham requested hiring Casey Harget to replace Officer Stellhorn's position and would like to schedule the required testing.

Recommendation made by Committee Chairman Hanebutt, seconded by Committee Member Donjon, to approve hiring Casey Harget as full-time police officer, pending physical, drug, and psychological test results. Carried

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

Committee Member Donjon questioned the vehicle and equipment required for Officer Harget. Brittingham said that Harget lives about twenty miles out and at this point, has no plans to move, so he will have to pick up a shared vehicle at the office.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne G. Cowell, City Clerk
Red Bud, Illinois